

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

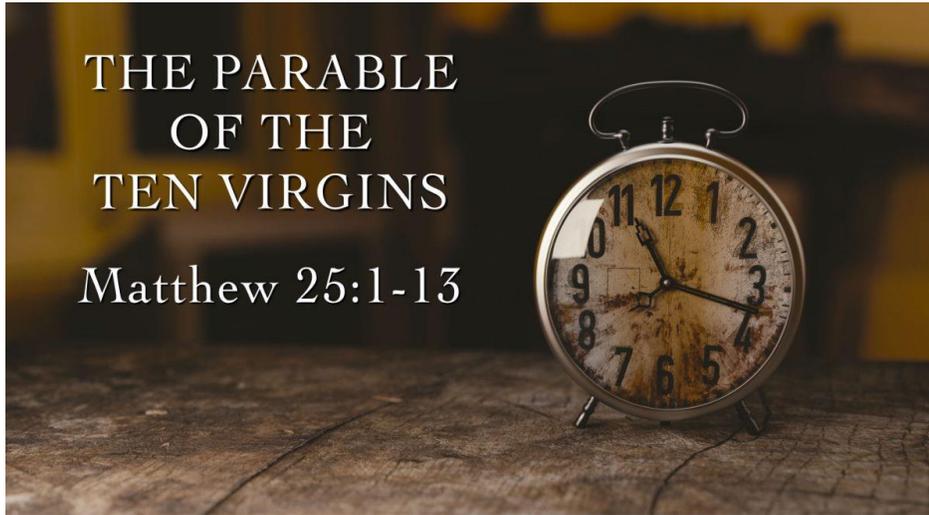
invite you to join them on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton (weather permitting). For more information, call Ethel at 902-864-4927.

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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017
(Year A)



Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the reality of heaven. He warns us not to become drowsy in our faith, like the virgins who in their foolish lack of preparation bring no oil with them. Instead, Jesus teaches that we are to live in such a way that we are ready to meet the Lord.

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 19th
(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

1st Reading: Proverbs 31.10-31

2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

"The Lord delights in every little step we take."

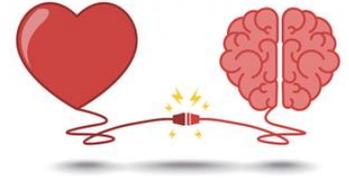
~ St. Francis de Sales

WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is a saying that “Intelligence is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.” This sort of expression only works as a joke if you *know* what a tomato is like in person rather than just on paper. This week’s readings prompt us towards the need to grow in Wisdom, in relational knowledge of God and who He is.

The first reading helps ease us in to understanding wisdom as relational. Wisdom itself is personified as a woman who is sought after and who wants to be sought. Reading along, the situation comes off as that first rush of a romantic relationship where you cannot get enough of hearing your partner and learning about them, and the joy that comes from knowing a person so specially and intimately. God, through Wisdom, seeks us and asks that we might seek back in reply!

Paul then speaks of the comfort this relational knowledge of God brings. Using the situation of hope or despair in the face of death and loss, he seems keenly aware that until you know someone’s character as a person through a relationship with them that you can trust what they say. Therefore, he calls his readers into a deeper and not ‘uninformed’ relationship with God and with each other. While we might know something on a head level quite easily, it isn’t until we have that relational knowledge, that Wisdom, where we can truly trust to the words and promise of God.



Finally, the Gospel points out something important about this relational knowledge: it requires a response from us; we are response-able in our reply to it! Jesus subtly reminds us in the story of the 10 bridesmaids that God does not act on our time, but on His: the bridegroom does not show up when the party expected him to. However, the wise maids—those with relational knowledge—don’t assume that they are the center of the universe and are prepared to work on the groom’s timeline not theirs. Consequently, unlike their foolish counterparts, they are ready for him when he *does* come!

