Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

St. Joseph's † Stella Maris † St. William's

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November 29th, 2020 † 1st Sunday of Advent

NEWS & UPDATES

The ***special Christmas collections*** this Sunday **(Nov. 29)** will support:

- ***Lakewood Headstart*** at St. Joseph's
- ***Christmas Baskets*** at Stella Maris

Thank you for your kindness & generosity!

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Saturday Advent Holy Hours
begin this Saturday, Nov. 28!
See schedule on the next page!

St. Joseph's Christmas Mass Pre-Registration

Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's at 4PM and 8PM. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing rules, **pre-registration is required**. All parishioners wishing to attend one of these Masses ***MUST*** fill out a **Christmas registration form**. These forms are available at any scheduled Mass or at the HOPE Centre office. We expect there will be extra interest for Christmas so register early to be able to attend the Mass you prefer. **Forms must be returned by Dec. 6**.

Prepare for Advent & Christmas with Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish!

We are offering guided retreats in the church and online throughout the 4 weeks of Advent! You may attend any or all:

- **Dec. 2 at 7 PM** (Online only)
- **Dec. 9 at 7 PM** (Online only)
- **Dec. 16 at 7 - 8:30 PM** (St. Joseph's & Online)

To attend the retreats in St. Joseph's Church (on Dec. 16), please register with our directors, ***Bob and Dorie McDermott***, at ***696-4772*** or by email at ***mcdermot@nbnet.nb.ca.*** Online retreats do not require pre-registration. Watch for updates on our Facebook page! For more details, visit: https://olgcparish.ca/events/advent-retreat-online

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St. William's annual "Mitten Tree" will be set up soon to receive mitts, hats, scarves, & socks to be donated to Lakewood Headstart. Non-perishable food items would also be appreciated. A few weeks before Christmas, when these items are have been donated, we will then hang our **"Memorial Ornaments".** The cost is ***$10*** if you would like to renew your memorial or purchase a new memorial ornament. The name of your deceased friend or family member is inscribed on the ornament and all names will be included in our Memorial Bulletin list. You may leave the ornament to decorate the Memorial Tree at the church or take the ornament home to enjoy. If interested, please see or call ***Kathy (833-1086).***

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

In keeping with tradition at Stella Maris, Fr. Ralph invites you to remember deceased loved ones and family members this Christmas by placing a light on the Tree of Remembrance. For each ***$10*** donation, a bulb and a **ceramic ornament** will be placed on the tree and lit during the Christmas celebrations. You may pick up an envelope in the vestry as you enter/exit the church. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection. The beautiful keepsake ornament will be returned to you after the Christmas.

CWL NEWS

Fr. Ralph celebrated a Mass for our parish's CWL on Nov. 4 at St. Joseph's. It was so nice to gather with our League sisters once again. Merit certificates were presented to all, as well as the following:

- ***Maple Leaf pins for exceptional service to the CWL***: Mary Donovan, Rose Wilson, Mary Weston, Pauline Winters, and Patti McGrath. Congratulations ladies and thank you for always going that extra mile!
- ***Length of service***: Marie Cyr and Donna Mills (5 years); Wanda Quigley, Frances Lamont, and Donna Daigle (15 years); Donna Lavigne (25 years); Anne-Marie Wilkes and Diana Miller (35 years); Carol Allen (45 years).

Thank you to all members who attended! Pray that soon we will be able to gather again as a group for council activities, resume meetings, and plan for the future.

Would you like a **book cover for your Sunday Missal or Living with Christ**? ***Anne-Marie Wilkes*** makes them out of plastic canvas in any colour! Call ***696-6337***. Please leave a message. Thank you!

Stella Maris is looking for volunteers to count the collection after Mass on Sundays!
If interested, please contact the parish office.

HOLY HOURS DURING ADVENT

Nov. 28	*Dec. 5*	*Dec. 6*	*Dec. 12*	*Dec. 19*	*Dec. 26*	*Jan. 2*
Stella Maris **2 – 3PM**	St. Joseph's **2 – 3PM**	Stella Maris **1 – 2 PM**	St. Joseph's **2 – 3PM**	Stella Maris **2 – 3PM**	Stella Maris **2 – 3PM**	Stella Maris **2 – 3PM**

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CARE TEAM LOTTO

St. Joseph's CARE Team holds a lotto draw for $1,000 on the last Sunday of each month. All proceeds go to support the HOPE Centre. The tickets (or numbers) are $10 a month. A maximum of 200 numbers are sold and we still have about 50 numbers available. Since 2010, we have awarded over $120,000 in prizes and contributed more than $60,000 to the HOPE Centre. If you'd like to support this great cause, please call ***Fred McGrath (214-5632)*** or ***Rusty Kirkpatrick (672-8626).***

