

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 Body & Blood of Christ ***(Corpus Christi)***

(Year B)

A Word from the Pastor

With the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost behind us, we are now back into Ordinary Times in the Liturgical calendar. This does not mean that God will not continue to do extraordinary things in our lives and in this parish.

Here are some of the great things that I want to share with you this week:

1. In the Divine Renovation Association Website (www.divinerenovation.tv), there is series of video entitled, *"Key Principles of Divine Renovation."* These videos are interviews made with Fr. James Mallon by Renewal Ministries. To get an overview of the process of Divine Renovation that the parish undergo, these 5 - 15-minute videos are an excellent introduction to the principals we are using. **Our goal here at Holy Trinity is to apply the principles of Divine Renovation to help our parish grow and be fruitful by producing missionary disciples.** To access these videos, go to the above website and use the username: holytrinity.guest@gmail.com and the password: DRNet2018.
2. It was a great honor to have Archbishop Anthony Mancini with us to celebrate our feast day, the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity last weekend. He preached a very good and inspiring homily that included the need for restructuring in the Archdiocese. To watch a video of the homily, visit our YouTube Channel. Next weekend, on June 9th and 10th, we will be showing a clip from the video during my homily to ensure all parishioners have the opportunity to hear at least part of his message.
3. I would like to invite all volunteer ministers to our Volunteer Appreciation Day on Saturday June 9th and 10am in The Hall at St. John Vianney. The event is a good way to give thanks for all the gifts of service in our parish community as well as close the pastoral year in a time of fellowship and fun. So kindly RSVP to Karen Smith at karen@holytrinityns.ca if you are able to come. I am looking forward to celebrating with you that day.

In Christ,
Fr. Ken Lao, CC
Pastoral Administrator

WEEKLY REFLECTION

You have probably heard the expression 'Blood is thicker than water' but in fact this is a half-remembering of the original saying. The full saying is "The blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb," and means the *opposite* of how we typically use the phrase: those relationships we choose tend to have more meaning than those we're simply thrown into! In this week's readings, we see the theme of blood and covenants over and over, and it's spoken of in a way that gets to the heart of the original saying.



In the first reading, Moses offers a sacrifice and the blood of twelve oxen as a seal on the relationship between Israel and God. Through this ceremony, God and the Israelites forge a bond based on choice, promises, and sacrifice. God sets Israel apart as a Chosen People and the people in turn pledge themselves to obedience and service to the God of Moses.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the theme pops up once again this time relating the yearly animal sacrifice by the Jewish high priest for the sins of the Jewish people to the once-and-for-all sacrifice of Christ for the sins of all peoples for all time. In this comparison, we're invited to reflect on how God's self-sacrifice in Christ offers a completion of this relationship with God much like the sacrifice in the first reading opened that relationship in the first place.

Finally, in Mark's account of the Last Supper, Christ affirms the blood and covenant language once again, saying "This is my Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." In the person of Jesus, God fulfills the relationship by His own choice, extends the promise of the New Covenant to "the many," and becomes Himself the sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Christ then become the linchpin of our connection to God.

Much of the Old Testament (and I daresay a great deal of the stories of our own lives), is based on the cycles that occur when we back out of those covenant themes of choice, promise, and sacrifice. We opt to choose our own path over God's. We fail to honor the obligations and commandments of God given through Scripture and Tradition. We elect not to make our lives a living sacrifice to God through our actions.

Yet we find in both Testaments, both Covenants, that God continually pursues us to restore and re-forged our relationship with Him when we break it, and He gives us the Eucharist as a perpetual reminder and thanksgiving for His Mercy. It is God's unending reminder that His Blood, the Blood He chose to shed for us, is thicker than any watering down of it we may attempt. The Blood of God's Covenant is proof that He loves and chooses us daily; let us allow our reception of the Body of Blood of Christ to say the same back to Him!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

UPCOMING MASSES / EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 5th ~ Deacon Rod Rowlands will be celebrating a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday, June 5th at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton as the priests will be away that day.

