

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

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

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

A Word from the Pastor

There has been lots of activity in our parish this week and in the coming weeks.

I am excited to share that there will be 14 people from our parish who will going to the Divine Renovation Conference from June 11 to 14, 2018 in Halifax. Our parish representatives are from the Leadership Team, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Staff and Alpha Coordinators. There are 650 registered participants coming from 11 countries to attend the event and it will be a good opportunity to learn about the principles of Divine Renovation and how to implement them in our respective parishes. The conference also is a good venue to network with other parishes and learn more about their success stories in implementing the DR principles. You can watch the DR18 plenary sessions on livestream <https://livestream.com/SaintBenedictParish>.

There have also been changes in the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Frank Hughes has stepped down as chair with his reasons stated below. Keep us in prayer as we are in the process of discerning who will be the next PPC chair.

“After much thought and prayers, I have made the decision to step down as Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council of Holy Trinity. I have given a commitment to both Fr. Ken and my fellow team members that I will remain on the Pastoral Council as a member, sharing the strengths and skills that I have. Throughout these last months I have discerned that someone with a different gift set and knowledge base would be better suited to lead the Parish Pastoral Council in its mission. Please continue to pray for our team as we build the pastoral plan needed to renew our parish community.”

-Frank Hughes

And finally, thank you so much to all those who have contributed to the Steubenville Fund Raising. We were able to raise the full amount of \$3000 to cover the expenses to send 17 youth and 4 adult chaperones to the Steubenville Conference this July 6 and 7. This kind of conference provide the youth the opportunity to encounter God, hear inspiring talks and have fellowship with youth of the same age. I would like to commend the efforts of Alex Craven and all the parent coordinators for doing a great job in raising the necessary money needed.

In Christ,
Fr. Ken Lao, CC
Pastoral Administrator

WEEKLY REFLECTION

There are 10 kinds of people in the world - those who understand binary numbers, and those who don't. (Track down a computer person if the joke goes a little over your head!) Often, looking at the world with an either/or sort of mentality makes us colorblind to the nuances that permeate our lives and don't fit neatly into one side or another. However, in some cases a binary of yes-no or on-off does fit, or it's helpful in a deeper understanding of two approaches to a situation. The readings this week offer us the topic of how we respond to God and present us with a binary of 'adversarial or cooperative' to choose from.

The first reading showcases a number of adversarial ways of responding to God: disobedience, hiding, guilt, & equivocation. Following eating the fruit, Adam and Eve both hide from God trying to disguise from Him what they've done. They are clearly ashamed or at the very least, wary of punishment and try to talk their way out of the consequences of their decisions. It's definitely not the greatest moment between humanity and God.

In Paul's letter, we have a contrasting approach, one which is cooperative with God's movement and desires for us. Paul invites us to be confident in God's ability to create, to renew, and to bring good out of difficult situation. The response he puts forward is one of courage, trust, and faith; this is quite the opposite of what we saw with Adam and Eve!

In the Gospel we have something of a combination of these two past readings. On the one hand, Jesus' neighbors think He's gone crazy, His family tries to restrain him, and the scribes accuse Jesus of having a demon—all of these seem to be some degree of adversarial. Then on the other hand, you have the crowd's desire and devotion to Jesus, and Jesus' own words that His true family are those who follow the will of God. In short, the Gospel brings the pair of responses together and invites us to choose one for ourselves.

Again, while it's generally not a good idea to think of things in a simple either/or fashion, in some cases it holds true. A light switch can be either on or off; there is no real third option to consider in that situation. God in the readings this weekend invites us to consider if we choose to be cooperative or adversarial to Him. At what times do we disregard God's commandments in favor of our own wishes, or blow off or restrain a prompting of the Spirit because it just sounds crazy to us? On the flip side, when have we responded with confidence to God's invitation or carried out His will with faithful devotion? We have the power to make this choice for ourselves, and let us make a particular choice in each of our actions to act as siblings of Christ and children of God our Father!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

UPCOMING MASSES / EVENTS

REMINDER: Weekday Masses are cancelled this week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday as the priests are away for the Divine Renovation Conference at St. Benedict. However, Mass will take place on Friday, June 15th at 9 am at St. John Vianney.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP IS BACK!

SPLASH CANYON: GOD'S PROMISE ON LIFE'S 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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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 moved to another location by calling the parish office. All unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated. Thank you for your help.

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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.**



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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ As quoted by Matthew Kelly, the inspirational Catholic author, "Are you looking to become the Best Version of Yourself?" Discover what the Knights of Columbus can do for you. Council 7077, made up of members from St. John Vianney and St. Francis of Assisi, extend a personal invitation to the men of our parish to find out more following Mass - June 23rd & 24th.

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 \$2700 with 26 cards left.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank all those parishioners who generously supported our Sunday Brunch over the last 6 months. We look forward to serving you again in the fall. Have a great summer!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 10565, would like to thank all those who supported our Lobster/Ham Supper on May 27th at St. Elizabeth Seton. Due to your tremendous support, we sold 225 lobster dinners and 23 ham dinners. All monies earned will go to support our ongoing Church and community projects.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO VIETNAM (May 15-28, 2019) - with Fr. John Vandenakker of the Companions of the Cross. Discover the natural beauty, culture, and faith of this exotic land as we celebrate her many Catholic saints, martyrs, and shrines. To view the full itinerary, visit <https://www.companionscross.org/upcoming-events>.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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, June 21st from 4:30-6pm at Knox United Church Hall, 567 Sackville Drive. Contact: 902-865-9216. Our very own Knights of Columbus will be doing the cooking for this!

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 - Have you been to an Assembly of the People of God? Not sure what it is? This week, Aurea Sadi, a member of the team in the Office of Pastoral Life and New

Evangelization, invites you to check out this 2018 Assembly of the People of God happening in October at the Bella Rose Arts Centre in Halifax. This gathering is the one time of the year where everyone in the Archdiocese can come together as one local Church around our Archbishop to pray together, learn from one another, and talk about our shared mission in Halifax-Yarmouth. Find out more by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiPZOyMx1rU&feature=youtu.be>

EQUIP FORMATION PROGRAM: REGISTER NOW TO START IN SEPTEMBER 2018 -



Applications are now available online for EQUIP, the new program of formation for the new evangelization launched in 2017.

This 3-year program is designed to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" by helping you to discern and develop your God given gifts and use them to live the mission Christ entrusted to you. There is still room for more applicants hoping to begin in September 2018.

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 at: 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

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: macaroni & cheese, canned fish/meat, granola bars, boxed crackers, cookies, juice, canned pasta sauce, Boost, canned fruit or fruit cups, pudding.

BEACON HOUSE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018: loose leaf, duo-tangs, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, scribblers, erasers, math sets, back packs.

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!