

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

I don't know about you, but I find making and completing 'To-Do Lists' to be oddly satisfying. Making a tangible reminder of the things I need to accomplish in a given span of time, and then completing and crossing those things off has a great sense of accomplishment to it. In a sense, the readings today are very much like a To-Do list for the Church and outline for us three of the primary labors of the Church!



In the First Reading, we see the Church performing one of her most vital tasks: proclaiming the Gospel! St. Peter, in the space of about 2 paragraphs, lays out the Gospel message and ties it into salvation history. The

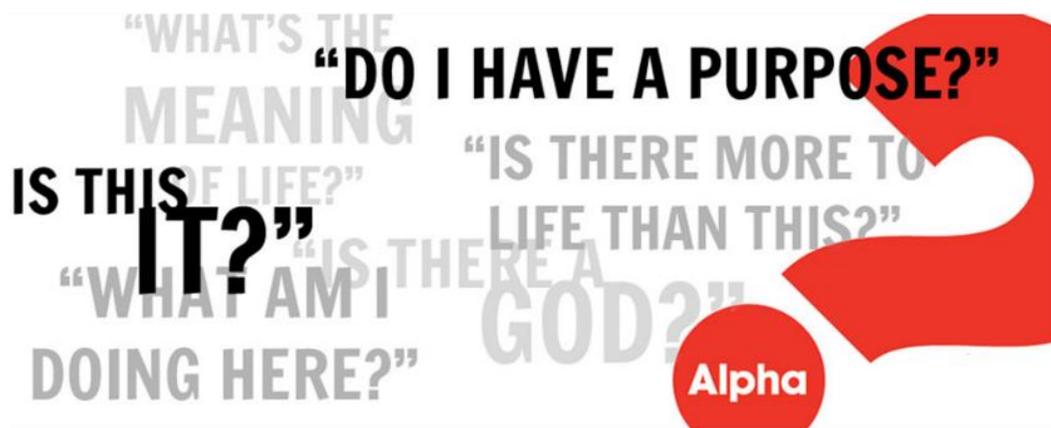
death and resurrection of Christ are proclaimed and those who hear this message are given a call to repentance!

St. John, in the Second Reading, outlines a second vital task of the Church: repentance, penance, and the forgiveness of sins. In light of receiving the Gospel, we must then deal with the brokenness within each of us, seek and offer forgiveness where necessary, and repent with a redirection of ourselves back towards obedience to God's commands. Likewise, we find this sentiment at the heart of the words of absolution offered by the priest in confession, emphasizing the power of the Holy Spirit and the Church's ministry of forgiveness extended to all us sinners!

Finally in the Gospel, we encounter the last item on this particular to-do list: witnessing to Christ and responding to the invitation to come dine with Him. In the Gospel, Christ appears to the Apostles and invites them to give up their fear and to see Him with wonder and awe and to learn from Him continually. We see the Mass celebrated as Christ teaches His Apostles and eats with them. We are invited to do the same with Christ each Sunday—to listen to the Word of God, and to come to the Lord's Table in the Eucharist.

I think the main difference between this 'list' and a traditional To-Do list is that the readings give us more of a 'to-do cycle' as we're never truly *done* with this list! Perhaps from time to time we are tempted to say 'I've forgiven this person enough' or 'I've already invited this person to Mass so many times,' or to find other excuses to stop carrying out this mission. However, we are all part of the Church and in turn the work of these labors falls on each and every one of us! Let us always seek to proclaim the Gospel message, let us forgive and seek forgiveness, and let us meet Jesus and marvel in the celebration of the Mass! For as St. John says, "By this we may be sure that we are in Him!"

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation



The answer to these life questions can be explored at Alpha. Join us for breakfast followed by an inspiring talk and small group discussion. Our daytime Alpha will be held on Thursday mornings **from 9:45 am to 11:45 am at St. John Vianney in the Hall**. Please join us and bring a friend who may also be looking for answers. Signup in the Foyer or call the Parish Office at 902-865-2112 Ext. 0. Look forward to seeing you there!



MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP ~

Please note that there will be a training session on Tuesday evening, April 24th for those interested in becoming VISITORS to parishioners in our parish who are lonely or unable to leave their homes. The training will begin at 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton. Please note, this training is separate from that given to Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This training was

scheduled for earlier in the winter but had to be postponed due to inclement weather. If you were registered at that time, you DO NOT NEED TO RE-REGISTER. If there are newcomers who would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Karen at the Parish Office.

We follow the example of Jesus and Mary as we care for the sick and comfort the dying.

UPCOMING MASSES / CHANGES

MASSES WILL BE CANCELLED during the week of *Monday, April 30th - May 4th* as our priests will be attending a retreat with Archbishop Mancini.

COMPANIONS FOUNDATION DAY MASS will be celebrated on *Friday, May 4th* at 7 pm at St. John Vianney. There will be no 9 am Mass that day.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

- First Reading:* Acts 4.7-12
- Second Reading:* 1 John 3.1-2
- Gospel:* John 10.11-18

NEW WEBSITE AND LIVESTREAMING

Visit our new website at www.holytrinityns.ca to keep up to date with all news and events at our Parish. You can also easily watch our Sunday 10am Mass Live by clicking on the YouTube Link on the welcome page of the website. Missed a homily? Catch up by clicking on Fr. Ken and Fr. Bryan's homily button to hear the most recent Sunday message.



