St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish

Holy Family Church



52 Falkland St Moncton, NB E1E 4S8 Tel: 854-6099

Holy Ghost Church



2 Church St Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W8 Tel: 882-1123

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



5 Fatima Dr Riverview, NB E1B 2X8 Tel: 386-6178

St. Jude's Church



3062 Main St Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5 Tel: 372-4748

Mass Times

Mondays at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church, Moncton Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Riverview **Fridays** at 2:00 p.m. at Peoples Park Tower Chapel, Moncton

Saturdays

Sundays 9:00 a.m. at St. Jude's

4:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Private confessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.





We pray for those for whom this time of year is difficult and especially today for the family and loved ones of Olive Steeves of St. Jude's and for those who mourn the passing of Priscilla LeClair of Immaculate Heart of Mary.



And we pray to bring strength and peace to those who are sick and to their caregivers and especially today, we pray for Paul Rose, husband of Marina Rose, for Paul Finnegan, for Kelly Innis and for Bill Dwyer.

| Daily Readings (January 7 th – 13 th , 2019) | | | |
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| Monday (St. André Bessette) | 1 John 3:22-4:6 | | Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 |
| Tuesday | 1 John 4:7-10 | | Mark 6:34-44 |
| Wednesday | 1 John 4:11-18 | | Mark 6:45-52 |
| Thursday | 1 John 4:19-5:4 | | Luke 4:14-22 |
| Friday | 1 John 5:5-13 | | Luke 5:12-16 |
| Saturday | 1 John 5:14-21 | | John 3:22-30 |
| Sunday (Baptism of the Lord) | Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 |

Liturgies for the week of January $7^{th} - 13^{th}$, 2019

Peoples Park Tower Chapel Albertine Thibodeau - Joe Thibodeau Friday, January 11th 2:00 p.m. **Holy Ghost Church** Saturday, January 12th 4:00 p.m. Gerald Teahan – a parishioner **Holy Family Church** Monday, January 7th Special Intentions for Jack Connor - Bill and Shirley Connor 9:00 a.m. Dino Chiarot - Mary Kouyoumdjian Saturday, January 12th 7:00 p.m. St. Jude's Church Sunday, January 13th 9:00 a.m. For the People

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wednesday, January 9th Special Intentions for the CND St. Louis de Kent on 145 years - Evangéline D. 9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 13th 11:00 am. Margaret Burns - Charlie Burns and family

Food Basket Challenge 2019



Holy Ghost/Immaculate Heart of Mary - Toiletries of any kind and tea and coffee!

St. Jude's - Cereals, pancake mix/syrup, peanut butter, sandwich fixings - mayo, ketchup, mustard, relish, jams,

cheese wiz, granola bars and cookies for the little ones.

Holy Family - instant rice, breakfast cereal, canned or powdered milk and juice boxes, margarine, mustard and ketchup for the House of Nazareth.



Stewardship

The Magi brought the Child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts do I place

before Jesus?

My time? My talent? My treasure?

Catechism

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES, PARENTS AND SPONSORS



- * Your first gathering will take place on **Sunday January 13th** at Immaculate Heart of Mary @ 6:00 p.m. For this gathering only the Candidate needs to attend.
- * There will be a gathering with the Bishop at the Cathedral on **January 20th**. Please be there to register at 1:45 p.m. Sponsors and parents are welcome to come. All Candidates are expected to attend.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION IN THE SPRING



- * There is a session for you concerning the Eucharist on **Thursday**, **January 10**th at Holy Family at 6:30pm.
- * The Invitational Celebration for your child for First Communion will be on Saturday, January 19th at Holy Family Mass or Sunday, January 20th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass. Please inform the Catechism office which mass you and your child will be attending.

Wednesday Prayer Day, held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, will resume on **January 9**th. You are always welcome in the church for prayer or meditation though, with the church open regular hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thank You.....Merci.....Gracias.....Danke.....Obrigado.....Salamat sa iyo



Here are just a few ways of saying "thank you" to all of you who, by your work and presence, made the Advent and Christmas Seasons special. Besides your regular commitment to your ministry, so many of you went the extra mile to make our liturgical celebrations extra meaningful. I'm grateful for our music ministry people, our communion ministers, our greeters, our lectors, our environment people, for those who

stacked chairs and shoveled snow, etc. All efforts, big and small, were important. Furthermore, in my name and in the name of the entire staff, I want to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts that came my (our) way. It was all much appreciated, right down to the last chocolate-coated almond.

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in their milk bags so that local volunteers can cut those bags into strips, tie them together, and then weave or crochet them into mats! As we explained in previous bulletins, the mats are sent overseas and appreciated by those whose only other option is to sleep on the cold, wet ground. What we consider garbage, is repurposed into a dry, insect-repellent bed.

