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**Regular Mass Schedule**

**Mondays 9:00 am @ Holy Family Church, Moncton**

**Wednesdays 9:00 am @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview**

**Fridays 2:00 pm @ People's Park Tower Chapel, Moncton**

**Saturdays**

**4:00 pm @ Holy Ghost Church, Riverside Albert**

**7:00 pm @ Holy Family Church, Moncton**

**Sundays**

**9:00 am @ Saint Jude Church, Salisbury**

**11:00 am @ Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview**

**Private Confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

**Saturday afternoon from 1 - 1:30 pm**

**Welcome to Our Parish**

If you are new to our church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist.

If you would like to join our parish, registration forms are available. Please ask one of the ministers you see in the church or in the foyer or call the office at 386-6178. We look forward to meeting you!



**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**REGIONAL PARISH OFFICE**

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**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OCT 30<sup>th</sup> - NOV 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**People's Park Tower Chapel**

Fri. Nov 3 2:00 pm Alain Bertrand - IH Prayer Group

**Holy Ghost Church**

Sat. Nov 4 4:00 pm Walter Rossiter - Teresa O'Hara

**Holy Family Church**

Mon. Oct 30 9:00 am Jessica Mills - Sherry

Sat. Nov 4 7:00 pm For the People

**Saint Jude Church**

Sun. Nov 5 9:00 am Grace Herbert - Robert & Laura Ross

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

Wed. Nov 1 9:00 am Shane Loubert - Sherry

Thurs Nov 2 7:00 pm Adriana Rommens - the Rommens Family

Sun. Nov 5 11:00 am Murray Legere - Roger & Mollie

**UNTO EVERY SEASON THERE IS A TIME...**

Ecclesiastes 3

*A time to mourn....*

*A time to heal....*

Donna Hearnshaw

Mary Richardson

Norman Babineau

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Readings for the Week</b>	Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17	Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12	Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40	Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6	Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29 Lk 14:7-11	Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12

## FOOD BASKET CHALLENGE

### Holy Ghost and IHMC

Oatmeal, rice, cereal, (all any size, any kind)

St. Jude's - Crackers, Cereal, Condiments, Instant Coffee, Kraft Dinner

Holy Family - instant rice; powdered coffee creamer; beef bouillon, canned and/or powdered milk and much needed juice boxes.



*Thank you so much to all who are taking up the challenge and supporting our food baskets.*

## COLLECTIONS FOR LAST WEEKEND

### Peoples Park Tower Chapel

Church Support \$340.00; Loose \$99.00

Maintenance Fund \$35.00

Propagation of the Faith \$30.00

### Holy Family Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$1277.50; Loose \$162.00

Maintenance Fund \$145.00

Propagation of the Faith \$163.00

### Holy Ghost Church

Church Support \$252.00; Loose \$5.00

Missals \$30.00; Cemetery \$40.00

Needs of the Canadian Church \$25.00

### St. Jude's Church (inc PADs)

Church Support \$1178.00; Loose \$45.25

World Evangelization \$75.00

### Immaculate Heart of Mary (incl PADs)

Church Support \$3477.75; Loose \$202.00

Property Upkeep \$442.00; Youth \$39.50

Social Action \$215.50

World Evangelization \$377.00

**Thank You for Your Continued Support!**

## SAINT ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY



### STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT:

*Christian Stewardship takes a positive view on money. It sees money, not only as a medium of exchange, but as a symbol of the person who has it. The way we acquire it, use it and share it; we are revealed in these actions.*

### A pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place October 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.



This trip will include stops at our Lord's birthplace in **Bethlehem** and well as five days in the holy city of **Jerusalem**

where Christ's passion and resurrection occurred. While in Jerusalem, we will visit the Mount of Olives, the walled city of Old Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Holocaust Museum, to mention a few. Outside of Jerusalem, the journey continues in **Galilee** where Jesus performed most of his miracles and did most of his preaching concerning the Kingdom of God. While there we will visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, Caesarea, Haifa, and Megiddo, as well as Capernaum and the place where the multiplication of the fish and loaves took place. The last part of the journey takes us for a "float" in the **Dead Sea** and an exploration of Qumran and Masada.

An information session will be held at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview on Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** For more information and to reserve a place for the meeting, please call Travel Consultant, Liliana Trail (386-8954) or Fr. Phil Mulligan (386-6737).



The First Saturday of the Month Mass requested by **Our Lady of Fatima** will be celebrated at the St. Bernard's Church on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., Rosary at 9:05 a.m. All are welcome.

**Needed!** Queen-size mattress still needed! If you can help, please call Al Daly 386-2563.



**Thank you!**

## ALL SAINTS - ALL SOULS

Each year, just as the harvest is finished in much of the world, Christians keep their own harvest, that is, **God's harvest!**



**On Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate All Saints' Day with Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary at 9:00 a.m. Mass.** We are offered the

tremendous opportunity to celebrate our communion with the saints in heaven and to honour their holy lives, by our presence at Mass. All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.



