

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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~ Meet Our Staff ~

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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

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:

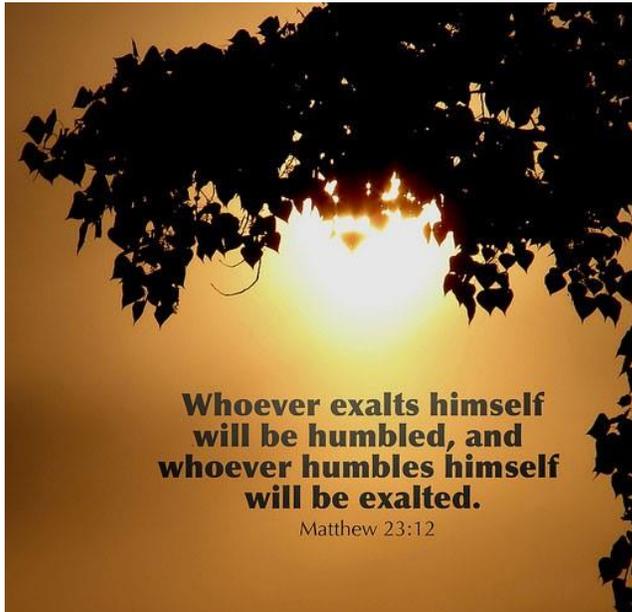
Baby food, Canned corn, Canned meat, Granola bars, Fruit cups, Canned pasta sauce, Diapers, Boxed cereal, Boxed stuffing mix, Chicken or beef broth.

They are in real need of TEA and COFFEE.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

(Year A)



A good leader is not self-seeking, but always has the best interests of his followers at heart. A poor leader thinks only of himself and what he has to gain from his position of authority. Leaders have the power to guide their followers to destruction or prosperity. Jesus is the model servant-leader, humbling Himself and serving all.

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 12th (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

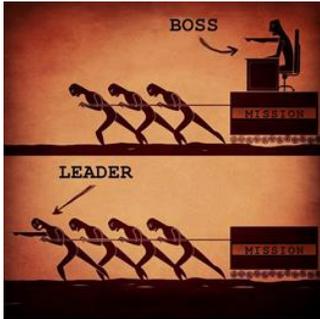
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"The greatest misery does not stop me from uniting myself to a soul, but where there is pride, I am not there."

~ Jesus to St. Faustina

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Catholic historian and writer Lord Acton famously observed that “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” We need look no further than the 6 o’clock news to see the ways in which this saying bears out. Yet for as much as Acton’s words ring true, God still calls us to positions of leadership in our communities; so how are we to balance the vocation of leadership with the temptation of abuse of power? Today’s readings attempt to answer this question.



The first reading outlines quite clearly the problem the Lord has with poor leadership. The priests do not seem to listen to the Word of God, their sense of self inflated by their high position in Israelite society. Their style of leadership is not set up to guide the people but to lord over them and keep the priests in their position of authority. In a sense, religious observance itself has become their idol!

God’s speech to these priests is quite similar to the words of Jesus to the Pharisees in the Gospel, acknowledging them as leaders of the community, but highlighting their self-service and hypocrisy. Jesus injects a cure for this spiritual illness into the situation: the virtue of humility. “Do not call anyone on earth your father/teacher/instructor, for you have but One in Heaven”. By saying this, Jesus reminds us of our reality: that we are servants to God at all times, but *especially* when called to lead! Jesus cracks down on getting too big an ego because of some position or status in life. In a manner of speaking, he points out that we are, at best, middle-managers for the real Leader in Heaven!

This kind of realization helps to ensure that our leadership is *servant* leadership, both to God and to our neighbors. This is what Paul is referring to in his letter to the Thessalonians: “To share not only the Gospel but our own selves with you.” Paul recognizes the authority that he has as an instructor of the Gospel and as an Apostle, but he sticks to Jesus’ words and orients the people of Thessalonica not towards his own self-importance, but towards God who is working in their midst.

If we think on it, we can all recognize some leadership role we have somewhere in our lives, whether at work, on a team, as parents, as ministry leaders, or even in counselling a friend asking for advice. The question Jesus invites us to consider is the same as we saw last week: Am I serving God, and am I serving my neighbor? With this grounding, we come to participate in the kind of leadership Jesus Himself demonstrated: the kind which leads to the Cross and to the new life beyond it!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS will be celebrated during the 4:30 pm Mass on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH at St. John Vianney.

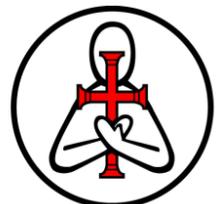
LITURGY OF THE WORD will be celebrated by Deacon Rod on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST at St. Elizabeth Seton at 7 pm as Frs. Ken & Bryan will be away.

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>

2018 COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS CALENDARS ~ Fr. Allan MacDonald, Companions of the Cross General Superior, will be selling 2018 Companions of the Cross calendars on December 2nd and 3rd at a cost \$10 each.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th is considered the Remembrance Day holiday in lieu; therefore, the Parish Office will be closed that day. “*Lest We Forget*”



SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING will take place on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 pm at St. John Vianney. For information, contact Judy Fraser at 902-864-2778.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION ~ if you are bringing Communion to someone in their home on a regular basis, but are not part of the Homebound Team, please contact Karen. We want to be sure that we know of those who are being ministered in this way so that no one is overlooked. Thank you.

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. Adoration takes place as well on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am. All are most welcome!

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.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

'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. ELIZABETH SETON ~ Cathy Day and Cindy Clarke will be selling tickets on an assortment of gift cards after Mass on Sunday, November 12th. The draw will take place at our Turkey Bingo on Wednesday, November 29th. All monies will go to the *Paul Forrest Bursary Fund*.

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.



CWL ANNUAL PENNY AUCTION is taking place on Monday, November

6th in the Parish Hall at St. John Vianney. Doors open at 6 pm for viewing and the Auction begins at 7 pm. It's not too late to send in your 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.

Come welcome Saint Francis Xavier to the Archdiocese ~ January 7, 2018

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.

As we continue to seek ways to equip the saints for the renewal of our local Church we will receive a once in a lifetime visit from a saint! On



January 7, the Feast of Epiphany, Archbishop Mancini will welcome the relic of Saint Francis Xavier to Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. For more information see <http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org>

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.



New Employment Opportunities Posted



Are you seeking work in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth? A number of posting have recently been listed. See the Employment

Opportunities section of our **website** at <http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org> (under Admin Services / Human Resources).

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.

SACKVILLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS invite you to C.O.M.E. (Community Outreach Meal Event) which is taking place this month on Thursday, November 16th from 4:30 - 6pm in the Hall at Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive. Everyone is welcome to join them for a free meal!