

February 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Word from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

By now most of you would have heard about the incident at the Irving across the street from Saint John Vianney church. On January 31st, a truck that was being pursued by police crashed into Circle K store at Irving Gas. It's fortunate that no one lost their life, but two people were injured. Let's keep all involved in our prayers.

On a happier note, we celebrated the enrolment of first communicants at both the 8am and 10am masses, and the inscription of those to be confirmed at the 12pm mass. A big thank you to all who help with the formation of our young people for these sacraments.

Many people have been asking how Father Ken is doing. Thank you for your concern and your prayers. By all accounts he is doing well. However, he is unplugging from phone and email for a time so we may not have another update for a little while. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

We are less than a month away from Lent already. Ash Wednesday is March 6th. And although it might seem early to start talking about it. It's not a bad thing to begin praying and asking God what He might want for us this Lent. That way, we can already begin asking Him for that grace. Maybe it's for peace amidst all the transition in the diocese and our pastoral unit. Or for a loved one to discover the love of God for the first time. Whatever it may be, I do know that God bestows special grace during the season of Lent, and so we can ask Him to prepare our hearts to best receive it.



~ Fr. Bryan Sabourin, CC

Happening Hub



A reminder that the Parish Office is open at St. John Vianney from 8:30am-12 noon Monday - Friday. For inquiries, contact 902-865-2112 ext. 0

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council and Transition Team Update

Last month, Fr. Bryan shared with the congregation of Holy Trinity the outcome of the **New Parishes: Stronger Together** initiative from the Archdiocese; that we would have no additional parish communities added to our grouping but that we are to move forward with bringing our 3 churches together into 1 parish.

As Pastoral Council chair, I have been in consultation with the Diocesan Transition Support Team about what this may look like for us. They have acknowledged, as have we, that we are in a very unique situation at Holy Trinity. As a pastoral unit, we have already undertaken many components of the transition process over the past decade.

Our Pastoral Council was formed with the mandate of moving the parish forward in developing a missionary vision for our parish - a major step outlined in the transition process. The Finance Council will continue to oversee the financial aspects of the new Parish.

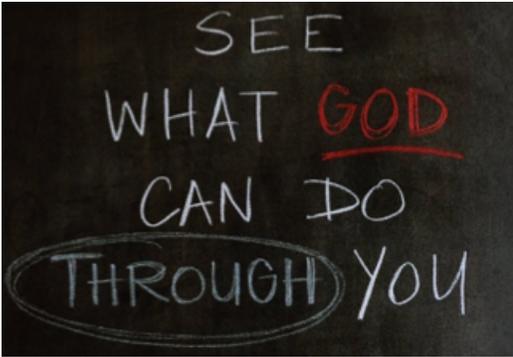
According to the document released by the Archdiocese on Jan 1st, 2019, the tasks of the transition team fall into the following categories: prayer, pastoral ministry, facilities, finance, Human Resources, identity, critical situations, and communications. We have already begun to address many of these categories by creating one Leadership team, one Finance Council, one Pastoral Council, one central administrative office with one human resources department, one catechetical program, preaching one message each weekend, one Easter Triduum, one website, and one bulletin.

Although we have accomplished so much in coming together, there are some aspects in which we will now need to focus. One of these areas, is in the facilities category. A team of representatives from each church has been formed to initiate and facilitate the assessment of our buildings and properties as required by the Archdiocese. This team is made up of Catherine Kidson -Director of Operations, Ernie Maclsaac from SES, Patrick Monahan from SJV, and Harley Sponagle from SFA. The team, along with the Pastoral Council will make up our Parish Transition Team.

Please keep our Transition Team and our parish in your prayers.

~ Colleen Owen, Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Council

Discipleship Corner



I imagine many of you have heard of the TV show *MacGyver*. MacGyver has a knack for being able to improvise solutions to problems with whatever materials happen to be on hand, such as one episode where he makes a bazooka fashioned from a car tailpipe, gearshift lever, seat fluff, gasoline, and a cigarette lighter. Seemingly the man can make anything out of anything. The readings this week invite us to ask a similar question of God: What can He make out of me?

