

# *Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit*

## *1 Church Family...3 Locations*

~ St. Elizabeth Seton ~ St. Francis of Assisi ~ St. John Vianney ~

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## ***April 22, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter*** *(Year B)*

### WEEKLY REFLECTION



In a lot of ways, we define ourselves by our relationships. Those relationships might be person oriented (I'm so-and-so's brother) or career based (I work for company XYZ), or community focused (I'm from Cape Breton), but at the heart of it, we define and describe ourselves by our relationships to people, places, groups, and things. In this week's readings, God invites us to consider the ways in which we relate and respond to His action in our world and in our lives.

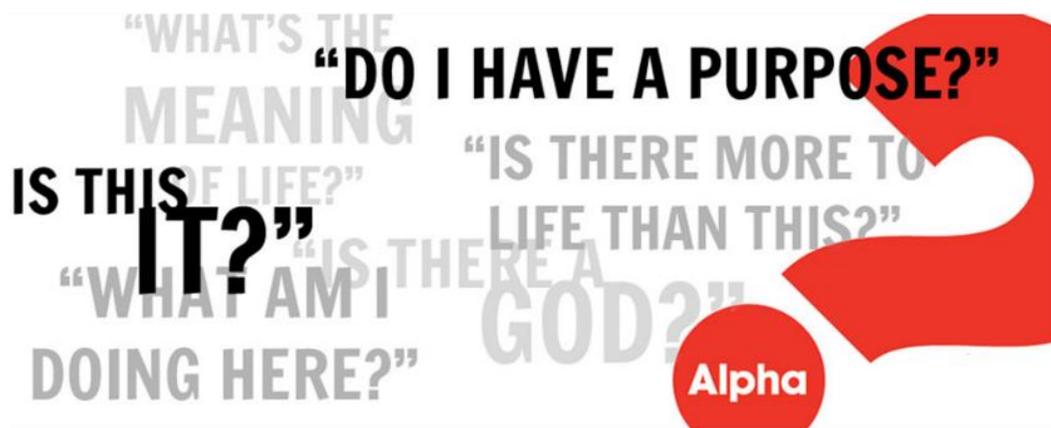
In the First Reading, Peter, prompted by the Holy Spirit, defines Christ as the cornerstone and says that salvation comes from no one else. As you may know, a cornerstone is (literally) foundational to a building's construction; without it, none of the rest of the building can stand. We might then ask of ourselves, is God part of my foundation? Do I relate to Him as my cornerstone or do I reject Him at times and put something else, something less solid in that place?

St. John's words in the Second Reading are a little more direct in defining the relationship between us and God: We are children of God. John's words carry in them a tone of implicit trust in God and reliance on God to provide for us and nurture us. In these scripture passages, God invites us to relate to Him as a child to its parent and to be like Him. What kind of a child are we though? Do we possess that child-like trust in God or are we a more prodigal son and wander off into the world convinced we know best?

Finally in the Gospel, Christ describes His relationship with His people as Shepherd and sheep. He invites us to know and follow His voice and to trust in His protection. He furthermore puts into words the depth and distance God is willing to go in order to love us and keep us: He is willing to lay down His life in order to preserve that relationship. Yet for as far as Christ is willing to go on our behalf, it bears wondering if we are listening for His voice or are we tuned into something else which distracts us from Him?

Foundation and stone. Parent and child. Shepherd and sheep. The common thread across all of these descriptors is a sense of dependency and trust. The latter half of the pair needs the former half in order to survive. God invites us to enter into a relationship of reliance on Him. Yet God doesn't invite us into this relationship out of egoism; He does it in order to help us to thrive. A cornerstone supports what is laid on top of it, a parent helps a child to grow, a shepherd guides sheep to places of safety and sustenance. How then, will we let God's invitation to relationship define us?

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation



The answer to these life questions can be explored at Alpha. Join us for breakfast followed by an inspiring talk and small group discussion. Our daytime Alpha will be held on Thursday mornings **from 9:45 am to 11:45 am at St. John Vianney in the Hall**. Please join us and bring a friend who may also be looking for answers. Signup in the Foyer or call the Parish Office at 902-865-2112 Ext. 0. Look forward to seeing you there!



**MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP ~**

Please note that there will be a training session on Tuesday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup> for those interested in becoming **VISITORS** to parishioners in our parish who are lonely or unable to leave their homes. The training will begin at 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton. Please note, this training is separate from that given to Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This training was

scheduled for earlier in the winter but had to be postponed due to inclement weather. If you were registered at that time, you **DO NOT NEED TO RE-REGISTER**. If there are newcomers who would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Karen at the Parish Office.

**GATHERING MEETING ~** All members of the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Care and Companionship Ministry are asked to attend a **Gathering Meeting** on Sunday afternoon, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. This meeting is for new members as well as those who have been serving in this ministry. We look forward to seeing everyone.

