

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

All Are Welcome



“He has risen; He is not here”

It's Easter morning, and the tomb where they laid Jesus' body is empty. This is the central story of our Christian faith. Yet, a story about where Jesus is **not** to be found is hardly a helpful story for the women who came to anoint his body and for the men who came running to afterwards. In their discouragement they must have thought, “What else can go wrong?”

Had we been able to fix a video camera in place 2000 years ago to capture the moment of the resurrection, I don't think we would have seen Jesus wrestling a boulder out of place and waving a victory flag. More than likely, at best, a tremendous flash alone would have been captured. That flash would have been the morphing of the historical Jesus into the Resurrected Christ. The historic Jesus was limited to space and time. This is the one neither the women nor the men could find on that first Easter morning. Moreover, in all four gospels they are clearly told that graveyards are the last places where searches for the one who said, “I am the Resurrection,” should begin. So the search for the historical Jesus was over. The search for the Risen Christ had just begun. The quest for the one who could be contained by space, time, sickness, pain, suffering, or even death was over. The pursuit for the one who could not be restricted by such things was just beginning. It is the Resurrected Christ, not the historical Jesus, whom we also seek out (though we can never completely separate one from the other). That is why we are called Christ-ians and not Jesus-ians.

When I honestly pursue him, I find him in all the telltale places he told us he would inhabit: the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and imprisoned. He is in the faces of the children, and he's in the couple who could never have a child. He is in the joy of the newly-weds, and he is in those struggling to keep their marriage alive. He is in the fire of the eyes of dreamers, and he's in the blank stare of those with Alzheimer's. He is in the daring, and he's in the meek. He is in the successful, and he's in those with low self-esteem. He lives in you, and he lives in me. Once we find the Risen Christ, we have to love him in all his disguises. This isn't easy, but nothing will be more rewarding.

This Easter Season, I give thanks for the way you reveal the Risen Christ. Archeology can tell me some things about the historical Jesus. However, only in my attempts to know and love you can I experience the Risen Lord. Experiencing the Risen Lord is what we are all longing for. When we encounter Christ, it is the joy of the first Easter morning all over again...and there is no joy like it!

On behalf of myself, Fr. Charlie, and the entire staff, may you know that joy always.

**St. Jude's
Holy Ghost
Holy Family
Immaculate Heart
of Mary**

Easter Triduum for the Parish Grouping at Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday
March 29th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday
March 30th at 3:00 p.m.**

**Easter Vigil Mass
Saturday, March 31st at 8:30 p.m.**

***“Walk with Jesus”
Family Prayer Experience
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Good Friday
March 30th at 9:00 a.m.***

***Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Peoples Park Tower
Good Friday
March 30th at 2:00 p.m.***

***Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday, April 1st
St. Jude's at 9:00 a.m.
Peoples Park Tower at 9:00 a.m.
Holy Family at 11:00 a.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary 11:00a.m.
Holy Ghost at 11:15 a.m.***

Parish Appreciation Night!

It says in 1Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good Stewards of God's varied grace." So many of you are such good stewards, offering your time and talent to the life of our churches. Whether you serve on a committee or in any of the many ministries, we want you to know that all you do, and who you are, is greatly appreciated! Mark your calendars! We want to celebrate YOU!



Thursday, May 17th, 2018



It is an honour to be Catholic and it is equally an honour to be part of the faith community of **Holy Family Catholic Church**. We are here to heal and serve, comfort and spread the Good News and we want all of our parishioners to share in the joy that is the life and works of Holy Family! Are you ready? We would love to see you enter more deeply into the life of the church, so please consider these wonderful areas: Environment, Pastoral Care, Mass Coordinators, Hospitality, Reading, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, and so much more!

We need your gifts and we need you!

It is our pleasure to invite you and your family to join us as we celebrate the 110th Anniversary of **Holy Ghost Church!** We are filled with joy and praise and would love to have you with us as our celebration begins with Mass with Father Phil on Sunday, June 17th at 10:30 a.m. followed by a BBQ at the Fundy Curling Club! Also, plans are being worked out for a trip to New Ireland, so watch in the bulletin for more information! We are excited to celebrate this milestone of the Catholic Faith within our communities!

We'd love to see everyone too, at our delicious Turkey Supper, set for June 3rd!



The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. In the same way, they are the Church of tomorrow and so must be a priority in the Church today.

Good Friday, March 30th - *Walk with Jesus* - Family Prayer Experience
 April 14th and 15th - Sacrament of First Communion
 April 22nd - Children's Liturgy
 May 3rd - Sacrament of Confirmation
 June 25th to 29th - Vacation Bible School 2018 - SHIPWRECKED!



Vacation Bible School!



Small communities are the places where local parishes really work well. People know, support and care for one another, and also recognize that if things are going to get done, then individuals need to step up to the mark. **St. Jude's Church** has created such a faith community; one of nurture and caring. Be it keeping less fortunate families warm in the winter or helping the local food bank keep their shelves filled, St. Jude's is always active, sharing and caring.

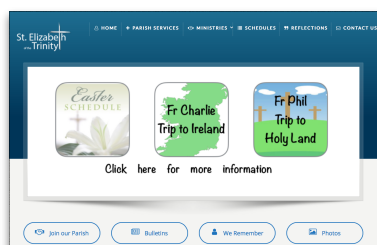
Soooo, you be sure to join in! Be part of "Sock it to 'em Sunday" on April 8th! Come on out too, on May 26th for our delicious Lobster and Ham Supper!

We are the church that can! **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** has a Fundraising Committee like no other! We know that you've enjoyed the fabulous Dinner Theatres and those oh-so-fun Card Parties and now we're preparing for three more events: Sunday, April 22nd will see our parishioner Talent Auction and Variety Show!

- always a lot of fun and the fellowship continues as parishioners get together for breakfasts or dinners or painting or cleaning (or whatever the items provide!)
- Saturday, April 28th come out for our Spring Bling!
- over 40 vendors selling hand-made or direct-sale items - YES!
- Saturday, May 26th come out looking for treasures at our annual Garage Sale!
- gently-used items and wonderful baked goods - you just hafta come see!



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