

Diocesan News

Mar. 29 - “JESUS HEALS” is the theme of the Lenten Silent Guided Directed Retreat that will be offered by the AASEA at the Villa Madonna Retreat House 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 which includes lunch and morning and afternoon snacks. This retreat will be facilitated by Fr. Bill Brennan and local AASEA members and will offer a guided prayer experience, a meeting with a spiritual director, and an opportunity to share this experience with fellow retreatants. The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill. Call Doug Hubbard to register 738-2043

Mar. 30 - Forget NETFLIX - DO SOMETHING AMAZING – Bring a friend and experience energetic music, skits and passionate worship at a NET (National Evangelical Team) Canada Worship Youth Rally, *youth aged 14-18* at St. Joseph’s H.O.P.E Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$5. Please contact Mary Alice Glasgow to register 653-6829, sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org by Monday, March 27th.

Apr. 1 - Spaghetti Supper - St. Pius X Parish, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Cost \$8.00 per person, Children ages 5-12 - \$5.00 and children under 5 eat free. Menu includes, Spaghetti, Cheese Sticks, Ice Cream with Caramel or Chocolate Sauce, Juice, Tea/Coffee. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Donna Schroeter 847-3780 or Sharon Jacquard 672-9566.

Apr. 1 - The Rothesay-Kings Rotary Club and Fairvale Outing Association are hosting a fun Bingo night on Saturday April 1st. Proceeds are in support of a wheelchair accessible trail at Camp Rotary, a camp for physically and mentally challenged children and adults. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairvale Outing Association, 8 River Road, Rothesay. Jackpot \$500; Early games at 6:50.

Apr. 5 – Mass for Life to be held at Divine Mercy Catholic School chapel at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Pre-Authorized Debit System - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

Register Update:

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

New in Parish _____ Moving out of _____

Moving within the Parish_____

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MISSION STATEMENT

From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.

Pastor: Father Don Breen

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

Parish Council Chair – Pat Carey

Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry - contact office.
Reconciliation - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

March 25th – 26th, 2017 4th Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16 1b, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5 8-14 John 9 1-41
April 1st – 2nd, 2017 5th Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37 12-14 Romans 8 8-11 John 11 1-45

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 SAMUEL 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Mar. 28	7:00 p.m.	Marg Rioux
Wed.	Mar. 29	9:00 a.m.	Fred Littlejohn(Anniv)
Thurs.	Mar. 30	7:00 p.m.	Arthur Richard
Fri.	Mar. 31	9:00 a.m.	Rheal Arsenault
Sat.	Apr. 1	5:00 p.m.	Oscar & Mary Leger & deceased members of the family
Sun.	Apr. 2	9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	For Parishioners Lorraine Savoie

Chrism Mass

***Blessing of the Holy Oils -Tuesday, April 11th
at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
There will be no Mass at St. Mark's on this date***

Scheduled Events March 26th – April 2nd

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Mar.26	Penance Celebration	2:00 p.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	3:30p.m.	Rm5-7
Mon.Mar.27	Girl Guides/Sparks	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Prac.	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues.Mar.28	Lenten program	7:30p.m.	Hall
Wed.Mar.29	Gr.9 Confirmation Retreat(mandatory)	6:00p.m.	Hall
Fri.Mar.31	CWL Way of the Cross	9:30 a.m.	Church
Sat.Apr. 1	1 st Eucharist -Gr.2 Workshop	10:00 a.m.	Hall
	Gr. 2 Parent Meeting	11:30a.m.	Church
Sun.Apr.2	Confirmation practice Candidates/Parents	10:05a.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	3:30p.m.	Rm5-7

Condolences:

*Most Rev. Bishop Harris and brother priests on the death of one of their own Father Louis Vermeersch

*Cathy and Claude Savoie and family on the death of Cathy's mother Therese O'Keefe

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162
Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

- Mar. 26** - Sessions K-8 (no sessions Grade 9)
Grade 2 children and parents – Family Catechesis
10:05a.m. upstairs in the church
- Mar. 29** – Gr. 9 Confirmation retreat with N.E.T.
*** (mandatory)***
- Apr. 1** - Gr. 2 1st Eucharist workshop 10a.m. – 12 noon
Gr. 2 Parent meeting 11:30 a.m.
- Apr. 5** - Reconciliation Gr. 2 – 9
Gr.9 required to attend if they are to be confirmed

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise

The children preparing for First Communion will seek to understand the significance of bread and wine as they learn how Jesus shares his very life with us in Eucharist. When you receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion, please take a moment to thank God for the gift of the Eucharist. Pray for the faith of the children who will soon be joining the rest of us at the Eucharistic table.



Sending Forth on Mission – This past week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Confirmation reflected on our call as Christians to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus. The Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to fulfill this call. How are we as a parish living as disciples and spreading the Good News?

The CWL have placed **Baskets** at each entrance of the church for the KV Food Basket. All donations would be greatly appreciated.



New Date for Adult Faith Formation Bible Workshop

This workshop takes place on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the St. Mark's hall. Topics are basic introduction to the Bible and Prayer using the Bible. Please note that pre-registration is requested in order to properly prepare. Call Denise at 847-7258 or e-mail annies06@nb.sympatico.ca.



Urgent

Ellen Robart will be coordinating the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday April 13th. She needs someone to assist her with the hope that next year that person will coordinate the ceremony as Ellen will retire from this ministry this year. Please contact Father Don, the office, or Ellen Robart if you are willing to help.

Who would enjoy a loving atmosphere of learning and laughter? Would a fuller prayer life help you in any way? Please join us as we journey through Lent exploring: What type of prayer speaks to us as individuals? How do I begin? Who is listening? When do I find time? Practice Improves. What colour am I? Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. up until April 4th at St. Mark's Church Hall. Bring: your bible (if you have one), a smile (if you can) and an open heart and mind (by grace). Cost: FREE. It's not too late to join in. For more information contact Mavis Drummond 847-8318.



Holy Week Sign-up Sheets for ministries are in the foyer. Please sign for the Mass or service you will **be attending**.

Holy Thursday Adoration – After the Mass of the Lord's Supper you are invited to spend time in adoration, praying for the world for which Jesus gave his life. A list is in the foyer, giving you an opportunity to sign for a specific time, between 8p.m. – 12 midnight.

Easter Baskets For Those In Need – A list of needs is on the board in the foyer. Please sign one half of the sheet and place in the box provided. Please return food items by the weekend of April 8th/9th.

Development and Peace collection will take place on April 1st/2nd weekend

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, March 19 th	\$ 4,288.25