

Cathedral Lenten Series

Lenten Series – Sister Nuala Kenny SC

“Rediscovering the Art of Dying”

There is an urgency to this issue because medically assisted death is now legal and being practiced in Canada. The more common it is, the more likely even Catholics will come to accept it as the “new normal.” The legalization of medically assisted death in assisted suicide and euthanasia is a direct contradiction of the Paschal Mystery in its medicalization of human suffering. Catholics need to be clear about the reasons for requesting assisted death and the cultural and medical context in which this issue has arisen. A special session for the Laity of the Diocese will be held Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. There is no registration fee.

Diocesan News

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Rothesay is having an All-You-Can-Eat spaghetti supper on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$7.00, children under 5 are free. All proceeds will go towards purchasing a defibrillator for the church.

Feb. 11 - KV Memory Café - the NB Alzheimer Society hosts a memory cafe in the Kennebecasis Valley on the second Sunday of the month. The café will be held from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 4 Church Ave, Rothesay. For more information, contact Mark Harris, Alzheimer's Society at 634-8722 or email mharris@alzheimernb.ca.

Feb. 13 – Knights of Columbus #6766 meeting to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church hall at 7:30 p.m. Bring a non-perishable food item.

Feb. 19 - The monthly Mass for those living with cancer will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Anointing of the sick will be offered.

Mar. 11 – A retreat in daily life 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Two individual sessions Mar. 12-15 and Mar. 19-22 – Theme Unfolds for You. To be held at the Audite Center for Spiritual Growth, 119 Leinster Street, Saint John. For more information call 642-3152 or email audite119@bellaliant.net

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.
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Address _____
Phone _____
New in Parish ____ email: _____ 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 Owen Burns

**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

February 10th – 11th, 2018 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13 1-2 45-46 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1 Mark 1 40-45

February 17th – 18th, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9 8-15 1 Peter 3 18-22 Mark 1 12-15

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

Announced Masses

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| Tues. | Feb. 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Eveline Lanigan |
| <u>Ash Wednesday</u> | | | |
| Wed. | Feb. 14 | 9:00 a.m. | John Fullerton |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Donna Beckingham |
| Thurs. | Feb. 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Vincent McDermott |
| Fri. | Feb. 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Ernie Blanchard |
| Sat. | Feb. 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Elizabeth & Pat Brownlow |
| Sun. | Feb. 18 | 9:00 a.m. | For Parishioners |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | Don Clark |

Scheduled Events — Feb. 11th – 18th

| Date | Event | Time | Location |
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| Sun.Feb. 11 | Baptism | 9:00 a.m. | Church |
| | Pathfinders | 7:00 p.m. | Hall |
| Mon.Feb.12 | Girl Guide/Sparks | 6:30pm | Hall |
| | Adult Music Practice | 7:00 p.m. | Church |
| | Rosary | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel |
| Tues.Feb. 13 | Pancake supper | 4:30pm | Hall |
| | RCIA | 7:30pm | Room#1 |
| Wed.Feb. 14 | Little Rock Scripture | 9:30a.m. | Room#1 |
| | Brownies | 7:00pm | Hall |
| Fri.Feb. 16 | Way of the Cross | 9:30a.m. | Church |
| Sat. Feb. 17 | Bible Basics | 9:30 a.m. | Hall |
| Sun..Feb.18 | NET Retreat – Gr. 9 | 2:00 p.m. | Hall |

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & BEAN SUPPER

Tues., February 13th, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00

Maximum \$20.00 per family (immediate)

No tickets required

Please pick up your 2017 Tax Receipts
located on the table next to the Pettingill
Road side entrance.



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| Required Weekly | \$ 5,555.00 |
| Sunday Collection, February 4 th | \$ 3,789.75 |

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162

Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Feb. 11 – Lent Family Day, parents and children meet as a group 10:05 – 10:50 a.m.

Feb. 18 – Sessions K-8

Confirmation retreat with NET 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mandatory for all confirmation candidates

Feb. 25 – Sessions K-6 (no sessions Grade 7-9)

Grade 2 children & parents – Family Catechesis

10:05 a.m. upstairs in the church.

Mar. 4 No Sessions March break

Mar. 11 No Sessions March break

February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Special Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

A donation has been made to the building fund in memory of Brian MacDonald

Postcards for Peru

Once again this year, the St. Mark's Peru Committee will offer parishioners the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of the people of Peru! We encourage you to visit us in the foyer following the masses on Feb. 17th/18th and Feb. 24th/25th to add a note to a postcard, which we will send to Peru on your behalf. We will also be accepting monetary donations which will be used to support the mission work of the Sisters of Mercy in the regions of Chiclayo and Ancash. Due to flooding and mudslides, the need is great! We invite you to make "Postcards for Peru" a part of your Lenten journey again this year.

Development and Peace

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. You can find this at www.devp.org/resources. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18th.

LENT

Last chance to get in on the learning this Lent! No charge, and all materials are provided for both courses. Registration required at www.stmarksparish.ca or email stmarksreled@bellaliant.com or call the office.



Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for 5 weeks, in the hall: **FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession**. First session February 20th. Provides the Church's teaching about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and God's passionate desire to be with you.

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for 6 weeks, in the hall: **Bible Basics for Catholics**. First session February 17th. This short book study will introduce you to the "big picture" of the Bible, through exploration of 8 key events from Genesis to Revelation. If you are looking to just dip your toe into exploring your Bible and learning more about the Scriptures, this is a great place to start!

St. Mark's Refugee Committee has recently learned of the terrible plight of 40,000 refugees in Israel. These Christian and Muslim people left their war-torn homelands of Eritrea and Sudan in Africa to seek peaceful lives in Israel. Unfortunately, now in 2018, the Israeli government has initiated plans to forcibly expel them to another African country where their future is uncertain. Next weekend, we hope to have a petition ready for you to sign. It will be sent to the federal government to ask them to allow more of these African refugees into Canada. For more information, go to www.theguardian.com: "It is better to go to jail": The African migrants being forced from Israel.

Newcomers Welcome

Are you new to St. Mark's Church? Would you like to find out more about the activities and different ministries that take place in our church. Call Andrea MacLean-Holohan 847-8127 from our Newcomers ministry, she would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.