

# *June 2nd , 2019*

## *The Ascension of the Lord*

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



Dear Friends,

In mid-December, Father Ken went on a medical leave of absence. This was a difficult decision for him to make, but it was made for the right reasons in consultation with the Companions and the Archdiocese. We have been praying for him. Not a weekend went by that I didn't hear from someone wanting me to relay promises of prayer for him. So, it's with some sadness that I have to tell you that he won't be returning to us here. The good news is that he's ready to return to full-time ministry. He will be serving at one of our parishes in Ottawa. Please read the note that he sent to me below. Let's pray for him and for his new assignment. I've missed Father Ken these past months, as I know you have, and I pray that God blesses him and his new ministry abundantly.

And so, I am humbled to announce that I have been appointed pastor here. I'm excited to continue to serve here. I'm excited to be your pastor. I know we have our challenges ahead of us. But I also know that God has a plan for us. And I believe as we dream big dreams together, dreams inspired by God, we will see new and exciting things happen. I believe that God wants us to be explosively alive in the Holy Spirit. That we are to be strengthened in community. And that we are being sent to transform the world for Jesus.

But all of what God might want to do now, and what He wants to do in the future, must begin with something very simple. One word. The same word that Mary spoke to the angel. The same word that echoed through everything that Jesus said and did. And that word is "yes." My friends, some of you have been here from the beginning, some only since recently, and others, somewhere in between. You can probably all say you've seen God work in simple and ordinary ways. A great many of you have even seen God work in incredible, extraordinary ways. Conversions, healings, provision for the poor and the lonely. And you know as well as I do that God's work, ordinary and extraordinary, always takes a yes. Yours, mine, and God's. God always gives His yes, but sometimes it stretches us, sometimes it's hard, and sometimes we don't know all of what it will require of us. But He

asks us anyways. Will you say, yes? That's the journey I want to be on with you, the journey of saying yes to God, over and over, day after day, no matter the cost, so that God can accomplish whatever He wants to accomplish in us and through us. I want to give him full permission to do that. And I know that you do too. And as God has moved powerfully in our midst in the past, so too do I see Him moving powerfully among us as we move forward.

To assist us in seeking God's grace and power together, and moving to accomplish His mission at this time, the Companions have assigned as associate pastor here, Father Yves Marchildon. Father Yves might be familiar to many of you, as he was here the first year the Companions were present in our Pastoral Unit. He brings with him much pastoral experience and zeal, a shepherd's heart, a desire for mission, and an understanding of leadership. He brings a lot. And he starts here July 1<sup>st</sup>. So, we can begin to pray for him as he makes a transition in his life, and for his ministry among us. We can pray also for Father Ken as he begins a new assignment also. And in your charity, I ask that you also pray for me. Let's pray for each other. Let's pray in earnest for a greater and greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and for what God wants to do here at Holy Trinity, and through us, in the wider community. Together, let's joyfully go and invite others to Jesus.

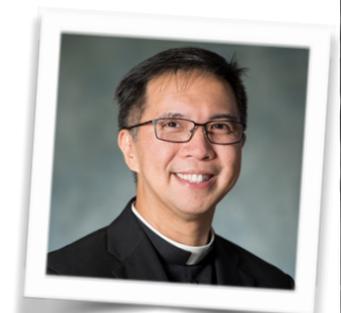
God bless you all.

~ Fr. Bryan Sabourin, CC

Dear HTPU parishioners,

Since I left the parish to go on medical leave last December, I'm grateful to all those who have prayed for me and who have extended their encouragement and support through cards, letters, emails and personal messages through social media. I am feeling much better now. I just want you to know that I do appreciate all of [them](#).

After much discernment, the Companions of Cross superiors and I decided that for the benefit of my overall health and recovery, it is better that I be assigned [to](#) a different role [in](#) another CC parish. It was a hard decision on my part, because I will surely miss all of you and the many good memories that I have had with you. I will continue to pray for the parish renewal that is happening there [now](#) at HTPU under the leadership of Fr. Bryan. Please continue to pray me, too, as I move on to a new parish assignment.



