

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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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

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

WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS take place on Thursdays from 10 am – 11:30 am; therefore, the Parish Office will be closed during those times.

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 ~ Pope Francis' recommendation</i>	
Saturday 9:00 am	St. John Vianney
<i>(Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle with Rosary)</i>	

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.

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

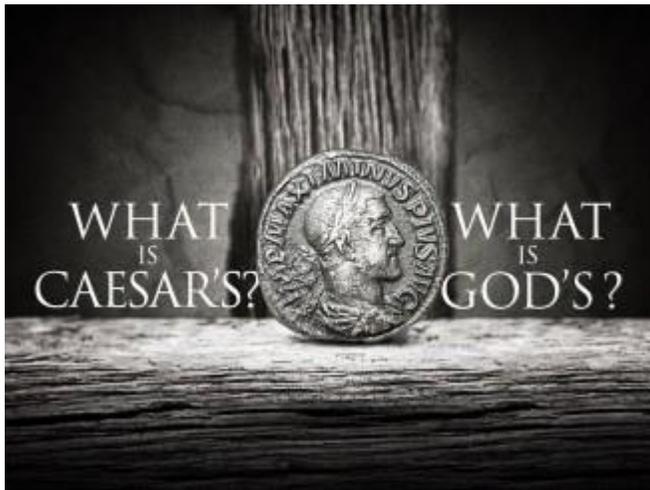
Church? Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance in order to have time to prepare. For more information, check out our website under Faith Formation – Sacraments.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact Liz Connolly at 902-865-9214 three months (or earlier) in advance. A preparation session will be arranged for you.

HEARTS ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP invite you to join them on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton (weather permitting). For more information, call Ethel at 902-864-4927.

BEACON HOUSE MONTHLY REQUESTS: Baby food, Canned corn, Canned meat, Granola bars, Fruit cups, Canned pasta sauce, Diapers, Boxed cereal, Boxed stuffing mix, Chicken or beef broth

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017
(Year A)



In the second reading, Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the assembly of Christians at Thessalonica, who were proving to be faithful disciples. The Gospel Paul preached to them, and the Gospel we hear today, is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit; let our lives bear witness to its truth and power.

Parish Vision

We are a welcoming and inclusive, Spirit-led community that is passionate and optimistic about bringing others to Christ.

Purpose Statement

To foster an environment in which Christ can be encountered and disciples formed, supported and prepared to bring the mission of Christ to the world.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome all new parishioners who have joined our community.

NAME TAG SUNDAY takes place the first weekend of each month. By sharing our names and greeting each other, we take the time to value the importance of all members of our church family. As when we gather for any family event, we are known by name by those in our community and by the Lord Himself.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Life is difficult at times and we all need prayer. If you find yourself in need of prayer drop us a private message on Facebook at Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit or call our office. At Holy Trinity, we take your request very seriously and we will be praying for you.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY,
October 29th
(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1st Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

"We must understand that in order "to do" we must first learn "to be", that is to say, in the sweet company of Jesus in adoration."

~ St. John Paul II

WEEKLY REFLECTION

I have reworked this reflection a couple of times and each time I restart it, I find myself chasing a different theme and trying to fit it into a 400 word write up which ties all the readings together. For me, the richness of the readings this week comes forward with ideas about belonging, about God's role as first in our lives, about how we speak to and treat those around us, about how God picks unexpected individuals to save His people, and about understanding the culture these stories come from. God seems to be a lot better than me at doing a lot with a few words.

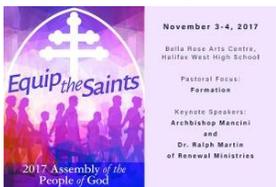
With this in mind, I want to encourage us towards a particular type of prayer with the readings this week: Lectio Divina. Our Catholic tradition encourages us through this form of prayer to listen to the Word of God speaking to us, and recognizes that in a few words of Scripture God can draw our attention to important things in our lives and in our world. As such, I encourage you to choose one of the readings from this Sunday and follow along below:

Clear your mind as best you can and read over the reading at first, letting the words and the story wash over you. Read the reading again, this time focusing in on where your attention may be drawn to a word or phrase. Finally, read the reading a third time with your key word/phrase in mind and invite God to show you why those words are meaningful to you right now.