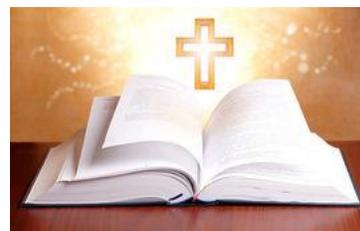
*We follow the example of Jesus and Mary as we care for the sick and comfort the dying.*

**UPCOMING MASSES / CHANGES**

**MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED** during the week of **Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>** as our priests will be attending a retreat with Archbishop Mancini.

**COMPANIONS FOUNDATION DAY MASS** will be celebrated on **Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm at St. John Vianney. There will be no 9 am Mass that day.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK  
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)**



*First Reading:* Acts 9.26-31  
*Second Reading:* 1 John 3.18-24  
*Gospel:* John 15.1-8

## NEW WEBSITE AND LIVESTREAMING

Visit our new website at [www.holytrinityns.ca](http://www.holytrinityns.ca) to keep up to date with all news and events at our Parish. You can also easily watch our Sunday 10am Mass Live by clicking on the YouTube Link on the welcome page of the website. Missed a homily? Catch up by clicking on Fr. Ken and Fr. Bryan's homily button to hear the most recent Sunday message.



Easily subscribe to the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit YouTube page to receive notifications of when LIVE events are happening! It is as easy as:

On your computer

1. Search for YouTube in your Google Search bar or enter YouTube in your web browser. On you iPad or Mobile Phone, download the YouTube App.
2. In the search bar for YouTube, type **Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit** and select.
3. Watch the instructional videos to help you subscribe and receive notifications for upcoming events.
4. Share with your family and friends! YouTube lets you share videos directly to your Facebook or Twitter account. What better way to evangelize your family and friends.

## STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISERS

### STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER CAR WASH! -



Come get the winter off your car! On Saturday, April 28 from 12 PM to 3:30 PM, our Steubenville Teens will be hosting a car wash in the SJV parking lot! Come support our continued fundraising efforts *and* drive away with a shiny clean car! Cost is \$15/wash and should you wish to donate more we'd be exceptionally grateful! Thanks in advance for your continued support of the youth of our parish community!

**BEACON HOUSE VOLUNTEER DAY** ~ Holy Trinity's volunteer day at Beacon House will take place on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. If you are able to help out, even if only for an hour, your assistance would be very much appreciated. Basic duties would include sorting of clothes and other items that have been donated. Thank you very much.

## FR. SIMON'S BOOK

FOREWORD BY FR. JAMES KELLY  
*Divine Renovation Apprentice*  
Learning to Lead a Disciple Making Parish



Fr. Simon Lobo, CC

Fr. Simon Lobo, Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, has written a book entitled, "*Divine Renovation Apprentice*" which is an insight into ministry from Fr. Simon's personal experience. Copies can be purchased from the Parish Office at a cost of \$20 each.

### - HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL UNIT - MARCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Sunday Collections	Budget	+ / -
March 4	\$9854	\$9635	\$219
March 11	\$8240	\$9635	-\$1395
March 18	\$8684	\$9635	-\$951
March 25	\$9413	\$9635	-\$222
Totals:	\$36191	\$38540	-\$2349

**LANDSCAPING REQUEST** ~ If you own a truck and would be willing to volunteer a few hours to pick up soil to be used in the flower beds at St. John Vianney, please contact Karen at the Office. Thank you!



**FATHER DARIUSZ MISIOLEK'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of his ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Dartmouth on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a gathering in the Stewardship Centre. Father Dariusz would be thrilled to have you join him as he celebrates his special day!



*"We must be the first to love without waiting for the other to love us."*

~ Chiara Lubich

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are offering a \$500 bursary to grade 12 students who are parishioners of St. Elizabeth Seton and intend to pursue post-secondary education. Contact Steve O'Quinn, 902-865-8775. Deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, St. John Vianney Council No. 7077, is having a Mass offered for current and past council members and members of their families on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at St. John Vianney. All parishioners are invited.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH** will take place on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 1pm in the Hall at St. John Vianney. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, beans, toast, juice, tea & coffee. Contact Basil Weagle at 902-864-8159.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO** is held Friday nights in the Hall of St. John Vianney. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Mini Bingo starts at 6:30 pm and Regular Bingo begins at 7:30 pm. Special games take place throughout the evening and Chase the Ace is over \$2200 with 34 cards left.

## CWL NEWS

**CWL BURSARY** ~ St. John Vianney Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a bursary of \$500 to a grade 12 graduating student who intends to pursue post-secondary education. Application forms are available from the Office - deadline is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CWL ROSARY** ~ Please join the CWL as they recite the Rosary in the Chapel at St. John Vianney on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This is the Feast Day of their Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. All are welcome.

**CWL BABY SHOWER** ~ The CWL will be hosting a baby shower in support of Birthright in the Foyer of St. John Vianney on the weekends of April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

## PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Jordan under the spiritual Leadership of Fr. Kenneth Lao on October 20-31, 2018. For more information, call Lolita Bruneau at 902-478-3855.

