

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

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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

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

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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 ~ 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

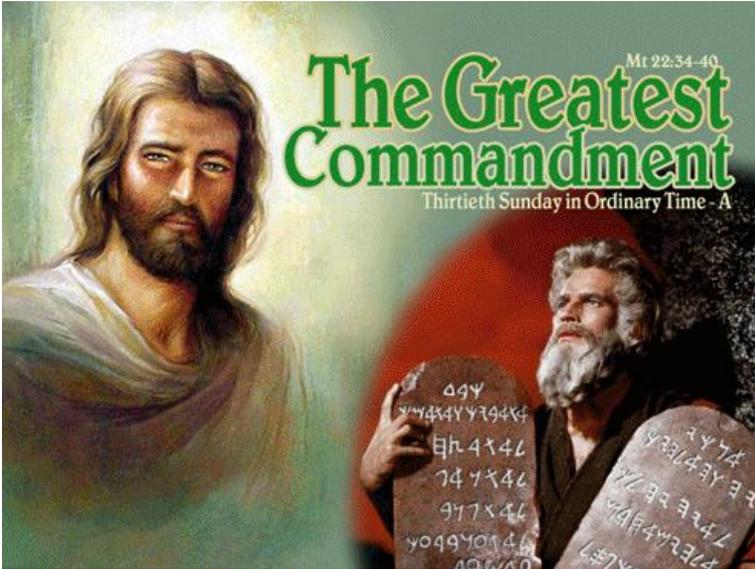
Church? Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance in order to have time to prepare. For more information, check out our website under Faith Formation – Sacraments.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017
(Year A)



Jesus underlines the close and inseparable bond between our love of God and of neighbor. Loving God is not simply a pious or cerebral act, but a lived reality, carried out in the events of daily life. It is our witness to the love of God that will draw others into the mystery of His loving presence in the world.

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,
November 5th
(31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

1st Reading:
Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

"Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with brightness"

~ St. John of Capistrano

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Many of you may have heard the acronym KISS before. It is a memorable acronym for an equally memorable adage: 'Keep It Simple, Stupid.' We are sometimes tempted to view things as more complicated than they actually are, or worse yet, *make* them more complicated than they need be, but God reminds us that really He only asks two things of us: Love Him and love each other.

Jesus' answer to the lawyer in today's Gospel might be easily, if a bit irreverently, interpreted as a KISS answer. The Pharisees often took the Laws of the Old Testament and specified and complicated them to such a degree that the daily life of an ordinary Jew was a minefield of ways to do the wrong thing. In answering the question, Jesus does away with their over complications *and* correctly responds to the question asked.

Paul recounts to the Thessalonians the hospitality (love of neighbor) he received among them, but also recalling that it was fueled by their love of God. The Thessalonians turned from their old lives and practices in order to serve God, something I wager we all have our own struggles with from time to time, and Paul rejoices in their displayed love for God and love for him as their neighbor.

Finally, in the first reading, we see God drawing the connecting point between service to those most vulnerable in the world (poor, widows, orphans, etc.) and service to Him. God not only forbids us from abusing people, but through our conscience as we read the passage, likely tugs us to consider how we can *help* such people. To borrow from a different place in scripture "What you do to the least of these, you do to Me."

When Jesus speaks in the Gospel, he's not pulling those Commandments out of thin air. In fact, the command to love your neighbor can be found in Leviticus 19:18, and the command to love God can be found in Deuteronomy 6:5. I mention this Deuteronomy quotation because if we read past where Jesus is quoting, we find I think, the course of action Jesus is guiding us towards "Take to heart these words which I have commanded you today... repeat them... recite them... bind them on your arm as a sign and let them be a pendant on your forehead." These two commandments are the two God wants to have dangling before our eyes each moment of each day; they should be the point we can draw every action in our day back towards, or else recognize it as unloving and repent of it. This weekend, God gives us the cheat sheet for the tests we face in our daily lives. We have the answer in two short sentences, memorable in its simplicity, unforgettable in its importance. Love God; Love each other; Keep it simple, stupid.

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

UPCOMING MASSES

ALL SOUL'S MASS ~ Thursday, November 2nd at 9 am Mass at St. John Vianney.

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 a sneak peek, check out the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Facebook page or visit <https://youtu.be/uMmFRKjmg8E>

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.

FAITH FORMATION

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.

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.

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.



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.

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 - an all-around amazing evening!

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. For information, send an e-mail to bsime@privatelabeltravel.ca with "keep me informed" in the subject line.

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.

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. Each team of two members responds to requests received for one week per month to offer encouragement and 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 on the first Monday of each month in Room 9 at St. John Vianney and welcome new members. Please call 902-864-0777 and leave a message if you would like more information. God Bless.



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 holyltrinityns.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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YOU ARE INVITED

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



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.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

REORGANIZING OURSELVES FOR MISSION ~

In recent weeks a notice has appeared in the newspaper making note of a bill introduced at the current Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature which, if passed, would re-organize the civil structure of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. What does this mean exactly? For more information, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org.

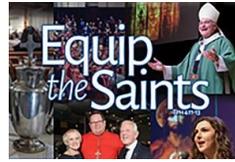
ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR THIS YEAR'S ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD?

This 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.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly.



EQUIP THE SAINTS, COMMUNITY COLLECTION

~ Due to a variety of circumstances the material required for this year's Equip the Saints: Community Collection was delayed. Unfortunately, the delay means the Community Collection did not begin this past weekend, October 22, as noted in previous communications with our parishes. We apologize for the confusion and inconvenience this caused.



WEEKEND OF GRACE FOR WOMEN is taking place from April 13th - 15th at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. Be sure to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration fee of \$175. Following that date, the cost will be \$195. For information, please call 902-405-9613 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com.



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.

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.