

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

(Year B)

A Word from our Pastor

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and it is also the feast day of our parish. What a way to celebrate it with the presence of our very own Archbishop Anthony Mancini as he comes to celebrate and preach at the SJV 10am Mass. We want to support the Archbishop in making the parish in the Archdiocese more missional.

This week, I would like to share with you some exciting new news:

1. To help carry out the vision of the Archbishop, I am happy to tell you that we have hired **Ms. Kate Pinto** to be the **Coordinator for Evangelization and Community**. We had a number of applications and conducted interviews with qualified applicants and Kate really stood out for her great passion for renewal, evangelization and her desire to lead in the mission of the church which is to make disciples. I can't wait to introduce her to the parish shortly. I hope you will join me in welcoming her and praying for her smooth transition.
2. As part of the Divine Renovation Network, we have free access to all the resources under the Divine Renovation Association (DRA). You will find resources there about Alpha, leadership, Divine Renovation and about transforming parish culture. These video resources will give you an idea of what we are planning for the parish. Go to www.divinerenovation.tv. The username is holytrinity.guest@gmail.com and the password is **DRNet2018**.
3. In my homily last weekend, I mentioned to you this book "In Sinu Jesu," where Jesus gave messages for priests to a Benedictine Monk through private revelation. In that book Jesus said, "You pleased me by praying the Chaplet of Reparation and by offering My Precious Blood to My Father for the purification and sanctification of My priests." I hope as a parish we could start praying this Chaplet.

This Chaplet of Reparation and intercession is meant to be prayed on an ordinary five-decade rosary.

"Incline unto my aid, O God; O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

On the Our Father beads: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Thy Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb without blemish or spot, in reparation for my sins and for the sins of all Thy priests.

On the Hail Mary beads: By Thy Precious Blood, O Jesus, purify and sanctify Thy priests.

In place of the Glory be to the Father: O Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, have mercy on all Thy priests, and wash them in the Blood of the Lamb."

~ Fr. Ken Lao, CC, Pastoral Administrator

MINISTER APPRECIATION EVENT

Have you served in our church community this year?
In a ministry, or service group, or as a liturgical minister, or in faith formation?

If so you are invited to our
Minister Appreciation Event
Saturday June 9, 2018
10-11:30am
The Hall - St. John Vianney Church

The Appreciation event is to gather together to give thanks for the amazing gifts that are shared by our ministers and volunteers in our whole church community. A light breakfast will be shared, along with some fun presentations, to celebrate an amazing pastoral year.

Hope you can join us to celebrate YOU!
Please RSVP to karen@holytrinityns.ca by May 29th

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Explanation

The sacrament of the sick is probably one of the most misunderstood sacraments; the reason being our understanding and pastoral practice of it has changed significantly since Vatican II. In days gone by, if the priest came around to anoint you, it would be in the form of the Last Rites: Confession, Communion, and Extreme Unction. And so, this was something most people were hoping to avoid until the last moment, because it signified they were close to drawing their last breath. People still avoid this sacrament today because they think they will die if they receive it.

We need to understand that this sacrament was expanded to include those who are in danger of death. So, who can receive? Any baptized catholic who is in danger of death including anyone going in for surgery, those who are advanced in years, those who are impaired through certain mental illnesses, as they may pose a danger to themselves, and the case might be made for other circumstances also. Will receiving this sacrament result in death? Not as a result of the sacrament. No! People have been healed as a result of this sacrament.

How do I receive this sacrament at Holy Trinity? You can come to the church or we can come to you. You also can call the Parish Office and make an appointment, or check with a priest after one of our Masses. In the future, we hope to offer a regularly scheduled time for the Sacrament of the Sick at one of our weekday Masses. Stay tuned!

WEEKLY REFLECTION

This past weekend I was out with a friend who was talking about taking dance classes with his wife. He said the hardest part was learning how to lead when he had no idea what he was doing in the first place. The readings this week prompt us towards a very similar but very different experience—How to follow God's lead when we don't know what we're doing.

Starting in the Second Reading, Paul's letter outlines beautifully the interplay of the Trinity with the children of God: By the gift of God's Spirit we recognize the Fatherhood of God and simultaneously share in the Sonship of Christ and His inheritance of eternal life in the glory of God. Each person of God is leading us through the steps of this dance because He *does* know what He is doing!