**ATLANTIC MARIAN GATHERING** takes place this year from June 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 320 Flying Cloud Drive, Cole Harbour. This year's speakers include David Dean, Associate Professor of Theology at AST and Rev. Toochukwu Okafor, Pastor of Saint Thomas Moore Parish in Dartmouth. For information or to register, visit [www.mariangatheringhalifax.com](http://www.mariangatheringhalifax.com).



## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### THE ART OF DYING: STORIES OF THE END OF LIFE JOURNEYS ~



The Art of Dying:  
Stories of the End  
of Life Journeys  
May 16, 2018  
Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny,  
OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C)

**LIFE JOURNEYS** ~ The Archbishop James M. Hayes Centre for Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology presents a series of events about *The Art of*

*Dying: Stories of the End of Life Journeys, beginning with Prophetic Witness: Accompaniment*. Presented by: Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C). The presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Coloumba Chapel on the AST Campus from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. See our website ([www.astheology.ns.ca](http://www.astheology.ns.ca)) or contact: Brittany Stanick, Academic Office Coordinator.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** ~ if you are interested in finding out what current job opportunities are available with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, please visit their website at <http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/admin-services/human-resources/item/new-employment-posting-4>

For more Archdiocesan news, please visit [www.halifaxyarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org)

**CHALICE CANADA** Chalice has 3 summer student positions in their Fund Development & Communications department & a full time position as a Donor Relations Clerk. For information, contact [jilljackson@chalice.ca](mailto:jilljackson@chalice.ca).

Job ads are posted <http://www.chalice.ca/get-involved/employment-opportunities>

## ~ Meet Our Staff ~

**Pastoral Administrator:** Fr. Ken Lao CC.....ext 0  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Bryan Sabourin C.....ext 0  
**Deacon:** Rod Rowlands.....ext 0  
**Administrative Secretary:**  
 Karen Smith.....ext 0  
**Finance:** Marlene Bellefontaine.....ext 21  
**Dir. of Ministries, Comm & Evangelization:**  
 Catherine Kidson.....ext 24  
**Coordinator of Family Faith Formation:**  
 Alex Craven.....ext 23

### SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE LORD

Saturday	4:30 pm	St. John Vianney
Sunday	8:00 am	St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday	10:00 am	St. John Vianney
Sunday	12:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday	7:00 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney
Thursday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney
Friday	9:00 am	St. John Vianney

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:30-6:45pm St. Elizabeth Seton  
 Wednesday 8:30am-8:45am St. John Vianney  
 Saturday 3:45-4:15pm St. John Vianney  
 or by appointment at any of our three Churches.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday at SJV following 9 am Mass and concludes at 10 pm with Reposition  
 Thursday & Friday at SJV following 9 am Mass concluding at 10:30 am

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Tuesday	6:30 pm	St. Elizabeth Seton
Wednesday (Pro-Life)	8:00 am	St. John Vianney
Thursday & Friday	9:40 am	St. John Vianney

*On Friday, recited for Peace in the World, as per Pope Francis'*  
**Saturday** 9:00 am St. John Vianney  
*(Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle with Rosary)*

### MINISTRY OF CARE & COMPANIONSHIP

**AND HOMEBOUND:** If you know someone who is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound that would like a Parish Visitor or to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

**CANCELLATION LINE** ~ for cancellations due to inclement weather, please call 902-865-2112 Ext. 44 for the latest update.

**GOT LIFE QUESTIONS?** RCIA might be just for you. Come journey with us as we explore the meaning of life and the Catholic spirituality. Contact Anne Marie Reid at [reid.am@bellaliant.net](mailto:reid.am@bellaliant.net) to find out more about the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program.

**PLANNING TO BE MARRIED in the Catholic Church?** Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance in order to have time to prepare.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact the Parish Office at least three months in advance. A preparation session will be arranged for you.

**HEARTS ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP** invite you to join them for *Praise, Worship & the Word*, Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, St. Elizabeth Seton. A great follow-up to Alpha for continued spiritual growth. Contact Ethel at 902-864-4927.

**WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS** take place on Thursdays from 10 am – 11:30 am; therefore, the Parish Office will be closed during those times.

**NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!** Please refrain from wearing perfume/cologne to Mass. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING STUDY GROUP** will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 am at St. Elizabeth Seton. Newcomers are most welcome. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**BEACON HOUSE MONTHLY REQUESTS:** canned tuna, chicken noodle soup, boxed cereal, canned fruit, granola bars, cat food, canned corn, canned meat, powdered milk, cleaning supplies.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place every Wednesday from 9:30 am – 10 pm in the Chapel at St. John Vianney. If you plan to come after 4 pm, please stop into the office and pick up your 'Adoration Pass' prior to. Adoration takes place as well on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. All are most welcome!

**Corporal Works of Mercy:** Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give alms to the poor, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy:** Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinner, forgive injuries, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, pray for the living and the dead.