We received some interesting information about those mats and thought that we'd pass it along. Since 2008, all across Canada, a community of volunteers, schools, churches and businesses have been collecting milk bags. It all started in one small household and over the past 10 years, has spread right across this beautiful country! Adding up all the mats that have been made, pillows that have been stuffed and

other items crafted from the bags, the organizers estimate that over 15,340,000 plastic milk bags have been kept out of our landfill sites and check out these numbers!

• 2008-2013 – 1353 mats

- 2014 1701 mats
- 2015 3517 mats
- 2016 5729 mats
- 2017 7255 mats
- 2018 6270 mats (plus a whole slew of mats yet to be added in)





Exploring our Faith

Gifts - Both Giving and Receiving

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. As a child, I referred to this time as "Little Christmas". I had mixed feelings about the celebration because it meant taking down the Christmas tree and putting away the decorations, etc. for another year, so it made me sad. But I was also pleased because it was a happy occasion when the Baby Jesus was honoured by the three Magi who brought important gifts for Him. These three men named Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts themselves were not practical ones - though when Joseph took Mary and Jesus and fled to Egypt, they were easy to transport and could be sold to provide their livelihood. In religion class in high school, I learned that the gifts were themselves rich in symbolism. Gold was the sign of kingship. Kings were crowned in gold, so gold was representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense was an acknowledgement that He was God - representative of a divine birth. Myrrh was a symbol of the human nature of Jesus. Myrrh was an oil used in preparing the dead for burial, so it symbolized the death Jesus would suffer later.



The Magi made the effort to seek God. Because they trusted and believed that the sign they saw in the sky - the star that led them to the humble manger, they were able to recognize the King of Kings. Pope Francis has stated, "Their example helps us to lift our gaze to the star and to follow the great desires of our hearts. They teach us not to content ourselves with a mediocre life, with 'coasting it, playing it safe', but to let ourselves always be fascinated by what is good, true and beautiful.... by God, who is all of this, in an always greater way. The Lord's star may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but it is always there: it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you. We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping. These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians."

Reading about the Epiphany makes me think of gifts..... both giving and receiving. I appreciate the gifts I have received and also appreciate the joy that comes with giving gifts to others. It also reminds me to think about how we use the gifts we receive. I think, "Am I being the mother and wife that God intends? Am I using my own personal talents to the fullest extent?" The gifts of the wise men allow us to ponder our own gifts; those given to us by God, which we share with our family, our community, and in our workplaces.

The beginning of a new year is a wonderful opportunity for us to seek God afresh in our lives. May we all be blessed with a deepening gift of new vision, appreciation, and thankfulness, as we move out along the fresh pathway of 2019.

Cathy Keirstead

OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY **** POLAND **** CZECH REPUBLIC

This pilgrimage is set for September 2020, but bookings for the world-famous passion play in Oberammergau, Germany are quickly being filled. Apart from the district of Bavaria, Germany, our trip takes us to Poland's two largest cities, Warsaw and Krakow. While in Poland we will also visit the monastery of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in Auschwitz. We will be visiting the world's oldest operating salt mine in Wielickza, Poland as well as many other historic sites. Our trip also takes us to three remarkable cities in the Czech Republic including its beautiful capital, Prague.

Plan to join travel consultant, Liliana Trail (386-8954) and

Fr. Phil Mulligan (386-6737) at an information session on *Sunday, January 20th* at *Immaculate Heart of Mary Church* at *2 p.m.*

If you are already committed to going but missed the session, come anyway, and see some wonderful pictures. No one is pressure to commit however; there are only 2 seats left.



Holy Ghost Church

Missing from last week's bulletin, were Christmas flowers in memory of **Ralph and Tracy Dowe** from Anne Dowe.



Envelopes for 2019 will likely arrive after the first week in January, so in the beginning of the New Year, please use a plain envelope and just mark your name/number on it, so your offering can be recorded. Thank you.

Holy Family Church



January 10th will be the 54th anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family Church! Please take a moment to think about the year that our parish has come through and acknowledge that the life of this wonderful church remains strong and vibrant! Together, we celebrate the continuity of faith from generation to generation since 1965!



Holy Family hosted **Christmas Dinner** for 23 people at noon on Christmas Day! What a wonderful opportunity to show our community spirit! Special thanks to Barb Delahunt, Mary Helena Delahunt, Nicole McNichol and Gil Mulligan for their help, and to all who stayed behind as part of the clean up crew! You are each an important piece of the fabric that continues to make our little parish so special.

