

## Diocesan News

**Dec. 18** - Christmas luncheon and craft sale will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Stella Maris Church Hall. Lunch will be a slice of Denis' Homemade Acadian meat pie, red pepper jelly, dessert and beverage for \$6.00. To book a table or for more information, contact the Office at 653-6860.

**Dec. 19** - Carol Sing-Along in King's Square 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Join members of the uptown Christian Churches in singing traditional Christmas Carols together by the bandstand in King's Squar. Song sheets will be supplied. Shop, sing and rejoice over Jesus' birth! Organized by the Saint John Center Ministers' Association.

**Dec. 21** - Handel's immortal oratorio, Messiah is returning to Trinity Church, 7:00 p.m. Spencer Belyea will be conducting his 70-voice Symphony Chorus with their Chamber Orchestra. Professional vocal Soloists will be Saint John's own soprano -Jessica McCormack, Contralto -Heather Flemming, Basso -Paul Bustin, with visiting Tenor -Colin Frotten. Advance ticket sale - Imperial Theatre (674-4100).

**Dec. 28** - We invite the community to St. Alphonsus Parish in Hampton at 7:00 p.m. for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual "Christmastime Strings" featuring The Buckley Family Ensemble.

**Catholicism – The New Evangelization:** Do you feel like something is missing in life? Do you seek strong friendship and support? Do you desire to learn more about the Christian faith? This group is for you. We will examine the origins and history of the Christian faith through teaching, media and conversation. We also explore spirituality, prayer and, of course, God. Our goal is to deepen our faith and establish a strong community of support, love and non-judgment. To be held each Thursday, from 6:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m., at Stella Maris Parish, call 653-6860 for more information.

**Pre-Authorized Debit System** - If anyone would like to start this system of donation, forms are available in the foyer. Please fill out and drop in collection basket in an envelope along with a VOID cheque

If you are new to the Parish we would like to hear from you, or if you are leaving the area, please let us know.

**Register Update:**

Please fill out this form and put it in collection basket or give to greeter. Thank you for helping to keep our records up to date.

Name

Address

Phone

New in Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Moving out of \_\_\_\_\_

Moving within the Parish \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parish of St. Mark**

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*From three communities and beyond called into one to be Word of God. In a spirit of friendship, sharing of life and energy, faith and appreciation, we commit ourselves to accepting all who come and to be present to them, and from our gatherings open ourselves to our neighborhoods and to the wider church.*

**Pastor: Father Don Breen**

**Mass Times: Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sun. 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**Parish Council Chair** – Pat Carey

**Baptism, Marriage, Catechetical Ministry** - contact office.

**Reconciliation** - Sat. after Mass or by appointment

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35 1-6a, 10 James 5 7-10 Matthew 11 2-11

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7 10-14 Romans 1 1-7 Matthew 1 18-24

### December 11, 2016 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*“You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” James 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

**Announced Masses**

Tues.	Dec. 13	7:00 p.m.	Emma Galluchon
Wed.	Dec. 14	9:00 a.m.	Don Donelle (Anniv)
Thurs.	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	Dec. 16	9:00 a.m.	Inez Maloney
Sat.	Dec. 17	5:00 p.m.	Blanid & Frank Daley & Family
Sun.	Dec. 18	9:00 a.m. 11:15a.m.	For Parishioners Joyce, David and Evelyn Webber

**Scheduled Events-Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.Dec.11	Advent Penance	2:00pm	Church
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.
Mon. Dec.12	Adult Music practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Girl Guides	6:30 p.m.	Hall
Wed. Dec.14	Liturgy Committee	7:00 p.m.	Room#4
	Parish Council	6:30 p.m.	Room#1
Thurs.Dec 15	33 Days to Morning Glory	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Sun. Dec.18	Decorating church for Christmas	12:15pm	Church
	Pathfinders	6:30pm	Family Rm.

**Sign-up sheets for Ministries for Christmas Masses are in the foyer.**

Complimentary Salt and Light magazines are available at all the church entrances.

**Religious Formation - 849-5111**

Coordinator – Wendy Ellis 849-8162  
Email: stmarksreled@bellaliant.com

**Dec. 11** - Sessions K-8 (no sessions Gr. 2 or Gr. 9)  
**Dec. 18** - Sessions K-9 (last sessions before Christmas)  
**Jan. 15** - Sessions resume

**4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**

Children are invited to carry the nativity figures to the crib with Father Don. If your child would like to carry one of the figures, see Wendy Ellis or call, 849-5111 and leave your child's name and telephone number.



**2017 Sunday Envelopes**



Please pick up your 2017 Sunday envelopes as soon as possible to save the church hundreds of dollars in postage. A-H next to the chapel, I-Z on Pettingill Road side

**Happy Birthday, prayers and Best Wishes** to Bob McCarron and Louise Barton who are each celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Congratulations, prayers and best wishes to:** Howard and Joyce Ross who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

The outdoor Nativity Scene we are displaying this year was donated to St. Mark's Parish by Clara Arseneau, mother of one of our parishioners, Linda Hebert. The Nativity was gifted to Mrs. Arseneau, but she felt that it should be shared with our church family for the Christmas celebrations now and in years to come. *Thank you Clara.*

Required Weekly	\$ 5,550.00
Sunday Collection, Dec.4th	\$ 5,232.45
Pro Life	\$1,515.55

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m.**

**7:00 p.m.**

**10:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day**

**11:15 a.m.**

**NEW YEAR'S AND FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day**

**11:15 a.m.**



**Turkey Donations for Christmas Families**

Care and Concern Ministry are looking for donations of turkeys to provide to our Christmas families. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

**Memorial Donation for Flowers**



The Art and Environment Committee are asking for donations of poinsettias for our Christmas Celebrations. A card may accompany the item with the donor's name, or in memory of loved one. They may be brought to the church by December 18<sup>th</sup> If you prefer to make a money donation, Art and Environment will purchase your poinsettia for you.

**Care and Concern Ministry** – A list of groceries are on the bulletin board in the foyer. Return the item on the weekend of Dec.18<sup>th</sup>



Help is needed to prepare the church for our Christmas celebration, volunteers are asked to help on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11:15 a.m. mass Men are needed to help with tall ladders. At least 12 youth and adults will be needed.