

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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(Year B)

WEEKLY REFLECTION



I'm sure we've all seen a personification of something before, where some concept is given form as a human being: Jack Frost as the personification of winter, Uncle Sam as the USA, or a summer's day as a cartoon sun with a warm and smiling face drawn on it. Often these images are used as symbols for the things they represent, yet in the readings for this week, we find another kind of personification going on—the literal personification of God's love in the Person of the Holy Spirit!

The first reading gives us a snapshot of the early Church as the Gentiles were brought in to the community. To the amazement of the Jewish-Christians, the Holy Spirit—the living and eternal love of God—falls on the Gentiles listening to Peter. Gentiles were seen as outcasts in Jewish circles, people who had no respect for the LORD and who could have no relationship with Him, and yet these outsiders are falling in love with God through their experience of the Church!

In John's epistle, he speaks of the centrality of love in the Divine Life and he utters those three words which direct us toward God's nature: God is Love. This love is the Holy Spirit which flows between the Father and Son, and John reminds us that it is this love which sends Christ into the world and invites us to share in the experience of the Love of the Father and Son.

Christ in the Gospel underlines that invitation. He speaks of the love and the connection between Himself and the Father, and invites the disciples listening to Him to join in that Divine community! However, Jesus is up front in mentioning what the 'cost' of that love is. Genuine love requires a genuine response, and Jesus is not shy about reminding us that love has a sacrificial side to it, both God's love for us and our love for Him and others.

The readings this week are full of trying to express the inexpressible. If you have ever written to someone that you love and tried to articulate your feelings for them, at some point it's likely you found the inadequacy of trying to communicate such things in words. If that is the difficulty we have in expressing human love, imagine the struggles of trying to describe the Love of God!

So, God doesn't describe it—He *shows* it. The Father gives the world His Son, the Son gives up His life in obedience to the Father, and the Holy Spirit is a love and bond so fierce and real between Father and Son that it is its own person within the Divine community! This reality is at the heart of the invitation, the gift, and the challenge Christ issues when commanding us to "Love one another as I have loved you." Love the world generously and sacrificially; Love God obediently and trust in Him, and love with an ardor which unites us fully to God and to His people! Through this our Joy is complete!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

UPCOMING MASSES / EVENTS

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION WALK ~ Please join us for our Corpus Christi Procession Walk on Sunday, June 3rd following 12 noon Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton. As we process around the Met Field (directly across the street from the church), we will pray the Rosary. Upon arrival back to the church, Benediction and Reposition will take place, followed by a BBQ hosted by the KOC.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Please join us in welcoming the following children and their families who were recently baptized into our faith community: Summer Simpson, Brayden Forbes, Theo Timmons and Brayden Wickens. God Bless!

- 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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

COORDINATOR OF EVANGELIZATION & COMMUNITY ~ Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit is passionate about making missionary disciples. To further our mission, our parish is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Evangelization & Community. They will foster an environment of encounter with Christ within our church, and a zeal to go beyond our walls to reach those who don't know Christ. Additionally, they will develop small Christian communities, according to the Connect Group model, where people will be loved and supported, and where they can grow in their relationship with Christ and their brothers and sisters. Details can be found on our website and/or the Archdiocesan website.

LANDSCAPING REQUESTS ~ If you own a truck or a trailer 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.



HELP WANTED! We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the grass cutting at St. John Vianney and St. Elizabeth Seton this year. This would mean helping at either church once a month. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Doug at 902-410-2761.



CONGRATULATIONS to all those who represented our Parish at the Mancini Cup Soccer Tournament this past weekend. Their amazing team work paid off as they **WON FIRST PLACE!** Way to go! Thank you so much to Gina Bright for coaching our team again this year.



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!

JAM CHILDREN'S LITURGY will NOT be taking place at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, May 13th due to the celebration of First Communion. JAM will finish for the summer with the last class being held on Sunday, May 27th.



OPEN DOOR WOMEN'S CARE CENTRE serves teens, couples and women with unplanned pregnancies. They provide the support they need to make critical life choices about love, life, sex and faith. The Centre is a place where people experience help, hope and healing every week. Join us from Mother's Day to Father's Day in raising funds to help these women in need. Pick up an empty baby bottle on Mother's Day and fill it with your spare change until Father's Day. Bring the baby bottle back with your donation inside on Father's Day. Your gift is tax deductible and is very much appreciated by the Centre. Visit www.opendoorcentre.com for more information.



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!



GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30 pm at St. John Vianney. Contact Judy Fraser at 902-864-2778.

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, June 3rd 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 \$2400 with 31 cards left.

In recognition of Mother's Day - May 13th, 2018 - the Knights of Columbus Council 7077 has made a donation to *Open Door Society* in honour of all the mothers in our Parish.

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.

Saint John Vianney CWL invite you to join them on Wednesday, May 9th, in the Chapel at St. John Vianney, as we pray the 12 Hour Prayer for Palliative Care during Adoration from 10 am to 10 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th at 7 pm at St. John Vianney, there will be a benefit Praise & Worship Fundraising Concert in support of the Mailman Family. We will be selling tickets in advance at \$20 each. More details will follow in the next few weeks.



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.

FR. SIMON'S BOOK

FOREWORD BY FR. JAMES HALLON
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.

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.

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.

"We do not detach ourselves from things in order to attach ourselves to God, but rather we become detached from ourselves in order to see and use all things in and for God."

~ Thomas Merton

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.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEAL EVENT (C.O.M.E.) ~ Sackville Community Partners invite you to come to a free hot meal (including dessert & beverage) on Thursday, May 17th from 4:30-6pm at Knox United Church Hall, 567 Sackville Drive. Contact: 902-865-9216.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NEW PARISHES: STRONGER TOGETHER ~ Over the past couple of weeks in the news service, we have used the phrase New Parishes: Stronger Together. Why? In a letter addressed to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, Archbishop Mancini gave more details. Pastors across the diocese read the letter during Masses this past weekend. The letter is available in print and video form, at www.halifaxyarmouth.org

PENTECOST VIGIL OF PRAYER, MAY 18, 2018



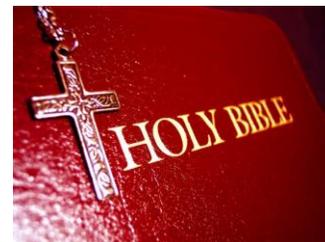
- SAVE THE DATE ~ Archbishop Mancini will be hosting an evening of prayer and praise on Friday, May 18th beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's

Cathedral Basilica. This vigil is specifically to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the entire Catholic Church, particularly seeking the grace of unity for the universal, national, and local church. All priests, deacons, and lay faithful are invited to attend.

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
(The Ascension of the Lord)**



First Reading: Acts 1.1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel: Mark 16.15-20

~ 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

(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 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: oatmeal, powdered milk, canned tuna, Kraft dinner, baby formula, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, juice boxes, pasta sauce

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.