God Bless you all, Gerard

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



The regular meeting of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Ladies Society will take place on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Dan Bohan Centre. Ladies, please remember to bring your donations for the Chicken Luncheon Basket that we are preparing. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake brunch after Mass on Sunday, January 20th! Come on up to the Dan Bohan Centre, for a wonderful breakfast as well as a chance to stock up your freezer with some

delicious homemade soup! Perfect for this cold weather!





We will be having an Annual **General Meeting for IHMC** Sunday, January 27th right after Mass!

All parishioners are invited.

Recycled Christmas Cards



Our tendency is to discard Christmas cards once the decorations are put away for another year. Why not recycle them? A

parishioner has been doing that for the past year. She would be glad to do so again and not just with Christmas cards -- any greeting cards! The recycled cards are sold and the proceeds go back to the Church. You can drop off used cards, Christmas or otherwise, at the office or give them to Fr. Phil after Mass. Thank you!

Church Fundraiser! Card Party and Luncheon!



Come out and be part of what's sure to be another wonderful turnout at the IHM Card We will be starting at **noon on** Tuesday, February 5th and we're looking forward to seeing all you card sharks!

Any questions, please call Shirley at 387-7122.

Local Pastoral Council (LPC) elections will be held on Sunday, February 10th!



Your LPC is a leadership group - a Pastoral group where Fr Phil and fellow parishioners work together to Council parismoners work consider the needs of the whole

parish. They work also to ensure that all parishioners are included in parish life. We need nominations to fill one **position** that has become vacant. Please look around you - who in our faith community do you see as having the gifts needed to be a member of this group?

> Nominations close at 12 noon on Sunday, January 27th, 2019.

I NOMINATE

| Name: | |
|---------------|--|
| Phone Number: | |

to be a representative on Immaculate Heart of Mary's Local Pastoral Council (LPC).



Riverview Winter Carnival's Chicken Luncheon is sponsored by our **IHM Ladies Society!** Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 9th and plan to be at the Dan Bohan Centre between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call Pam Coughlan at 386-5451 for tickets! Cost is \$5.00. (Storm date - Feb 10th)

Weekly Collection for all Churches

Peoples Park Tower Chapel (includes PADs)

(Dec 21, 24, 28)

Church Support \$550.50; Loose \$437.50 Maintenance Fund \$55.00 Christmas \$140.00

Holy Family (includes PADs)

(Dec 22, 24, 29)

Church Support \$5014.00; Loose \$785.00 Maintenance Fund \$352.50 Christmas \$650.00

St. Jude's Church (includes PADs)

(Dec 23, 24, 30)

Church Support \$1460.00; Loose \$414.75 Christmas \$1015.00

Holy Ghost Church (incl PADs)

Dec 25th - Church Support \$235.00; Loose \$124.40 Christmas \$925.00 Missals \$30.00 Dec 29th – Church Support 173.00; Loose 2.00 Christmas \$20.00; Diocese Interest Parish \$214.19 Cemetery \$100.27

> Dec 31st New Years Church Support \$172.00 Loose 75.00

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (incl PADs)

(Dec 23, 24, 30)

Church Support \$8949.00; Loose \$2839.00 Property Upkeep \$910.00; Youth \$102.50 Social Action \$556.50

Christmas \$6435.00



2019 offering envelopes are available!

- Please have a look at the mailing label and let us know if we need to make corrections.
- Do we have your email address? It sure would help us stay connected if we did! ©
- Would you like to receive a box of envelopes? Just call Anne at 386-6178!
- Would you like to start a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) offering? Just call Anne!





From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development Ellen - 857- 9952 or 857-9531, ext. 1261 or ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com *Trevor - 857-4879 or 857-9531, ext. 1260 or trevord.diocese@gmail.com* Deb at 857-9531, ext. 1262 or liturgymoncton@gmail.com



Sacrament Preparation Resource Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

Transformed Through Eucharist

What happens during the Eucharist? How important is Eucharist to you? Why are you preparing your child to make their First Communion?

If you are parents of children who are preparing to receive Communion for the first time from any parish in the English sector, we ask that you attend this session on Thursday, January 10th from 6:30-8:00/8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church Hall. We will offer an overview of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and talk about how, through the Eucharist, the bread and wine and the assembly are transformed again into the Body of Christ.

Please contact Ellen or Karen (387-4198) to register. Also, please note that this session is open to any who are interested in attending.

Parish Catechetical Coordinators are scheduled to meet on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

Adult Faith Commission next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

Confirmation candidates from various parishes of the English Deanery will meet with Archbishop Valéry Vienneau and the other young people who are preparing for Confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, January 20th, 2019. Candidates need to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. for registration. The afternoon will conclude approximately 4:30 p.m.