

Diocesan News

Dec. 5 - The 23rd annual Christmas Gala, 160 Performers hosted by the Saint John Chorale ... the 3rd Field Regiment Band, the Harbour View Choral Ensemble, cellist - Harold Oh, and Forest Hills School Choir, along with CBC's Hance Colbourne - MC, and a fun Christmas Sing-a-long. Tickets are \$15 - at St. Mark's church, Greendale, West. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 9 - Annual Christmas luncheon and bridge at Villa Madonna. Call 849-5125
To reserve your table of four. Tables are limited.

Dec. 10 - A traditional Christmas service takes place in Trinity Church, Saint John, concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss the 23rd annual community carol ecumenical Christmas festival of lessons and carols. Scriptural readings will be by local community, church, and political leaders. Free will offering.

Dec. 11 - Memory Cafe - from 2 – 4:00 p.m. Tracy McGrath, Recreation Therapy Manager at St Joseph's Hospital, has ideas on improving the experience of Christmas Joy with those who may have confusion and dementia - "*Enjoying the Holidays With Your Loved Ones*. To be held at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall in Rothesay.

Dec. 28 - We invite the community to St. Alphonsus Parish in Hampton at 7:00 p.m. for the 25th annual "Christmastime Strings" featuring The Buckley Family Ensemble.

Christmas Gift: The Beginnings of the Catholic Church in the Miramichi by Fr. Allison Mahoney, CSC., 163 pages. Second edition is only \$18. Apart from its primary story, it has also a lot of details about the church's beginnings in Northern NB, Saint John and Fredericton. You can purchase the book by contacting: St. Michael's Catholic Book Store in Miramichi or from Elenora at 622-5306.

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

December 3rd- 4th ,2016 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

December 10th – 11th, 2016 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35 1-6a, 10 James 5 7-10 Matthew 11 2-11

2nd Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 11th 2:00 p.m.- St. Mark's
December 5th 7:00 p.m. – St. Alphonsus, Hampton

Announced Masses

Tues.	Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	Leo Pye
Wed.	Dec. 7	9:00 a.m.	Rita McShane
Thurs.	Dec. 8	7:00 p.m.	No Mass
Fri.	Dec. 9	9:00 a.m.	Charles Wiseman & Special Intention
Sat.	Dec. 10	5:00 p.m.	Ryan MacKenney
Sun.	Dec. 11	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
		11:15a.m.	Robert Binette

All are welcome to be with Bishop Robert Harris and the priests of the Diocese to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral residence.

There will be no mass at St. Mark's on Thursday, December 8th

Scheduled Events-Dec. 4th - 11th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Dec. 4	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.
Mon. Dec. 5	Adult Music practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Girl Guides	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Tues. Dec. 6	Season of Hope	7:30 p.m.	Family Rm.
Wed. Dec. 7	Syrian family Committee	3:30 p.m.	Rm. 5
	Brownies	6:30pm	Hall
Thurs. Dec. 8	33 Days to Morning Glory	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Sat. Dec. 10	1 st Reconciliation	11:00am.	Church
Sun. Dec. 11	Advent Penance	2:00 p.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.

Sign-up sheets for Ministries for Christmas Masses are in the foyer.

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162

Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Dec. 4 - Sessions K-8 (no sessions for Gr. 9)
Grade 2 – mandatory family Catechesis upstairs 10:05 a.m.
Grade 9 – 11:15 a.m. – Candidates to renew Baptismal Promises
Dec. 10 – Gr. 2 1st reconciliation 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 11 - Sessions K-8 (no sessions Gr. 2 or Gr. 9)
Dec. 18 - Sessions K-9 (last sessions before Christmas)
Jan. 15 - Sessions resume

Revitalization of our Diocese - On behalf of the Diocese of Saint John and the Catholic Leadership Institute, Fr. John Jennings will be writing a series of articles about the Disciple Maker Index Survey results and the process of revitalization in our Diocese. Articles and information about the revitalization process will appear in the New Freeman and will be posted on a website that can be accessed through a link on the Diocesan website. A Facebook page entitled Revitalizing our Diocese is also available for people to access information. Parishes are encouraged to read the articles so that as many in our Diocese can be informed about the process.

Bishop Harris has asked that we make the letter available from the Atlantic Bishops regarding 'A Pastoral Reflection on Medical Assistance in Dying'. This letter is available on our website and facebook page. There are also copies at all the entrances.

2017 Sunday Envelopes Ready for Pick-Up

A-H next to the chapel, I-Z on Pettingill Road side.

Condolences to:

*Marjorie and Barrie Brewer and family on the death of Marjorie's brother Roderick MacNeil

*Gerry and Anne Verner, Anne and Ron Maloney, Jennifer and Sean Duplessis and families on the death of Gerry's, Anne's and Jennifer's mother Marie Verner

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, Nov. 27 th	\$ 4,775.15

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day

11:15 a.m.

**NEW YEAR'S AND
FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

Saturday, Dec. 31st – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1st – New Year's Day

11:15 a.m.



Turkey Donations for Christmas Families

Care and Concern Ministry are looking for donations of turkeys to provide to our Christmas families. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Memorial Donation for Flowers

The Art and Environment Committee are asking for donations of poinsettias for our Christmas Celebrations. A card may accompany the item with the donor's name, or in memory of loved one. They may be brought to the church by December 18th. If you prefer to make a money donation, Art and Environment will purchase your poinsettia for you.



Care and Concern Ministry – A list of groceries are on the bulletin board in the foyer. Choose an item, write your name and phone number on one half of the tag and place in the box provided. Return the item on the weekend of Dec. 18th wrapped with the other half of the tag.



Help is needed to prepare the church for our Christmas celebration, volunteers are asked to help on Sunday, December 18th after the 11:15 a.m. mass. Men are needed to help with tall ladders. At least 12 youth and adults will be needed.