Easily subscribe to the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit YouTube page to receive notifications of when LIVE events are happening! It is as easy as:

On your computer

1. Search for YouTube in your Google Search bar or enter YouTube in your web browser. On you iPad or Mobile Phone, download the YouTube App.
2. In the search bar for YouTube, type **Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit** and select.
3. Watch the instructional videos to help you subscribe and receive notifications for upcoming events.
4. Share with your family and friends! YouTube lets you share videos directly to your Facebook or Twitter account. What better way to evangelize your family and friends.

- HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL UNIT - FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
	Sunday Collections	Budget	+ / -
February 4	\$9919	\$9635	\$284
February 11	\$8919	\$9635	-\$716
February 18	\$7908	\$9635	-\$1727
February 25	\$9623	\$9635	-\$112
Totals:	\$36369	\$38540	-\$2171

LAY ASSOCIATES' NEWS

PRAISE AND ADORATION EVENING ~ to help open ourselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, a special Praise and Adoration evening will be held on Friday, April 20th at St. Elizabeth Seton beginning at 6:50 pm with praise & worship music. The evening will include initiation of our newest Lay Associates; a talk on Baptism in the Holy Spirit; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; individual prayer ministry and music by our Music ministry. The evening will conclude around 8:30 pm with some time for fellowship. We welcome everyone to join us and bring a friend.

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. Members of the Society offer encouragement & 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 the first Monday of each month at St. John Vianney and welcome new members. Contact 902-864-0777.

BEACON HOUSE VOLUNTEER DAY ~ Holy Trinity's volunteer day at Beacon House will take place on Saturday, May 5th from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. If you are able to help out, even if only for an hour, your assistance would be very much appreciated. Basic duties would include sorting of clothes and other items that have been donated. Thank you very much.

ORDINATION OF BR. PETER HANNA ~ It is with great joy that the Franciscans of Halifax are asking you to join them in praying at the Ordination to the Ministerial Priesthood of **Br Peter Hanna** by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Mancini. The ordination will take place during a Eucharistic celebration on **Saturday, April 21st at 10:30 am** at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax. All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING will take place on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30 pm at St. John Vianney. Contact Judy Fraser at 902-864-2778.

STEUBENVILLE NEWS



STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER -- Buongiorno Holy Trinity! Do you like eating *and* do you like supporting the youth of our parish as they explore and grow in their faith? Then you're just the person to come support our Steubenville fundraising efforts at our Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday April 21st in the SJV Hall from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM! The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 which gets you a spaghetti dinner, roll, dessert, and a drink! Family rates also available. Pre-ordered food tickets can be purchased after each Mass this weekend by stopping by the tables in the foyer or by RSVPing with Alex during the week by phone (902-865-2112 ext. 23) or email (faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca). Walk-ins on April 21st also welcome! Thanks in advance for supporting the youth of our parish community!

FR. SIMON'S BOOK

FOREWORD BY FR. JAMES MALLOX

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.

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. Application forms are available at the Church or by contacting Steve O'Quinn, 902-865-8775. Deadline is May 12th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting a visit from Marc LaSalle featuring a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The presentation will include a video and the Rosary which will take place on Sunday, April 22nd from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Columbus Club, 252 Cobequid Road. We invite all parishioners, their families and friends, to join us. Light refreshments will follow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. John Vianney Council No. 7077, is having a Mass offered for current and past council members and members of their families on Friday, April 27th 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH will take place on Sunday, May 6th 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.



CWL NEWS

CWL BURSARY ~ St. John Vianney parish 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 at the Parish Office. Deadline is May 28th.

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, April 19th from 4:30-6pm at Knox United Church Hall, 567 Sackville Drive. Contact: 902-865-9216.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

THE ART OF DYING: STORIES OF THE END OF LIFE JOURNEYS ~



The Art of Dying:
Stories of the End
of Life Journeys
May 16, 2018
Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny,
OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C)

The Archbishop James M. Hayes Centre for Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology presents a series of events about *The Art of*

Dying: Stories of the End of Life Journeys, beginning with Prophetic Witness: Accompaniment. Presented by: Sister Dr. Nuala Kenny, OC, BA, MD, FRCP(C). The presentation will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at St. Coloumba Chapel on the AST Campus from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. This free lecture, the introductory event of the Hayes Centre's offerings for 2018/19 academic year, is made possible with the support of The Patrick Power Foundation, Morrow Foundation, Atlantic School of Theology and other generous individuals. See our website (www.astheology.ns.ca) or contact: Brittany Stanick, Academic Office Coordinator.

JOB OPPORTUNITY ~ The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, Catholic Pastoral Centre, is looking for an Administrative Assistant (permanent full-time). Visit <http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/admin-services/human-resources> for more information.

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

"We pray that, by the same grace which made the Church Christ's body, all its members may remain in the unity of that body through the enduring bond of love."

~ St. Fulgentius of Ruspe

~ 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: canned tuna, chicken noodle soup, boxed cereal, canned fruit, granola bars, cat food, canned corn, canned meat, powdered milk, cleaning supplies.

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.