**On Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate All Souls' Day** and in our parish grouping we remember in a special way those buried from our churches in the past year. This year, the celebration will be **at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 7:00 p.m.** and we encourage all to come and remember those who have gone before us.

As well, during the month of November, a *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be placed in the entrance for all parishioners to write in the names of deceased family and friends. The people mentioned in the book will be prayed for at each mass during the month.

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration!



Thank you to everyone who joined us a couple Fridays back to celebrate their milestone wedding anniversary! The preparations and decorations were amazing and the meal - delicious! Thank you too, to everyone involved in this wonderful parish celebration! If your wedding picture is still at the office, please come in to pick it up and also, Ricki has prepared a little memento for each happy couple! **Stop into the office to get yours!**

We need an **organist/pianist for St. Jude's** on Sundays for our 9:00 a.m. Mass. Regularly, or once or twice a month, whatever you can do, would be appreciated! If you can help us, please contact Mark Mahoney at 386-6178.



## Are you familiar with the Greater Moncton YMCA Re-Connect program?



Re-Connect provides assistance to youth and adults who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless, all in an effort to increase their knowledge of available resources (i.e. food, clothing, shelter, education, employment and counselling) Eligibility for the help? - 99 years of age and younger!

Drop-in services are available at Re-Connect Mon-Thurs from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. where volunteers are on hand to provide food, refreshments, activities and a listening ear. **But Re-Connect is in dire need!** Can you help them with food items, hygiene items, socks and/or underwear (for men and women)? There is a collection tote set up in the foyer of IHMC for anything you can bring in.

**Thank you and God Bless you!**



## Development and Peace

**DID YOU KNOW?**



Development and Peace project

funds are granted based on the intrinsic value of the development project, not on religious beliefs or political orientation? **Development and Peace serves all people, regardless of race, creed or ideology!** For over 50 years, Development and Peace has supported 15,200 local initiatives in agriculture, education, community action as well as the consolidation of peace and advocacy for human rights in 70 countries!

Projects only work when true solidarity and partnerships are present. The plan must be a long term, jointly shared vision which reflects the aspiration on local populations. When possible, the activities of Development and Peace projects give local partners the tools and spirit to carry on.

For information on activities of Development and Peace around the world, visit: [www.devp.org/en](http://www.devp.org/en) You can take action now! For more information, please contact Dan Stote [danstote@yahoo.com](mailto:danstote@yahoo.com) or by phone 204.3651.

## Communion Ministers and Lectors



There will be workshops coming in November for people currently involved in these ministries and for any who are interested in becoming involved. On **November 16<sup>th</sup>** there will be a workshop in the basement of Immaculate Heart for communion ministers.

On **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** there will be a workshop in the main church of Immaculate Heart for lectors. These workshops are open to ministers in all four of our parishes and we encourage you to attend.

It's that time of year when more light in the



morning would be a welcome thing, soooooo we must all remember to set our clocks back one hour when we go to bed on **Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>!**



## New Weekly Bulletins for Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping!

As you read last week, our weekly bulletins will be transitioning to a new, full-colour booklet format with advertising. The bulletins will actually be a savings to the parish and give the office staff more time to dedicate to other important parish activities. These are high quality bulletins done in a full-colour format. Advertising will appear on the back of the bulletins for the four parishes that comprise the Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity parish grouping.

**So - very important!** If you own a business or know of a credible company that may benefit from this advertising, please call Shani Court at 506-875-1962 or you can email her at [church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com](mailto:church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com). If you have any questions about the new bulletin or want more information, please call or email Shani! The advertising on the back of the bulletin is an effective local way to advertise in a highly credible venue.

**We are encouraging businesses to support our new bulletins and parishioners to support our advertisers!**

## Vision Bookstore - Monthly Sales

Come visit us at 45 York Street, Moncton on Fri, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. for our special monthly sale. Most books will be reduced by 10%! [www.visionbookstore.ca](http://www.visionbookstore.ca) See our Facebook page for our arrivals every week!

## HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family will be hosting a potluck supper on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.



Sign up sheets will be at the back of the church so that you can let us know what you are bringing! **This is a wonderful time of friendship (not to mention great food), so hope to see everyone there!**

Once again this year, Holy Family will be hosting a lovely **Christmas Dinner** for those who have no family nearby with whom to share the holiday spirit. Whether you're one person or a family, please plan to join us on **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Registration will be limited to 50 people, so please register early by calling the parish office at 386-6178. If you have any questions, please call Gerard at 866-3906.



## HOLY FAMILY AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE IN YEAR 7



To better explain all that is offered and expected as part of the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask Parent and Candidate to attend an information and registration session on **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**. In order to be enrolled in the program, you have to be registered, so it is very important that you attend this meeting. There will be a letter sent out containing more details.

