

# *Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit*

## *1 Church Family....3 Locations*

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

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## *June 17, 2018*

### **A Word from the Pastor**



I am in between sessions of Divine Renovation Conference (DR18) as I write this bulletin insert. I can't help but be inspired by all the talks and testimonies both from parishes who are applying the DR principles and from individuals whose lives have been transformed as a result of this work and Alpha. The Divine Renovation Conference has also been livestreamed (with the help of some of our own parishioners) and as of Tuesday there were **7,000** viewers from close to 30 countries all over the world tuning in. Churches are so

interested to watch the videos because there is so much renewal to do in their respective parishes. You can catch the talks for yourself at <https://livestream.com/DivineRenovation/>.

Highly Recommended are the talks by Fr. James Mallon, Fr. Simon Lobo, Ron Huntley, Carey Nieuwhof, and Deacon Keith Strohm.

**DR**  **18**  
Divine Renovation Conference

Attending this Divine Renovation Conference has been a good way to finish my first year as your Pastoral Administrator. It really reminds me to focus on making the main thing... the main thing; our mission to evangelize and make disciples. We need to do the mission that Jesus has asked us to do. I can't wait to start my second pastoral year in the parish this July, especially with the on boarding of **Ms. Kate Pinto** who will be our Coordinator for Evangelization and Community. Also, after much discernment, we have chosen **Mrs. Colleen Owen** to be the chair for the Holy Trinity Pastoral Parish Council. We are pleased that she has accepted and will lead the council in our work of renewal.

Before July comes, I will be going to the Philippines after the DR18 conference for a much-needed rest and to spend time with family, friends and relatives. I joke with people that I'll be going to the Philippines which is not a place on earth but a place in Heaven with all the Filipino food. ☺

On a sad note, I would like to inform you that **Ms. Karen Smith**, our Administrative Secretary for the past seven years, has decided that it is time to pursue other employment. I am truly sad to see her go. She will finish her time with us later this month. We are truly grateful for all her contributions to the parish and we wish her all the best in future endeavours.

In Christ,  
Fr. Ken Lao, CC  
Pastor /Administrator

**12 HOUR ADORATION** is being planned for Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am (after Mass) until 10pm to pray for **Parish Renewal**. There will be sign-up sheets at all 3 church locations to sign up for one-hour time slots to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.



There is also a need for some people to pray during the 12pm-1pm time slot on Wednesdays as well as substitutes for the summer season. If you are able to help, please contact Eileen Izzard at (902) 865-0214. Thank you for your continued support.

**SUMMER IS COMING!**

With summer just around the corner, a couple of things to keep in mind...

Next weekend is for the summer. Summer edition Stay tuned to the updates throughout the summer.



the last bulletin Watch for our coming August 6<sup>th</sup>. website for any updates throughout the summer.

The parish office summer hours effective July 3<sup>rd</sup> are from 9:45am - 2pm.

**PLANNING for 2018/2019** All ministry leaders are requested to provide dates for 2018/2019 scheduled events for the upcoming year to the Parish Office by June 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be beginning our planning of the next pastoral year in early July and will do our best to accommodate the requests.

**BENEFIT PRAISE & WORSHIP CONCERT** in support of the Mailman Family on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. John Vianney.



Advance tickets are now available in the Parish Office at \$20 each.

**Hey Kids..... Vacation Bible Kids 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](mailto:faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca).

**STEBENVILLE BOTTLE DRIVE** - Are you and yours getting together over the long weekend? 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 14<sup>th</sup>) 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!





## Holy Trinity's Annual Family Church Picnic

Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>  
1-4pm

Acadia Park (behind

Acadia Hall on Sackville Dr. Rain location: St. John Vianney Church.

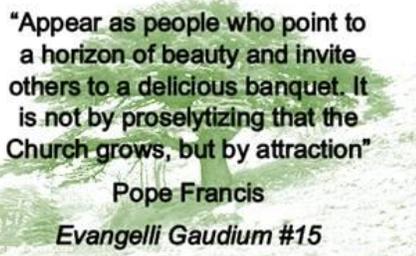
Back by popular demand: THE DUNK TANK featuring a chance to dunk Fr. Ken, Fr. Bryan, and Alex for 3 balls for \$1.00!



Lots of volunteers needed to make this event a success. If you can spare a little time to help, please contact Judy Burke at (902) 865-7517.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

As you might expect of the being who created the Garden of Eden, God has a bit of a green thumb. The scriptures are littered with passages referencing the growth plants and gardens, trees and vines. The Scripture passages this week invite us to picture the Kingdom of God as a growing plant which comes to provide for and nurture the life that gathers to it. Let's unpack our trowels and garden gloves and dig in!



In the First Reading we see a somewhat mystical account of God's plan drawn out of the image of a cedar tree. Those of you who garden may be familiar with breaking off and replanting a shoot of a grown plant; God here is doing it as an image of revitalization so that this new tree will bear fruit and invite in and provide a home to all manner of life!

I want next jump quickly to the Gospel where Jesus continues this idea. His words about the grown mustard tree mimic directly the passage from Ezekiel, of a small plant growing to house all manner of life in its boughs. And his preceding parable invites us to reflect on the nature of that growth itself—begging the

question, 'How does this growth happen in the first place?'

Finally, Paul's letter helps us to contextualize what is going on. He speaks repeatedly of confidence in the Lord. The word confident is constructed of two Latin words: *con* - meaning 'with' and *fide* - meaning 'faith.' So the concept Paul is trying to get across is living 'with faith' or as he puts it "Walking by faith and not by sight."

Whether you're a farmer sowing seed, a gardener planting a flowerbed, or even a botanist studying how plants grow, you sow seeds and plant shoots with faith that doing this will lead to growth. In approaching the gift of our lives in this way, Paul observes that our ambition becomes pleasing God rather than gratifying ourselves! Ezekiel and Christ both direct us to grow into a place where 'All the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' These passages remind us of the need to be 'invitational and attractive' as Pope Francis says in *Evangelli Gaudium* and offer to others the "attractive witness of fraternal communion" centered on the true Vine. If we wish to grow, as a person or as a parish, let us do so *con-fide* ntly and ensure we put Christ at the center of all we do!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

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**GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING** will take place on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>** 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!

**SUMMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITY** ~Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts is seeking young motivated individuals who enjoy getting connected with other youth, sharing their gifts with others, and build up their CV! Do you like having fun, being creative with social media, being supported in your field of study or your hobbies? Would you like an assignment that fits with your schedule giving you the flexibility and tools with access to resources from home or on the road? Please contact us at [veritashfx@gmail.com](mailto:veritashfx@gmail.com) or call 902-429-7216.

**EMPOWERED CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR MEN** will be taking place Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (from 6 pm - 9:30 pm) and Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (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 31<sup>st</sup>) After July 31<sup>st</sup>, \$70. Visit: [empoweredccfm@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**OPEN DOOR WOMEN'S CARE CENTRE** Please return your baby bottles with donations on or before Father's Day to the parish office. Your gift is tax deductible and is very much appreciated. For more information, visit [www.opendoorcentre.com](http://www.opendoorcentre.com).

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**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.



## ~ Meet Our Staff ~

**Pastoral Administrator:** Fr. Ken Lao CC.....ext 0  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Bryan Sabourin CC....ext 0  
**Deacon:** Rod Rowlands.....ext 0  
**Parish Office:**.....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](mailto: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!