Annual Catechist Retreat "Encounters" Come away and rest a while ~ Mark 6:31 with Trevor Droesbeck & Charlene Peters. At the **Villa Madonna** **Jan. 29-31, 2021**. ***Cost $175*** (includes meals & accommodations). Registration is limited. For more info, contact ***Mary Alice Glasgow (653-6829)*** or ***sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org***

Cookie Sale in support of HOPE Centre

Due to these uncertain times, the cookie sale went a little different this year. Attendance was down, but the sale was a success in two ways: We raised $559 in support of the HOPE Centre and supplied 446 packages of 6 cookies to Romero House that they will pass out to their clients. Thank you to all of our wonderful bakers for the beautiful cookies! We know you have made someone's day!

!!! ATTENTION CWL LADIES!!!

We are now collecting CWL 2021 dues ($20). Please put in the collection at Mass or see/call ***Mary Weston (696-1984)*** or ***Wanda Quigley (696-4996)***.

The Daughters of St Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. This year, they will launch their first ever Canadian virtual concert, **"Home for Christmas"**, with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours! "Home for Christmas" is a free YouTube live-streamed event where you can expect to meet our choir members, listen to some concert favourites, learn some dance moves, hear some inspirational stories, and have the opportunity to support our mission of evangelization. We hope to see you there on **Dec. 3 at 8PM EST**! For more info, visit: http://www.pauline.org/virtualconcert

A Registered nurse through Healthy Path Inc. provides **foot care services** at the HOPE Centre on the **last Wednesday of every month**. Most insurance covers this service. For more details or to book an appointment, please contact:

Sandra Hanson
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Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Saint John, ***BINGO at Stella Maris and the HOPE Centre will be cancelled until further notice***

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEEKDAYS			
TUESDAYS	***WEDNESDAYS***	***THURSDAYS***	***FRIDAYS***
Cathedral 2 – 3PM (Registration: 1:30 - 2PM)	St. Ann's 2 – 3PM (Registration: 1:30 – 2PM)	St. Mark's 7 – 8PM	St. François de Sales 6:30 – 7:30PM

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Mass on Tuesday & Wednesday at Stella Maris will be cancelled this week

DATE	TIME	SITE	INTENTION
Sunday, Nov. 29	9:30 AM	St. Joseph's	*Karen Keating*
	11 AM	Stella Maris	*M. Elisabeth Burbridge*
Thursday, Dec. 3	12 PM	St. Joseph's	*Jean Burns*
Friday, Dec. 4	12 PM	St. Joseph's	*Susan Fewer*
Saturday, Dec. 5	4 PM	St. William's	*For the People*
Sunday, Dec. 6	9:30 AM	St. Joseph's	*Theresa Hennessy*
	11 AM	Stella Maris	*Deceased siblings of the Black family (Norma, Rosemarie, Ellis, & Claude)*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

St. Joseph's: **Offertory = $995.81 / Retired Priests & Seminarians = $30**
For Those in Need = $10 / World Missions = $5 / Pro-Life = $6
Weekly PAD = $220 / Monthly PAD = $2,105

Stella Maris: **Offertory = $725 / Roof = $87 / Retired Priests & Seminarians = $154**
Fuel = $10 / Food Bank = $5 / Weekly PAD = $215 / Monthly PAD = $1,690

St. William's: **Offertory = $606 (for Nov. 1, 8, & 15) / Monthly PAD = $20**

Pre-Authorized Debit is available for your convenience! **Click HERE for our PAD Form**

Please continue to pray for…

Sam Williams, Ann Whelan, Gail Scott, Gisele Kirkpatrick, Kathleen Gagnon, Jean Morrison, Carol McNally, Ian Walker, Bob Donovan, Kathleen Folkins, Ann Quigg, Fred Savoie, Kiley Clements, Walter Smith, Gladys McGrath, Harvey Beck, Hilma Tracey, John Richardson, Jaxon Morton, David Branscombe, Tammy McLellan Doucet, Don Robichaud, Lorraine Rathja, Sandra Olsen, Wanda Quigley, Francesca MacKenzie, Vivianne Lalonde, Jackie Sisk, Niki Bordokas, Lisa Griffin, Ron & Stephen Wisted, frontline workers, all those affected by COVID-19, those who are isolated from their families while sick or dying, and the end of this pandemic worldwide.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER! CLICK HERE to submit a prayer intention on our website!