In these readings, God is calling us further and deeper into a relationship with Himself, and asking us to become wise. As with any relationship, this is a two-way street and requires effort on our part to accomplish. Through prayer and scriptural reading, through sacraments and seeing Christ in others around us, we become better able to respond rightly to our increasingly intimate knowledge of God. We are able to carry a lighted lantern rather than a dim one, and when the time comes, to enter into the celebration with the one we have come to know and love!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

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.

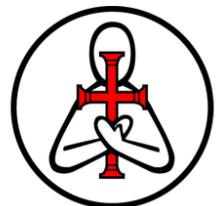
GETTING READY CONCERT will take place on Sunday, November 26th at 7:00 pm at St. John Vianney. Join us for an evening of songs and reflection to prepare for the Christmas season. For a sneak peek, check out the Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit Facebook page or visit <https://youtu.be/uMmFRKjmg8E>



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th is considered the Remembrance Day holiday in lieu; therefore, the Parish Office will be closed that day.

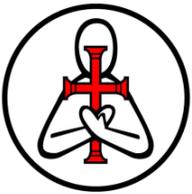
“Last We Forget”

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.



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.



Come learn about the Core Pillars of the Companions of the Cross and experience their spirituality on Saturday, November 18th at St. Elizabeth Seton. As Lay Associates, we welcome anyone interested in growing in the Companion's Spirituality - just come and see. The Core Pillars will be introduced this Saturday and expanded in the coming months: Eucharistic, Magisterial, Marian and Charismatic. We begin at 9 am with Mass, Praise Music and fellowship. Any questions? Email cclayassociates@gmail.com or call Janice at 902-403-8626.

FAITH FORMATION

ADORATION REMINDER ~ please feel free to drop in to Adoration which takes place every Wednesday from 9:30 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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

CWL PENNY AUCTION ~ Thank you to all of the people who helped the CWL of St. John Vianney with the Penny Auction. We are grateful for the support you have shown us. The winner of the Christmas Basket was Diana Nowell. The winners of the door prizes were Gary Gray who seemed very happy to get the angel, and Pat Benoit who won the manger scene.

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. Too-chukwu 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



ST. JOHN VIANNEY ~ Brothers, please note our next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held November 14th at 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm at the Columbus Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Basil Weagle, Grand Knight.

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*.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON will be having their Turkey Bingo on Wednesday, November 29th at the Church. Doors open at 6 pm for a 7pm start time. Prizes include: Turkeys, Sobeys \$25 gift cards, plus cash. All monies earned will support our *Christmas Food Hamper Drive*.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEAL ~ On October 19th, St. John Vianney was responsible to supply the community outreach meal at Knox United Church. The attendance was the largest since we began this community event last January. We now have 7 churches in Sackville taking their turn with another 2 churches as possible partners. Thanks to all who contributed time, talent and treasure to this community endeavor. Give yourselves a pat on the back. The next meal will be taking place on Thursday, November 16th from 4:30-6pm. All are welcome.

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.



CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKES ~ Fireside Kitchen is no longer providing fruit cakes for Campaign Life Coalition; therefore, there will be no fruit cakes this year. Sorry for any inconvenience, Marian Briand.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE ASSEMBLY! This past Friday and Saturday, over 400 people came together for our 6th Annual Assembly of the People of God. This is an increase of 15% over last year's attendance which is fantastic and also means we've met one of this year's goals in our three year diocesan pastoral plan, Equip the Saints. Thank you for helping us to achieve this goal. Now let's not lose momentum!

NOVEMBER 19: WORLD DAY OF THE POOR ~



Pope Francis has designated November 19 the first ever World Day of the Poor. As Catholics we are called to care for the poor and marginalized. The Holy Father has made this preferential option for the poor a hallmark of his pontificate. Earlier this fall, Archbishop Mancini invited our pastors to mark the World Day of the Poor in some intentional way.

For Archdiocesan events, please visit <http://www.halifaxarmouth.org>