

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Year B)

WEEKLY REFLECTION



It's quite fitting that one of the main metaphors of this week's reading is that of a grapevine. The readings themselves seem interwoven and the message they convey twists back and forth throughout all three of the Scripture passages for today like a vine working its way up a trellis. That said what we'll do this week is a little different as we follow the vine from its root to the fruit, tracing it as it winds through the readings.

We start in the second reading, where St. John plants the root of the message: obedience to God connects us to God. St John reminds us of the two great commandments to love God (by believing in His Son) and to love others. Saul's efforts to join the Christian community in Jerusalem give us a tangible example of this process—connecting Saul to God and His community! By adhering to these two instructions, we in turn adhere ourselves to God and to a specific way of living and perceiving the world!

Once we have this connection, we are inspired to be receptive to God's gifts and movement in our lives. Both Christ in the Gospel and St. John in his letter use the expression that 'We abide in God, and He abides in us'; essentially when we have a connection to God, we allow God's life to flow through us and even to prune us of things which need to be taken out of our lives.

Once we have developed this receptivity, it leads to nourishment. Christ encourages us to use our receptivity to Him to ask for what we need; He does so even to the point of saying that there is no life otherwise! Likewise, St. John says to be bold before God and ask for what we need. The branch of the vine *needs* the stalk to provide for it in the same way we may reliably trust God to provide for our needs.

Finally, the nourishment God provides leads to fruit in our lives and in our conduct! We see this clearly in the first reading's account of Saul proclaiming the Gospel and debating the Hellenists, even to the point of risking his life. His connection to the God and the Church community, his receptivity to God's direction, his sustenance through his relationship with God and the community all feed into his missionary work. The vine weaves its way through the life of Saul and bears fruit in him and, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples"!

Obedience creates connection; connection inspires receptivity; receptivity provides nourishment; nourishment leads to fruit! This seems to be the course the vine weaves through the readings and the path it encourages us to follow. As we grow from the central Vine we must be simultaneously patient and urgent—Urgent in our desire and cooperation to follow this path, but patient enough to allow the growth to happen! Let us trust the Vine and the Vine grower!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation



MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP ~
 All members of the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Care and Companionship Ministry are asked to attend a **Gathering Meeting** on Sunday afternoon, April 29TH 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.

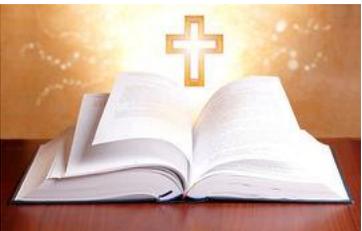
UPCOMING MASSES / CHANGES

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

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY will be celebrated on Sunday, May 27th. Archbishop Mancini will be presiding at Mass that morning at 10 am at St. John Vianney. All are welcome. Reception to follow. This Mass will be recorded livestream so if you are not able to attend, you can watch it on the Holy Trinity YouTube Channel.

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



First Reading: Acts 10.25-48
Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-10
Gospel: John 15.9-17

NEW WEBSITE AND LIVESTREAMING



Visit our new website at 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.

**- 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!



STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISING

STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISING UPDATE - Our thanks to all of you who have supported our fundraising efforts through our spaghetti dinner & car wash so far! Through your generous support we are a third of the way to our goal! We have donation envelopes in the foyer of each church which you can use and return to the parish office if you would like to contribute further. Thank you so much for your assistance and please keep a look out for our upcoming Basket Raffle and Bake Sale in May and June!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ~ Our mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. Visiting local people in their homes is the fundamental work of the Society. Each team of two members responds to requests received for one week per month to offer encouragement and practical assistance on an emergency basis. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we strive to serve those in our community. We need your help. We meet on the first Monday of each month in Room 9 at St. John Vianney and welcome new members. Call 902-864-0777 for information. God Bless.

BEACON HOUSE VOLUNTEER DAY ~ Holy Trinity's volunteer day at Beacon House will take place on Saturday, May 5th 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



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.

FATHER DARIUSZ MISIOLEK'S 25th ANNIVERSARY of his ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Dartmouth on Friday, May 11th 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!



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 12th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH will take place on Sunday, May 6th 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 28th.

CWL BABY SHOWER ~ The CWL will be hosting a baby shower in support of Birthright in the Foyer of St. John Vianney this weekend and next (May 5th). Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

PILGRIMAGES

15 Day Ireland Pilgrimage ~ It's not too late! Only 4 spots left! Join fellow Catholics for a 15-day pilgrimage to Ireland, 19 May - 2 June 2018. Tour the whole coast of Ireland and key cities including Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Galway, and Cork. See the wonders of the emerald jewel including the Giant's Causeway, Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry and the Wicklow Mountains. Pilgrimage covers all transportation from Halifax, 4-star hotels, attractions, daily Mass, and all breakfasts and dinners - only \$4,895 pp/do. Contact Hélène 902-482-1173.

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.

MARIAN MORNING OF REFLECTION ~ This Mother's Day weekend, come and spend some time with our Blessed Mother! Please join us for a Marian Morning of Reflection taking place on Saturday, May 12th at Saint Andrew's Parish, Eastern Passage. Mass begins at 10:00 am with Fr. Gerald David as celebrant and homilist, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary. Social time will complete the morning. All are welcome! Presented by the Atlantic Marian Gathering Committee and St. Andrew's Parish.

ATLANTIC MARIAN GATHERING takes place this year from June 1st - 3rd 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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



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May 16, 2018
Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny,
OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C)

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 16th at St. Coloumba Chapel on the AST Campus from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. See our website (www.astheology.ns.ca) or contact: Brittany Stanick, Academic Office Coordinator.

Last year Archbishop Mancini launched our three year diocesan pastoral plan: Equip the Saints. Wonder how it's going? We've love to share that with you – so this week we will begin posting weekly video updates. Check out our first video with John Stevens at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tzgm3G_r9Kw&feature=youtu.be

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

*"Jesus' resurrection points beyond history
but has left a footprint within history."*

~ Pope Benedict XVI

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

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 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.