

Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit

1 Church Family....3 Locations

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

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To all Parishioners of Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit,

I would like to take this opportunity to greet you all with a **Happy New Year**. We are truly grateful to God as we look back to all the blessings that He has given us. We are now in the new year of 2018, a new start, and a new beginning. I am really excited for what God has in store for us this year. Melody Beatie, a famous writer, quotes about the New Year, saying *“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.”*

One of the main goals for our parish is the transformation that is necessary to ensure we move from a maintenance-oriented church to a mission-oriented church. We need to live out the identity that God has given us which is to be a Missional Church and to do the mission that He has entrusted to us, which is to make disciples. In order to achieve this goal, we need to have a healthy culture. As we know, culture is the result of what we value. If you remember what I have said in my past homily; there are three values that we want to develop in our parish: leadership; evangelization; obedience to the Holy Spirit. We will be focusing on leadership for now. Priests cannot be the only leaders in this parish. We also need leaders that will come from the laity. In these coming months, we will be looking for and filling lay leadership positions in the parish. The individuals that will be considered are asked to have completed the following 3 things:

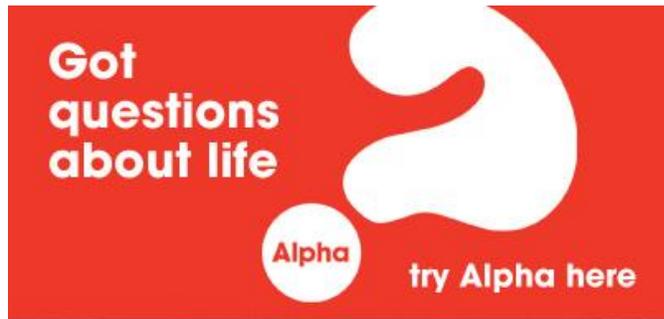
- 1) Have attended or in the process of attending Alpha,
- 2) Read the *“Divine Renovation”* book, by Fr. James Mallon, and
- 3) Complete the StrengthsFinder test and be willing to provide your Top 5 strengths.
(www.gallupstrengthsfinder.com)

This is to ensure that our future leaders have an understanding of the Vision and Mission of the Church, have experienced Alpha as a tool to that evangelization movement, and have the strengths necessary to lead effectively.

Anyone interested in being a part of this leadership team and has met the criteria, is asked to contact Catherine Kidson at Catherine@holyltrinityns.ca. For those who have not participated in Alpha, the winter session begins on **Thursday, January 11th from 6-8:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church**. Divine Renovation books are available for purchase online, through Veritas or Chapters. Strength Finders takes ½ hr to complete online at a cost of \$19.99. It is a wonderful tool to understand your strengths and how you could contribute as a disciple. Our desire is that the costs involved for this process will not be a barrier to applying; please contact Catherine if that is the case for you. The selection process will begin in February.

I really hope that you strongly consider helping the parish in a leadership capacity. I truly believe that with more leaders at hand, the parish can accomplish far more of what God has in store for us. I want to wish you all again a Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

In Christ, Fr. Kenneth Lao, Pastoral Administrator



DO YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH? ALPHA is a way for people who have questions about the meaning of life and the relevance of Jesus to be encouraged in conversation to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment.

ALPHA helps to transform the lives of those searching for answers. Maybe there is someone that you could invite to attend. Our next '*come and see*' what Alpha is about takes place on **Thursday, January 11th** at 6pm at **St. Elizabeth Seton Church**. Invite your family and friends and join them on their journey. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the foyer at each church. For more information, see our website at alpha@holyltrinityns.ca

MASSES CANCELLED

Fr. Ken & Fr. Bryan will be away for a Priests' Retreat the week of January 15th-19th; therefore, there will be **no weekday Masses** on Tuesday, January 16th, Wednesday, January 17th, Thursday, January 18th, or Friday, January 19th.

THE CARE AND COMPANIONSHIP AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY will conduct training in the month of January for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (ministering to those unable to attend Mass), and for those visiting Homebound parishioners on behalf of Holy Trinity Pastoral Unit (i.e. Nursing home visitors and those confined to home). This training is for new volunteers to this ministry, those who wish to have a refresher course, AND anyone who has not received this formal training in the past. Our goal is to ensure a level of consistency when homebound parishioners receive a visitor on behalf of the Parish. Training will take place at St Elizabeth Seton on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30 pm for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:30 pm for Visitor Training. Please contact the Parish Office to register for these sessions.

THANK YOU to the many parishioners who generously provided the donations of many kinds, food and time that made our first "Mary and Joseph's Christmas Dinner" a resounding success. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st ~ The Rite of Inscription, for those making their First Communion this year, will be celebrated during the 10 am Mass at St. John Vianney. Also, for our Confirmand, those who will be Confirmed, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment during the 12 noon Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton. What an awesome way to support our children as they prepare for these two important steps in their faith journey.

"All the wealth in the world cannot be compared with the happiness of living together happily united."

