

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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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 SUGAR, TEA & COFFEE.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017
(Year A)



Life is perhaps best described as a journey with a beginning and an end. As we come to the end of another Church year, we are invited to reflect on what is often referred to as the last things – judgment, heaven and hell. But we do so not in fear but in hope, for while our earthly lives will end, the promise of life eternal shines forth in Christ.

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 26th
(Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe)**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-17

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

"There is more value in a little humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world."

~ St. Teresa of Avila

WEEKLY REFLECTION

One of the most common commandments in the Bible, if not *the* most common, is God admonishing us: "Do not be afraid!" This is obviously good advice, spiritually and in a day-to-day way, but the hard part is that the psalm this week says "Blessed are they who fear the Lord." So, is God saying 'Don't be afraid... of anything but Me?' or did he make a mistake, or forget he said the one thing when he said the other? Let's look to the readings and see!



Aside from the psalm, the other major place where fear is directly mentioned is in the response of the final servant in Jesus' Parable of the Talents. He speaks at the end of the parable, justifying his actions with his fear of his master, worried about disappointing him; however it is the very actions his fear prompts him towards end up getting him fired and cast out!

The thing I think that goes wrong in this servant's mind is the confusing of afraid-fear with reverence or awed-fear, and the outcome for the other two servants seems to underline this! They too were probably very mindful of the strictness of their master and their need to perform well, but instead of simply replying to their duty by being afraid, they turn all of their attention to working reverently on behalf of their master.

We see the same thing in the first reading as well; a wife who reveres her husband (not unlike the Church's reverence for Christ!) works endlessly on his behalf. She gives to the poor, teaches the ignorant, gets her hands dirty in the fields, and in all this self-sacrifice receives the praise of her husband and children who adore her all the more for her capability. All of this seems motivated by that same awed-fear or reverence for the one she loves that motivates the good servants in Jesus' parable.

So the 'fear' God wants us to have of Him is not like that of the bad servant in the parable, that is, the paralyzing fear which robs us of the use of our gifts, but rather the kind of 'fear' inspired by a recognition of God's goodness and which pricks our sides and spurs us on to increase what God gives us, so that upon our meeting Him on the 'Day of the Lord' as Paul says, we might be ready and even proud to show what we have done!

~ Alex Craven, Coordinator of Family Formation

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>

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.

ADVENT

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.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION - A



number of priests will be available to hear individual confessions on **Saturday, December 9th from 10am - 2pm** at St. John Vianney.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING will take place on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 am - 12 noon at **St. Elizabeth Seton**. Free will offering. Everyone welcome! Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.



Also, **St. Francis of Assisi** will be making their Advent Wreaths following Mass on Sunday, December 3rd. Please let Don know if you are planning to attend.

MASS AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ~ During Advent, Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 6th, 13th and 20th at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” WALK, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 7077, will take place this year on Sunday, December 3rd. The walk will begin at 2 pm from Knox United Church (gathering first at 1:30 pm) and end at St. John Vianney. Fellowship to follow. All are welcome!



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.

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.



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.

We NEED you. Can you HELP? **URGENT** Are you a tradesperson and have some time and skills to donate to our church? **WE NEED YOU!** Due to the age of our buildings and in an effort to keep costs in check, we are in need of some help in plumbing, electrical, furnace and heating, construction and drywall, painting, general cleaning and dusting and gardening. There a number of small projects currently waiting for people to help. For more information, please contact Catherine at the Parish Office @ ext. 23 and we will put you into contact with the Management Committee of the church you can help at. Thank you in advance! **Many hands make light work!**

'BE AN ANGEL' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul respond to requests for help received during the year from families living in poverty in our community. Your donations will be used to keep the lights on, the house warm, prescription meds available or to help with an emergency situation. Envelopes will be available in the foyer. Tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$10 or more. See the insert in next week's bulletin for information. God Bless.



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. Call 902-864-0777 and leave a message if you would like more information. God Bless.

CWL NEWS

CWL MONTHLY MEETING will take place on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 pm in Room #9 at St. John Vianney. All ladies are welcome to join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. JOHN VIANNEY ~ Knights of Columbus will be selling 2018 Cash Calendars at a cost of \$20 each on November 25th and 26th at St. John Vianney. Total cash prize give-away will be \$19,720. This is a major fundraising and is an important event helping them honor their \$50,000 pledge toward the Elevator and Parking Lot project. Thank you for your support.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. John Vianney Council No. 7077, is having a Mass offered for current and past council members and their families on Friday, November 24th at 9:00 am at St. John Vianney. KOC members, widows of past members, their families and all parishioners are invited to attend.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON ~ Cathy Day and Cindy Clarke will be selling tickets on an assortment of gift cards for the next few weeks after Mass. 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 at the church or at Beacon House directly.

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

Equip the Saints: Community Collection ~ Our Community Collection period has begun! This past Sunday, November 12th, was your first opportunity to give to the Community Collection. We are thankful to all who contribute in a variety of ways to this special diocesan collection that focuses on forming our various faith communities and equipping one another to be living saints in our world today. Prayerfully consider what you can contribute and mark Sunday, November 26th, the Feast of Christ the King, as the next time you can place your gift in the collection at your parish. Donations can be made at any time.



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