~Fr. Ken

## Happening Hub



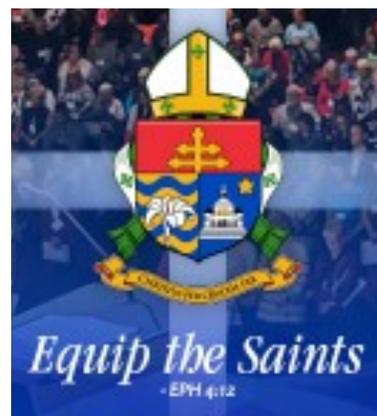
### **Volunteer Appreciation**

Mark your calendars! Our Volunteer Appreciation event is set for **Saturday June 8th from 10-11:30am in the hall at St John Vianney**. Come gather to let us thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish community! Anyone who volunteers in any capacity with the parish is welcome to attend- check with your ministry lead for RSVP information. A light breakfast will be shared along with some fun presentations to celebrate an awesome pastoral year. We hope you can join us to celebrate YOU!

### **Equip the Saints: Mission Collection**

The Mission Collection will take place this weekend. Please support the pastoral initiatives of Archbishop Mancini by donating to this year's collections. Funds raised will support the following areas:

- The Assembly of the People of God: a two-day celebration of ministry and an opportunity to build up our faith through engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and communal worship. As a diocese we gather together as one diocesan family to share our faith and discern what the Holy Spirit is trying to say to us.
- Steubenville Atlantic: Our annual youth conference, that helps teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. We are excited to host our 13th conference from July 5 to 7, 2019 on the campus of Dalhousie University.



**Blank donation cards and return envelopes will be available in the foyer at all three churches.**



### **Lobster Supper Winner!**

The winner of the Knights of Columbus Council 10565 lobster draw was Mike Cook from Saint Elizabeth Seton Church!

### **St. John Vianney CWL News**

We are already gathering some great prizes for our Father's Day Gift Card Tree which we will be selling tickets on leading up to Father's Day. Money raised through these kinds of fund-raising events goes to support both parish and community initiatives.

Applications are now available at the Parish Office for the Catholic Women's League Bursary. Stop by to pick up a copy or request a digital copy at [office@holytrinityns.ca](mailto:office@holytrinityns.ca)

## Discipleship Corner

### Steubenville Bottle Drive Follow Up!

Our sincere thanks to all who came and donated their refundable bottles and cans this weekend! If you missed out or forgot and still wish to donate your refundables, no worries! Just take them to FADER'S BOTTLE EXCHANGE at 15 Sackville Cross Rd (just off Sackville Drive) and tell them the

to put your proceeds towards the St John Vianney Steubenville Account. You can make these donations throughout the year by just telling the clerk to put it towards our account, so any future refundables you have can go towards our future fundraising!



### Steubenville Fundraising Thank You!

As we close out our Steubenville fundraising for the year, I want to extend a big thank you to all of you who have supported our youth and our fundraising this year. Whether through the bottle drive, spaghetti dinner, movie night, or direct donations, your support is much appreciated and is helping to build up the next generation of Catholic men and women in our community. Our thanks again for your support and generosity and please keep our youth in your prayers as they ready themselves to attend the retreat July 5-7<sup>th</sup>!



### VBS 2019: Barnyard Roundup!

VBS 2019 is "farm-tastic!" In *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, kids learn that Jesus helps us grow and gathers us together! Campers will plow through God's Word in five amazing Bible stories, listening to and bringing to life a new story each day. With interactive storytelling, games, crafts, music, snacks and more all planting seeds in our campers with the message that Jesus calls all of us into his Kingdom! Turnip each day to be gathered in and udderly amazed by God's love and faithfulness to His children!

**Dates:** July 15-19

**Time:** 9:30 AM – 11:45 PM

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

**Who:** Grade Primary – Grade 5 Children

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

**Registration:** Forms can be found at the welcome area of all our churches. For questions or more information please contact Alex at 902-865-2112 ext. 23, or email [faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca](mailto:faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca).

**Volunteers:** Adult volunteers are needed to assist in running the stations and older youth (Grades 8-12) to serve as group leaders for our campers! If you or your teen are interested in helping out please let me know ASAP via the contact info above!





# Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family, 3 Locations

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

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**Facebook:** Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

## OUR STAFF

Fr. Bryan Sabourin CC. ext.0

**Pastor**

Fr. Yves Marchildon CC. ext.0

**Associate Pastor (July 1st, 2019)**

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**Deacon**

**Parish Office:** ext.0

Catherine Kidson ext 24

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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

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** 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](mailto: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