## HOLY GHOST

**Holy Ghost Parish Fundraiser Roast Beef Dinner on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.**



Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00

We will have a 50/50 draw, some \$1-a-square draws and a Door Prize!

## ST. JUDE'S



It is that time of year again, from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup> when our parish will be collecting gently-used coats, hats, mitts, boots and scarves. (Note, there is a shortage of men's footwear size 9-10 at a local shelter.)

Time to clean out the closets! Look for the big collection box in the St. Jude's foyer this Sunday.

**Let's keep everyone warm this winter season!**

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

### Dinner Theatre Church Fundraiser

*Not As It Seems*

at the Dan Bohan Centre  
6 pm on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>  
6 pm on Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmin's,  
coffee, tea and dessert

\$25.00 per ticket

Call Helen Vaughan at 386-2071

**Tickets are going fast, so make that call!**

**Remembrance Sunday** falls on the Sunday nearest Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, which marks the end of the First World War. On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.



Members of the Riverview Veterans Association will be in attendance at Mass for **Remembrance Sunday on November 5<sup>th</sup>** where Father Phil will recognize, by way of a blessing, their contribution in the two World Wars and later conflicts. The RVA members will wear their old military uniform; honouring friends and colleagues who never returned.



Knights of Columbus Council will hold their regular meeting and Annual Memorial Service on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in Basement of Church.

**November 5<sup>th</sup> will be a busy and special Sunday!** Just a reminder that we will be having a Pillars of Faith fundraising celebration at the Hall **after Mass!** Please take a few minutes and come on up to the Hall - there will be refreshments, pictures and smiles all around!



**Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser - Are you in for the draw?** For every \$100 worth of grocery cards that you purchase during the **month of October**, you will receive a ballot to enter your name in a draw for a \$25 grocery card of your choice!  
**Draw will take place before Mass on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!**



**Our Parish Hymn Sing is Today!**  
Our music ministry is inviting you to a good, old-fashioned Hymn Sing **this afternoon, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 4 p.m.!**



Do you love to sing? Do you love to listen to singing? Answer yes to either of these questions and then this is where you want to be! Come on out and request your favourite song!

There will be collection baskets with envelopes, setup in the foyer inviting you to make a donation toward our new keyboard. We hope that you have been enjoying and appreciating the great sound it has added to our Sunday liturgy and to the music it allows us to play throughout the church during the weekdays!

**In gratitude to God, let us sing!**

**IHM Ladies Society Snowflake Bazaar**



It's quickly approaching so be ready and mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>!!**

The Ladies Society members have been contacting each household to remind them of the event and to ask for a donation of a craft, baked goods, books, etc or perhaps something for the White Elephant Table! (Please, no clothing, televisions or computers.) If you're doing some fall cleaning and you have something for us, please tuck it away and if we don't reach you by phone, please feel free to donate whatever you can.

**Drop off will be on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thank you!**

**The IHMC Ladies Society** will hold their November meeting on Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall.



All are welcome!

**Church Fundraiser! Luncheon and Card Party coming up on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at noon!**



If you can help with food, biscuits or desserts, it would be greatly appreciated! Also, if you are able to give a couple of hours to help set up the tables and chairs on Sunday night or Monday morning - that would be fantastic!!

For more information or to help, please call Anne at 872-4906!



**Tabs for Kids** - keep 'em coming! We've increased our total count again and now sit at 1,438,156! Thank you for saving these pull tabs from pop and juice containers and there's even some from pet food cans! When you save yours up and drop them into the container in the foyer of IHMC, these little tabs are recycled and money is received like you would get for bringing in cans and bottles. These tabs are making a big difference - being collected in such huge numbers! You are awesome for doing this!

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diabetes Canada** needs as many volunteers as possible!! We are right around the corner from **DIABETES CANADA** Diabetes Awareness Month and our annual door-to-door campaign! We are currently recruiting volunteers to canvass in their neighbourhood during November!

Please say Yes and contact the NB Diabetes Canada Office at [jennifer.jewett@diabetes.ca](mailto:jennifer.jewett@diabetes.ca) or call Jennifer at 506-451-1639.

**We need to work together to #enddiabetes**

**Tis The Season!**



Come on out to hear Ivan and Vivian Hicks and Samantha Robichaud Corkum (and many other wonderful local musicians) at the **Riverview Arts Centre on Sunday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.!**

Advance tickets are \$25 and available at Jean Coutu and Sobeys in Riverview and at Frank's Music in Moncton! You can also buy tickets online at [www.RiverviewArtsCentre.ca](http://www.RiverviewArtsCentre.ca). Tickets are \$28 at the door.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support P.R.O. Kids and the Albert County Food Bank (please remember to bring a nonperishable food item!)

