

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family...3 Locations

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

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May 13, 2018 – Ascension of the Lord

(Year B)

WEEKLY REFLECTION



Have you ever watched the final episode of a TV series and end up with a sense of ‘Now what?’ I find when I’ve invested a lot of heart and soul into seeing something through and it wraps up, I often feel off for a little while as I adjust to a new normal. Carrying this feeling forward into the readings today can give us some perspective on Christ and the Apostles at the Ascension!

In the first reading, we hear the account of the Ascension from Acts. As Christ’s earthly ministry draws to a close, the Apostles seem to have a ‘Now what?’ approach to the whole situation and question Jesus on what the next step should be. I think the sense we may get from the dialogue between Christ and the Apostles is one of asking for some kind of certainty in the future. Christ replies saying that they will be given what is needed in order to accomplish the work He has planned for them.

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, likewise emphasizes and redirects our questions of ‘Now what?’ back to Christ’s words and Christ’s working in our lives. He reminds us of our unity in Christ, and that regardless of changing circumstances, some things (love, patience, gentleness, humility) are all necessary. However, he reminds us that Christ provides gifts and graces to his Body and its members! We are reminded that we are equipped for ministry and growth to carry out the mission given to us!

Finally, in the Gospel, we get a different snapshot of the Ascension itself. Jesus commissions the disciples and foretells the tools that will be given them to carry it out. His words are meant to be urgent but reassuring; to drive us on to share the Gospel with others, while at the same time anticipating and putting to rest any fears we may have when the mission is placed in our hands.

C.S. Lewis wrote that God wants us “to learn to walk and therefore must take away His hand, and if the desire to walk is there, He is pleased even with our stumbles.” In the face of changing times and changing circumstances, we ourselves may feel at times what the Apostles must have felt at the Ascension: ‘Now what?’ We may feel too much is changing too quickly, or that we are unprepared to face what may come.

However, in these Scripture passages today, God reminds us that we will be given the gifts and graces necessary and that some things are indeed unchanging: (1) God’s love and desire to provide for His people and (2) our mission to share those gifts and graces with others! The Apostles, the first members of the Body of Christ, faced with the reality of living without Christ’s bodily presence, are given these two fixed points to guide them through. Let us, as members of that same Body, guide ourselves by these fixed stars as well!

~ 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.

JAM CHILDREN'S LITURGY will NOT be taking place this week due to the celebration of First Communion. JAM will finish for the summer with the last class on Sunday, May 27th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

LANDSCAPING REQUESTS ~ If you own a truck or a trailer and would be willing to volunteer some time 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.



- 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

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!

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. Pick up an empty baby bottle this weekend and bring it back with your donation inside on Father's Day. Your gift is tax deductible and is very much appreciated by the Centre. For more information, visit www.opendoorcentre.com.



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 WALLEN
**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.

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 have made a donation to *Birthright Halifax*. The Donation was made on behalf of all the mothers who attend Saint Elizabeth Seton. *Birthright* provides caring, loving, non-judgemental support to women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy.

LOBSTER SUPPER - St. Elizabeth Seton KOC will be holding their Annual Lobster/Ham Supper on Sunday, May 27th from 4 to 6 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton. Tickets for a full meal of 1.5 lb lobster is \$22 or Ham for \$12. No tickets at the door. Tickets are available until May 23rd from Phil at 902-865-5693.



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 \$2500 with 30 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. John Vianney Council No. 7077, is having a Mass offered for current and past council members and their families on Friday, May 25th at 9:00 am at St. John Vianney. Knights of Columbus members, widows of past members, their families and all parishioners are invited to attend.

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.

THANK YOU to all of our Parishioners and CWL members for their generous donations supporting our Birthright Baby Shower. Happy Mother's Day.

CWL MONTHLY MEETING will take place on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm in Room #9 at St. John Vianney. All ladies are welcome to join us.

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.

"The other person is much more than the sum of the little things that annoy me."

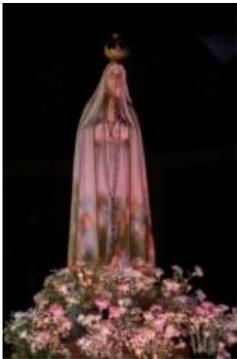
~ Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 113

IN OUR COMMUNITY

2018 ANNUAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION ~ sponsored by the Archdiocesan Service Team, is taking place on Sunday May 20th at 7 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Dartmouth. Guest Speaker is Greg Moulaison. For information, contact Ethel at 902-864-4927

ST. ANDREW SCHOOL OF EVANGELIZATION invites you to their next course entitled, EMMAUS, taking place from May 25th - 27th at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, Dartmouth. Cost \$100. For information or to register, contact Theresa Astle at svdpsaseregister@gmail.com.

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.



HAPPY
Mother's
Day

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EQUIP THE SAINTS VIDEO UPDATE, DISCERNMENT SURVEYS ~ Faithful people just



like you filled out these surveys in parishes across our Archdiocese last spring. In fact, 6000 of you did! With your valuable input, we

have been able to discover great data about who we are and what we do as a local Church. In this week's Equip the Saints update, John Stevens gives you a glimpse of the kinds of information we've been able to glean from these important surveys. Visit: <https://youtu.be/Roe92MAIziw>

PENTECOST VIGIL OF PRAYER, MAY 18, 2018

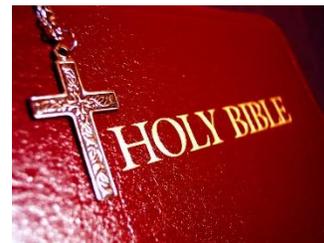
- **SAVE THE DATE** ~ Archbishop Mancini will be hosting an evening of prayer and praise on **Friday, May 18th beginning at 7:00 pm** at **St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica**.



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.

For more Archdiocesan news, please visit www.halifaxarmouth.org

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
(Pentecost Sunday)**



First Reading: Acts 2,1-11
Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12.3-13
Gospel: John 20.19-23

~ Meet Our Staff ~

Pastoral Administrator: Fr. Ken Lao CC.....ext 0

Associate Pastor: Fr. Bryan Sabourin CC....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 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.