In the first reading we see a vision from the prophet Isaiah. The vision itself is almost terrifying and truly otherworldly, with God in His throne, surrounded by His glory while burning angels cry out 'Holy Holy, Holy!' Isaiah stands in the midst of this full of awe and terror. Yet through this vision he is cleansed of sin and appointed as one to carry the LORD's message to the rest of the people.

Paul's letter recounts Christ's death and resurrection then the gradual expansion of those called to build up the Kingdom following His rising. The circle grows from Peter, to the 12 Apostles, to 500 disciples, and then to Paul himself. Paul speaks of his own unworthiness to join the mission due to his past persecutions of Christians, but Jesus still calls Paul to bring the Gospel to the world.

Finally, in the Gospel Jesus calls the fisherman Simon Peter. When Jesus invites Peter to drop his nets into the water, we hear Peter's initial wariness to follow the lead of this preacher-carpenter from Nazareth. Yet, following the huge catch of fish, Simon Peter catches on to whom he has been speaking with this whole time. He begs Jesus to leave him, but Jesus calls him to join the mission!

In each of these readings we see a pattern: a person comes before God, in His presence they truly recognize their faults and failings, they receive God's mercy and His mission, and the person makes the choice to carry out that mission. Thousands of years later we still know of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, and their mission still points us towards having the same encounter with God that they did. So, 'What can God make out of me?' The answer seems to be 'What ever you let Him make!' ~Alex Craven

STEBENVILLE 2019 REGISTRATION - Hey you. Yes you. Are you age 14-18, or do you know someone who is? Would you like to develop and grow your relationship with Christ through inspiring talks, dynamic worship, sacramental life and a whole lot of fun? Then Steubenville Atlantic is just what you're looking for!

Holy Trinity will be sending a group of teens to Steubenville and we want to invite any of our young people who are interested to consider joining us this year! Please contact Alex at 902-865-2112 ext. 23 or faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca if you are interested in attending!



Ministry Minute

Care & Companionship Ministry Training

There will be a training session for anyone interested in joining this ministry to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound in our parish community. Training will be this Tuesday evening, February 12 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. This session is open to new ministers, anyone interested in acting as an occasional substitute in the ministry, or anyone wishing to have a refresher course. Please register with Julia Batt (865-2009), Debbie Brown (865-8103) or Kate Pinto (865-2112 Ext. 33).



Beacon House Top 10 for February

1. Canned stew
2. Cereal
3. Juice boxes
4. Granola bars
5. Fruit cups
6. Canned meat
7. Canned fish
8. Hygiene products
9. Diaper
10. Baby cereal

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration for Alpha and for Church Renewal

During the time that Alpha is running at our parish, we invite you to join us in the Chapel on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm - 8:30pm at St. John Vianney to pray for the participants and team of our Alpha program and for church renewal. Everyone is welcome and for more information, contact the Parish Office at 902-865- 2112 ext. 0.



Valentines Dance

KOC 10565 will be hosting a Valentines Dance on Saturday February 16th at 8pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. The band, "Back In The Day" will entertain us. For tickets, contact Brian Clarke at 902-414-6842. \$12.50 each.

Lay Associates of the Companions of the Cross Gathering

All are invited to join us on Saturday February 16, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church for our Gathering. We start at 9 am with Mass, explore and share in small groups and end with an Italian potluck lunch. The theme this month is Finding God in Ordinary Time.



Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family, 3 Locations

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

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OUR STAFF

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Alex Craven ext 23

Coordinator of Family Faith Formation

Kate Pinto ext.33

Coordinator of Evangelization & Ministries

Stephen McDonald ext.0

Coordinator of Stewardship

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE LORD

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 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.

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.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact the
Parish Office for details.

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! Please refrain from
wearing perfume/cologne to Mass. Thank you!