

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. 7 - Mass for Life at 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church. Praying for the respect of all human life. Everyone welcome.

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 - Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, from 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.

Feb. 11 - Sunday Exposition/Adoration to be held at St. Rose of Lima Parish from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Benediction.

ELF volunteer reading mentors are urgently needed at many schools in Saint John. Please consider donating two hours to a deserving Grade 2 student in your community this winter. For more information visit elfnb.com or call 609-5665.

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 ____ 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 3rd-4th, 2018 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 7 1-4 6-7 1 Corinthians 9 16-19 22-23 Mark 1 29-39
February 10th – 11th, 2018 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 13 1-2 45-46 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Announced Masses

Wed.	Feb. 7	9:00 a.m.	Howard Lockhart
Thurs.	Feb. 8	7:00 p.m.	Leslie Mackie
Fri.	Feb. 9	9:00 a.m.	Helen Mudge
Sat.	Feb. 10	5:00 p.m.	Frank Daley Jr.
Sun.	Feb. 11	9:00 a.m.	Brian McDonald
		11:15 a.m.	For Parishioners

Scheduled Events — Feb. 4th – 11th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Feb.4	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon.Feb.5	Girl Guide/Sparks	6:30pm	Hall
	Adult Music Practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tues.Feb. 6	RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Wed.Feb. 7	Little Rock Scripture	9:30a.m.	Room#1
	Brownies	7:00pm	Hall
	Liturgy Committee	7:00 p.m.	Rm #5
Sun.Feb. 11	Baptism	9:00 a.m.	Church
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

Condolences are offered to:

*Bill and Wanda Mintern and family on the death of Bill's mother Marina Mintern

*Helen MacDonald, Danny MacDonald and Lori Scovil and family on the death of son and brother Brian MacDonald

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)

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



Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, January 28 th	\$ 4,369.50

Religious Formation - 849-5111

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162

Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

Feb. 4 - Sessions K-6 & Grade 9 (no sessions Gr.7-8)

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.

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise - Children in our First Eucharist program will focus this week on thanking and praising God at Mass and on finding ways to express their thankfulness for the many gifts that God has given them. All parishioners are asked to join with our First Eucharist children in prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God throughout the week.

Exchanging the Gift of Peace - This week the young people who are preparing for Confirmation will reflect on the meaning of God's gift of peace and its expression in the Church's liturgy. We are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, who empowers us to be instruments of peace and reconciliation. How are we as a parish living as peacemakers?

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.

Win a beautiful quilt!

Last chance to win a beautiful quilt! The Peru Committee will be selling tickets in the foyer following the masses this weekend on a beautiful lap quilt created by Nola McGinn. Tickets are \$2 each or 3/\$5. The draw will be held on Feb. 10, so it would make a wonderful gift for your Valentine! Proceeds will support the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Peru.



LENT

Did you know that Lent is only 2 weeks away!? Coming this Lent, we have 2 programs for adults and youth 16+ to assist you on your Lenten journey! There is no charge, and all materials are

provided. Interested in helping as a small group discussion leader? Please email Wendy at stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession

Beginning February 20th on Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for 5 weeks in the hall. Sin, guilt, disappointment...these are all an unpleasant but universal reality of the human experience. We all must deal with them, but we can't do it alone. The remedy is immediately available and miraculously effective – the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This isn't a rule, a formality, or an old-fashioned ritual – it's an intimate experience of God's mercy. And it has the power not only to cleanse us from sin, but to heal us and transform our lives. **Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession** 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. Facilitated DVD-based program. Pre-registration recommended but not required. For more info or to register email stmarksreled@bellaliant.com.

Bible Basics for Catholics

Beginning February 17th on Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for 6 weeks, in the hall: You ought to know the Bible better than you do, and you probably feel vaguely guilty you don't. Come on, admit it. Guilty that we don't really read the Bible that much. Some of us have tried. We've made resolutions to read the whole Bible through in a year or follow some other plan. At best we get through Genesis, maybe Exodus, but once we hit the laws and sacrifices of Leviticus, it's game over. Sound familiar? Then this is for you! This is not a traditional Bible study (although it will help you with that!). 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! We will meet for coffee and a light breakfast and explore the book together. Pre-registration is required for this one (we have to order books). For more info or to register email stmarksreled@bellaliant.com.