Many times the richness of scripture passes us by. We hear readings at Mass or perhaps in some form of daily prayer, and the words wash off us easily whether because we don't understand them, are distracted, or we respond in that 'Well isn't that a nice story' kind of way. Lectio Divina invites us to take advantage of Scripture's opportunity to be a way for God to, as he did with Cyrus this week, direct us and lead us even if we don't know He's the one doing it; to receive the Gospel as Paul mentions to the Thessalonians, not only in Word, but with conviction and power as well; and, Jesus commands us, to give to God what belongs to God: ourselves.

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR THIS YEAR'S ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD?



November 3-4, 2017
Bella Rose Arts Centre,
Halifax West High School
Pastoral Focus:
Formation
Keynote Speakers:
Archbishop Mancini
and
Dr. Ralph Martin
of Renewal Ministries

year's Assembly of the People of God is being held on November 3rd and 4th, Bella Rose Arts Centre. At the Assembly, you'll hear from our own

Archbishop Mancini and come together with faithful, active disciples from across our Archdiocese. To register, visit www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP



(to the Homebound and Nursing homes) invite all ministers who take Communion to those in our community who are homebound or in nursing homes to our next "Gathering" on **Sunday, November 5th from 1:30pm - 3:00pm** at St. John Vianney Church in Room 9. Looking forward to seeing you! Anyone who has a desire to become part of this ministry is welcome. Training will be provided.

GETTING READY CONCERT will take place on Sunday, November 26th at 7:00 pm at St. John Vianney. Join us for an evening of songs and reflection to prepare for the Christmas season. For more information, check out the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Facebook page or visit <https://youtu.be/uMmFRKjmg8E>

FAITH FORMATION

2018 STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC LAUNCH PARTY ~ The Steubenville Atlantic 2018



Launch is less than three weeks away! Join us on November 4th for praise and worship music from Joe Zambon, a keynote from

Michael Gormley, a welcome from Archbishop Mancini, youth testimonies, and an all-around amazing evening!

ALPHA ~ Have you ever wondered if you could be a better version of yourself or is there more to life than this? You're not alone. Please join us for Alpha every Thursday evening at St. Elizabeth Seton beginning each week with dinner at 6:00 pm. For more information or to register, contact the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!



OUR CHILDREN' S LITURGY OF THE WORD, JAM, is a program for children during Mass that presents the readings and Gospel reading in a way that they can understand, is engaging and fun. Children start Mass by sitting with their families, until they are called by the priest to join together for a blessing before leaving for their session in Room 9. Registration is not required! **Come to the 10:00 am Sunday Mass at St. John Vianney.**



Do you or your child love to work with children? Do you love to share your faith with others? We would love to have you on our **JAM** team! We are always looking for new volunteers to join our program as either class helpers, junior leaders or as leaders. You are more than welcome to visit our class some Sunday to experience what the fun and the gratification of sharing your faith with the youngsters of our parish could be like. Contact Catherine for more information.

STUDY OPPORTUNITY When the world asks "Why should I care about God/Jesus/Christianity/The Church?" it can sometimes be difficult to reply with why we place Jesus at the center of our lives. C.S. Lewis, a man who once asked himself these questions with the intent of undermining faith only to find himself converted, attempts to lay out his response to these paradoxically simple and complex ideas in his book *Mere Christianity*. Join us for a study of this layman's look at the rationale for faith and explore for yourself "Why do we believe what we believe?"

All are invited to participate in this study, hosted by Alex Craven. If a copy of the text is needed, one may be ordered **by October 16** through the church at cost for \$20. If you have questions or wish to enroll, please contact Alex by **October 25** at 902-865-2112 ext.23 or faithformation@holyltrinityns.ca.

Dates and Times:

Session A: Sundays: Oct 29, & Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, & Dec 3 @ 7:30 PM - 9 PM at SJV

Session B: Tuesdays: Oct 31 & Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, & Dec 5 @ 9 AM - 10:30 AM at SJV

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TRAVELLING CHALICE ~ Are you concerned about religious vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate? If you are, please consider taking home the travelling Chalice and simply say the 15 minute prayers that come with it. It is a concrete way to pray for more religious vocations. You can bring it home after weekend Mass and bring it back the following Saturday for the next person. Fr. Marc started this, let's not let it die. Thank you.