**Guaranteed to get you into the Christmas spirit!**

**Salisbury United Church Christmas Bazaar**



will be held Wed., Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be baking, homemade candy, crafts, fancy work, a white elephant table and the UCW used-book room. The Angel Tea Room is open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious dessert and beverage for only \$6!

**The Anglican Church Women (ACW) of St.**



**John the Baptist Anglican Church** (28 Woolridge St. Riverview) will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.

to 1:00 p.m.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year and it is always a great event! Homemade crafts, preserves and knitted items will be available. There will also be a Christmas room, books, puzzles, a games room, and a jewelry and plants room! **Hope to see you there!**



## FROM THE OFFICES OF FAITH

### DEVELOPMENT, LITURGY & YOUTH FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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**Parish Catechetical Coordinators** meet Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on 45 York Street.

**Adult Faith Commission** meets Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices

Our next **Theology on Tap** for young adults 19-39 will take place on Sunday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m., with an expected finish time of 7:00 p.m. It will be facilitated by Karen LeBlanc and Claudette Derdaele from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and is entitled "And God Saw That It Was Good". We will meet in the parking lot of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Riverview and then proceed to the Mill Creek area for the session. Participants are asked to bring with them their own mug and to dress for the weather (will need durable footwear such as boots). For more information, please contact Trevor at the youth office at 857-4879.



Our next B4B selection for young adults 19-39 will be *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. It is a dual narrative about a Nigerian asylum-seeker and a British magazine editor. The novel examines the treatment of refugees by the asylum system, as well as issues of British colonialism, globalization, political violence and personal accountability. We will meet to discuss the book on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, location TBA.

**BOOKS  
FOR  
BREAKFAST**

### The Gospel of Mark

Reserve Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to join Dr. Andrew Wilson at Holy Family Church Hall from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm as he explores the Gospel of Mark. This is a preliminary announcement only. More details will be in next week's bulletin.



### Exciting News

*You Are the Voice, Send Us Your Spirit, Blest Are They, All the Ends of the Earth*, are just some of **David Haas'** songs that are part of our repertoire for liturgy. David Haas is a liturgical musician that has been a gift to our Church's musical prayer for well over thirty years. We are so pleased to announce that he will be coming to join us, offering a concert and leading a retreat/workshop with those in music ministry. More details will come but for now please **mark your calendars** for June 1st and 2nd, 2018 to join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Riverview, NB. We are so looking forward to this time and hope many of you can join us!



## Exploring Our Faith

### The Communion of Saints, saints, and sufferers

When we remember, we hold things together. November has always been for me a month of remembering, of holding things together, not only because we celebrate Remembrance Day each November 11<sup>th</sup> but more because the Church celebrates All Saints Day each November 1<sup>st</sup> and All Souls' Day each November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**All Saints Day**, is a solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar where we honor all the saints of the Church, all those who enjoy the glory of heaven and whose lives are deemed "worthy of imitation". Many articles that I have read by prominent psychologists and sociologists, who have no vested interest in religion, have reminded me of one of the greatest needs we have in society-the need for role models. The younger generation will tell us, (just not in words) that they are indeed looking for mentors, for people who will help them aspire to the Truly Great. Unfortunately they, and we, settle for what appears to be greatness-millionaire sports stars, pop stars, and anyone who exudes power, popularity and prestige.



The Saints, by contrast, offer us True Greatness. We have lost, in the Church, the "cult (following) of the Saints". Since grade four, when I did a book report on St. Ignatius of Loyola, I have always found the lives of the Saints more interesting than the Bible itself! Within the next year, I encourage you to reading a biography of a Saint, and we have many Canadian ones.

**All Souls' Day**, more properly known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is celebrated each year on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is unique in the liturgical calendar. It's neither a solemnity nor a feast day, yet this commemoration outranks other feasts and even takes over the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time (should this commemoration fall on a Sunday). Praying for the dead and believing the spiritual bonds between them and us who still walk the earth is a belief the Church has held from the beginning. In fact we say as much in the Creed we profess each Sunday when we say, "I believe in the communion of saints." Notice it is "saints" with a small "s" referring to all those who have gone before us in death...your parents, grandparents, parishioners, friends, siblings, etc. Our faith tells us we are spiritually connected to them by a bond that can never be broken.

Apart from the bond between us and all those who have gone before us-Saints and saints-the gospels compel us to forge bonds between the living, especially the poor and suffering of this world. I recall listening to a talk during the month of November some 15 years ago. The stage was shared by an elderly, Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust because she was on Schindler's list and a young man whose entire family was killed during the Rwanda genocide of 1994. Each reminded me of the capacity of cruelty within us. Yet, each also reminded me of the communion of saints, the unbreakable bond of love that triumphs over all else, even death itself.

*Fr. Phil*