~ St. Marguerite d'Youville

LAY ASSOCIATES GATHERING will take place on **Saturday, January 13th** beginning at 9 am with Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton. Following Mass, there will be a teaching regarding one of the Four Pillars that the Companions' Foundation is built upon (Mary, Mother of God). Potluck lunch to follow so if you're able to contribute, that would be very much appreciated. All are welcome!



Dates below of the next LA gatherings:

- **Saturday, February 10th** - February gathering
- **Saturday, March 24th** - March gathering
- **Friday, April 20th & Saturday, April 21st** - Lay Associate Mini-Retreat, more details to follow!

**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, e-

mail bsime@privatelabeltravel.ca with "keep me informed" in the subject line.

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. **We are in need of volunteers from 12-1 pm. If you're able to help out, please contact Karen.** Adoration takes place as well on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am. All are most welcome!

In the event of a snow storm, Adoration will be cancelled if the Halifax Regional School Board cancels schools for the day.

BIBLE STUDY begins Friday, January 12th at 9:45, Room 9, St. John Vianney. Discover that ACTS is where the action is! ACTS includes the coming of the Holy Spirit, the amazing conversion of Paul and his ministry to the Gentiles. Learn how the Romans actually *helped* spread the Good News of Jesus. Discover how God used the disciples to begin the development of the Christian Church to the known world! ACTS is an exciting book! Sign up on the sign-up sheets, or call the office 865-2112, or by email or phone to Pat at aphannigan4@hotmail.com or 861-1602.

Please order your own books available from Amazon.ca or Indigo.ca as these books are NOT available in any store in Halifax.

St. Ignatius Study Bible RSV New Testament ISBN 9781586172503 and Zondervan's Compact Bible Dictionary ISBN 0310489814

Amazon has free shipping for orders over \$35.00 and Indigo has free shipping for orders over \$25.00. 2 new copies of each book (Total \$46.37 tax/shipping included) are available from Pat at email address or phone # above.

You will also need a Bible that contains the Old Testament to refer to Old Testament passages contained in the Book of Acts.

Any translation is fine. Please pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested. **CLASS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. ELIZABETH SETON, COUNCIL 10565 ~ The Sisters of St. Martha, involved in Street Ministry in Halifax and the folks who struggle with poverty, want to say **THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus of St. Elizabeth Seton. Thank you for your kindness and have a blessed 2018! Sister Jovita.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JOHN VIANNEY COUNCIL 7077 invite you to their Family Brunch taking place on the First Sunday of the month - the first one being held on January 7th from 11 am - 1 pm in the Hall at St. John Vianney. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, beans, toast, juice, tea & coffee. The cost is \$7 per person, \$4 (children under 12) or \$20 for a family of two adults and children. Contact Basil Weagle at 902-864-8159.

CASH CALENDARS ~ If you missed the opportunity to purchase a Cash Calendar from the Knights of Columbus, there are still some available. Please see Karen at the Parish Office.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



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.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

START YOUR YEAR OFF WITH A VISIT FROM SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER! We are excited to welcome the relics of Saint Francis Xavier to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth on



Sunday, January 7, 2018, the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord. The relic, his right arm, will be received by Archbishop Anthony Mancini at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica.

The schedule of events is as follows:

10:30am	Sunday Mass
11:30am - 4:30pm	Public Veneration
5:00pm	Sunday Mass, Celebrant: Archbishop Mancini
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Public Veneration
6:30 Relic Talk:	Life of St Francis Xavier and The Three Graces
10:00pm	Closing Prayer: Litany of St. Francis Xavier

All are encouraged to take part in this unique opportunity to encounter Christ through one of the most famous missionaries of all time.



The relics of Saint Francis will make a 14 city cross Canada tour from January 3-February 3, 2018. The project is a collaboration of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Jesuits of Canada, and Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO).

For more information about the tour see: cco.ca/relic

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

~ Meet Our Staff ~

Pastoral Administrator: Fr. Ken Lao CC.....ext 0

Associate Pastor: Fr. Bryan Sabourin C.....ext 0

Deacon: Rod Rowlands.....ext 0

Administrative Secretary:

Karen Smith.....ext 0

Finance: Marlene Bellefontaine.....ext 21

Dir. of Ministries, Comm & Evangelization:

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

Thursday & Friday at SJV following 9 am Mass concluding at 10:30 am

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

On Friday, recited for Peace in the World, as per Pope Francis'

Saturday 9:00 am St. John Vianney
(Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle with Rosary)

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 at least three months 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.

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

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

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 by sharing stories, Praise and Worship music and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided. Contact Peter Covert at 902-478-5951. All men are welcome!

BEACON HOUSE MONTHLY REQUESTS: boxed cereal, crackers, cookies, hygiene products, baby formula, diapers, canned corn, granola bars, Kleenex, toilet tissue, macaroni and cheese.



VOLUNTEER DAY for the Holy Trinity will be Saturday, January 27th (9:00am–1:00pm). If you're able to help out, even if only for an hour, it would be very much appreciated.