PRAYING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY LAND—ADVANCE NOTICE ~ If you have a desire to see the Holy Land, this may be your opportunity. Fr. Simon Lobo, Saint Benedict Parish and Fr. Bryan Sabourin, are the planned spiritual leaders on this prayerful Pilgrimage. The itinerary has been carefully arranged with full consideration to the ministry of Christ as opposed to merely a tour of the Holy Land. This Pilgrimage is planned for 12 days in October, 2018. If you are interested, send an e-mail to bsime@privatelabeltravel.ca with "keep me informed" in the subject line.

SERVANTS OF THE CROSS NEWSLETTER, *New Wine*, is ready for you to enjoy! Pick up a copy and experience a little of the Sisters' lives. Keep them in your prayers as they continue to spread the love of Christ to all His people.

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

WE NEED YOUR HELP with our Baptism Preparation, Marriage Preparation, Funeral and Homebound Ministries. Without you, these important ministries cannot happen. If you would like to find out more about any one of these ministries, please contact Catherine.

ADORATION REMINDER ~ please feel free to drop in to Adoration which takes place every Wednesday from 10 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.

BEACON HOUSE CHRISTMAS BOX REQUESTS for 2017

St. John Vianney - 275 bags of sugar
St. Elizabeth Seton - 225 pancake mix
St. Francis of Assisi - 75 bottles of
apple/orange juice (1 litre)

These items can be dropped off any time.

MEN'S "GYM" HOUR - God, You, Me - will take place every Friday at St. Benedict Parish in Halifax from 6:45 - 8 am. Come heighten your spiritual journey as we share our stories, Praise and Worship music and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided. All men are welcome! Contact Peter Covert at 902-478-5951.



ST ELIZABETH SETON WOMENS' GROUP will meet on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:30 pm in the meeting room.

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.

CWL ANNUAL PENNY AUCTION is taking place this year on Monday, November 6th and they are looking for donations for the Penny Table and the New-To-You table. These can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your continued support.



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES 2017-18: The Book of Psalms - Oct.6 - Dec 1. Our theme this year is "**Healing**". Please order your books as soon as possible so they will arrive by the start date. All classes in Room 9, St. John Vianney, 9:45-11:45am on Fridays. Look on the website holytrinityns.ca - (Formation/Adult Bible Studies) for sign-up sheets. Register online (preferable) or sign-up in the foyer or call Karen at 902-865-2112.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 7077 ~ will be holding a Membership Drive at St. John Vianney before and after Mass on Saturday, November 4th, 4:30 pm, and again on Sunday, November 5th, 10 am. All Catholic men ages 18+ are invited. For information, contact Basil Weagle, Grand Knight, at 902-864-8159.

'MEN CALLED TO BE WITNESSES' RETREAT will take place on Saturday, November 18th at St. John Vianney from 9 am - 3 pm. Guest speakers include Fr. Patrick O'Neill and Fr. Toochukwu Okafor. The day will include Praise & Worship, Rosary, Mass, Teachings, Adoration, Reconciliation and Reflection. \$10 registration fee will be collected at the door. Please pre-register, for lunch purposes, with Edmond at gallantedmond@gmail.com



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, October 27th at 9:00 am at St. John Vianney. Knights of Columbus members, widows of past members, and all parishioners are invited to attend.

Thank you for joining us for dinner!



A great time was had by all at the 5th Annual Archbishop's Dinner which was held last Wednesday, October 11th. Over 450

dinner guests shared stories, enjoyed a delicious meal, and took part in a live auction that included unique items like a private dinner party catered by a local chef and a painting by our own Archbishop Mancini. Attendees heard from guest speaker, prominent local developer, Wadih Fares, who spoke about the influence his faith has on both his family and business life.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING ~ If you own a business and would be interested in finding out more about placing an ad in our Bulletin, please contact Karen at the office as the new covers will soon be going to print for the entire year.