However, as the First Reading and the Gospel remind us, God's lead requires our response. The amazing things God accomplishes for our salvation and perfection prompt a particular response from us: worship, adherence to God's commands & authority, and carrying forward the Word of God's Victory, His *euangelion*, His Gospel, with others! Through this, we bring them into the life of the Trinity as well, which is to say, into the family of God! Let us allow God to take the lead in our dance with Him. Let us put our trust in what He wants for us, lest we step on His toes! And let us approach the experience with joy!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

UPCOMING MASSES / EVENTS

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.



ARCHBISHOP MANCINI'S HOMILY from his visit to St. John Vianney on Sunday, May 27th will be played at all three churches on the weekend of June 9th and 10th to ensure everyone will have an opportunity to hear his message.

- HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL UNIT - APRIL STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
	Sunday Collections	Budget	+ / -
April 1 st	\$10595	\$9635	\$960
April 8 th	\$8512	\$9635	-\$1123
April 15 th	\$8500	\$9635	-\$1135
April 22 nd	\$8532	\$9635	-\$1103
April 29 th	\$9126	\$9635	-\$509
Totals:	\$45265	\$48175	-\$2910

STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISING

STEUBENVILLE BOTTLE DRIVE - Are you and yours getting together over the long weekend? Are you excited for spring and summer barbeques and picnics? Will you have recyclables leftover? If the answer is yes we'd love to have them! Any recyclables-for-deposit you have in the next 3 weeks can be taken and donated to our parish Steubenville account at Fader's Bottle Exchange (15 Sackville Cross Rd, Lower Sackville)! Simply take your recycling to the Bottle Exchange and let the clerk know you'd like to donate the proceeds to our Steubenville account! We appreciate your help and donations as we continue to raise funds in support of our parish youth!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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.



TRAVELING CHALICE - if you're interested in participating in the Traveling Chalice, please sign up in the foyer. For information, please contact the Parish Office.

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 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. Advance tickets are now available in the Parish Office 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

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 in the foyer or from the Parish Office (\$20 each).

CO-AUTHOR OF DIVINE RENOVATION
*Divine
Renovation
Apprentice*



Fr. Simon Lobo, CC

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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.

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

EMPOWERED CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR MEN will be taking place Friday, October 12th (from 6 pm - 9:30 pm) and Saturday, October 13th (from 8:30 am - 8:00 pm) at the Bella Rose Arts Centre, Halifax West High School. Master of Ceremonies is Joe DiPenta, who is the first hockey player to bring the Stanley Cup back to his home town of Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia. Keynote Speaker is Sean Forrest. Sean has given witness at many men's conferences, and is often called to focus on the roles of men in family and the Church. Cost is \$60 (early-bird deadline is July 31st) After July 31st, \$70. Visit: empoweredccfm@hotmail.com

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

~ 1 Cor 16:13-14

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

EQUIP THE SAINTS UPDATE ~ A key goal in our Equip the Saints Pastoral Plan is to equip people for our mission by providing opportunities for faith formation. This includes formation opportunities for our clergy. This week, we hear from Fr. James Mallon, Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal and Leadership Support. Many also know Fr. James for his Divine Renovation ministry that focuses on parish renewal and leadership. This year, nine pastors from across the Diocese will take part in Divine Renovation 2018. What is Divine Renovation 2018? Check out Fr. James' video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=OGWfcc-NZKO&feature=youtu.be>

A THANK YOU FROM ARCHBISHOP MANCINI
~ As we come through Pentecost, I am writing to say thank you to those in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth who shared their thoughts in response to the Lenten Series earlier this year. It is clear that many of you are praying and reflecting on the kind of Church we need to be to achieve our mission. These comments and recommendations will be considered in our deliberations as we enter the second year of Equip the Saints, our 2017-2020 pastoral plan. We will soon be updating you on the progress we have achieved together in year one of Equip the Saints. While there is a lot of work to do and conversations to have on the journey to come, we can take heart in the knowledge that we are traveling down this road together. Thank you and God bless!
†Anthony Mancini, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

~ 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.