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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS BACK!

SPLASH CANYON: GOD'S PROMISE ON LIFE'S

HTPU 2018



Vacation Bible Camp



WILD RIDE ~ Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the next bend, but God does! At *Splash Canyon*, kids discover that when life's ride gets wild, Jesus is by our side! We can rely on God's promise to us in Jesus! Campers will

encounter the torrent of God's Love through God's Word, listening to and bringing to life a new story each day. With interactive storytelling, games, crafts, music, snacks and more all showering our campers with the message that God keeps the promises of our Baptism! Wade out into the waters of God's love and faithfulness with us this summer and take the plunge into Splash Canyon Vacation Bible Camp!

Dates: July 16-20

Time: 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Location: St Elizabeth Seton Church (125 Metropolitan Ave, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 3H3)

Who: Primary - Grade 5 Children

Cost: \$25/child or \$50/family

Registration forms can also be found at the welcome area of all our churches. For questions or more details, contact Alex at 902-865-2112 ext. 23, or at faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca.

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, can be taken

and donated to our parish Steubenville account (until June 14th) 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!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Please join us in welcoming Kate Cottreau and her family who was recently baptized into our faith community. God Bless!

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.

IT IS SPRING CLEANING TIME at St. John Vianney! In a couple of weeks, we will be cleaning out storage areas in the church and the space on and behind the stage in the Hall. If you or your group are storing items there, please make arrangements to have them move to another location by calling Karen at the parish office. All unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated. Thank you for your help.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING will take place on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:30 pm at St. John Vianney. Contact Judy Fraser at 902-864-2778.

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 ~ There are still lots of empty baby bottles if you haven't had a chance to pick one up yet. Please return it with your donation inside on or before 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.



FR. SIMON'S BOOK

FOREWORD BY THE ARCHBISHOP
**Divine
Renovation
Apprentice**
Learning to Lead a
People-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 in the foyer or from the Parish Office (\$20 each).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Council 10565, would like to congratulate Carol Rogers from Clayton Park, Halifax, for winning the lobster draw. Thank you to everyone who supported the draw.

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

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

ASSISTANCE FOR SAINT JOHN FLOOD RELIEF
~ Archbishop Anthony Mancini is inviting the parishes of Halifax-Yarmouth to take up a special collection at an upcoming Mass to aid and support the people impacted by the recent flooding of the Saint John River. Recent reports of destruction and flood damage caused by spring flooding highlights the importance of working together and supporting our neighbors in times of need. We are pleased to support our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Saint John.

We have decided to take up a 2nd collection next weekend (June 9th & 10th). Envelopes marked *Saint John River Flooding* will be provided in the foyer if you’d prefer that method. Donations may also be made directly to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth office. Tax receipts can be issued by the parish. Contributions made directly to the Archdiocese can be issued tax receipts from the Archdiocese. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you!

EQUIP THE SAINTS UPDATE ~ Between Lent and Pentecost, people across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth were invited to send to Archbishop Mancini their questions, comments, and thoughts on Equip the Saints, our 2017-2020 diocesan pastoral plan. We received hundreds of submissions. Now Archbishop Mancini and his staff have the massive task of prayerfully reading all you’ve shared. Dialogue is a key feature of Archbishop Mancini’s ministry and he is grateful for your input. This week, he uses our Equip the Saints update, to personally express his sincere thanks to you. To hear his message, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=rGiscURZd_k&feature=youtu.be

LOOKING FOR WORK? ~ The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth has employment opportunities in its downtown office. Consider using your skills and gifts in the service of the Church. Check out our recent job postings which include: Archdiocesan Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator; Project Coordinator, Office of Pastoral Life & New Evangelization; Development Officer; and Receptionist and Administrative Assistant to the Rector. For information visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org

~ 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
<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: 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.