



World Day of Prayer

Please join us for "World Day of Prayer" hosted by St. Mark's Parish on Friday March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (storm date Saturday March 3rd, 7:00 p.m.). Sister Muriel Buckley will be our guest speaker this year as we pray for relevant issues affecting women and children; and pray in solidarity with Christians in Suriname for the preservation of Creation. You are invited to enrich your faith experience with Christians from over 170 countries through informed prayer and prayerful action on this 100th anniversary of World Day of Prayer.

REVEALED - Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference

Steubenville Youth Conferences, a series of North American conferences, brings 50,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ every summer. Steubenville Atlantic 2018, in Halifax, is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Conference dates are July 6th – 8th. Ages 14-18 are welcome. Cost: \$325 (transportation included) **26 early bird registration seats left** at \$300 before March 9th. If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic, please contact Mary Alice Glasgow 653-6829, sjreled@dioceseofsaintjohn.org. For further information, please check out: <http://halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

Diocesan News

Feb. 25 - *Secretary Position Available* - Saints Joachim and Ann Parish is looking for a part-time secretary, beginning in March. Please send resume to saint@nbnet.nb.ca or drop in the mail slot at the Parish Office, 135 Simpson Drive. For further information, please call 653-6870. Application deadline is March 4th.

Mar. 11 - "A Retreat in Daily Life" ... Lent 2018: Opening Session for All – Sunday, March 11, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Two Individual Sessions – One Hour with a Retreat Team member on two other days of Lent (arranged with your schedule). Location: 119 Leinster Street, Saint John at the Audite Centre for Spiritual Growth. Pre-registration Required by calling 506-642-3152 or audite119@bellaliant.net or doreenm7@hotmail.com.

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 _____
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New in Parish ____ email: _____ Moving out of ____
Moving within the Parish ____

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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 Owen Burns

**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

February 24th – 25th, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8 31b-35, 37 Mark 9.2-10

March 3rd – 4th, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20 1-17 1 Corinthians 1 18, 22-25 John 2 13-25

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Announced Masses

Tues.	Feb. 27	7:00 p.m.	Scott Donovan
Wed.	Feb. 28	9:00 a.m.	John Fullerton
Thurs.	Mar. 1	7:00 p.m.	Mary Beth Aasen
Fri.	Mar. 2	9:00 a.m.	Adam Carleton
Sat.	Mar. 3	5:00 p.m.	Howie Ballard
Sun.	Mar. 4	9:00 a.m.	For Parishioners
		11:15 a.m.	Ernie Blanchard

Scheduled Events — Feb. 25th – Mar. 4th

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Feb. 25	Lights, Camera, Faith	3:00p.m.	Room#1
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall
Mon. Feb. 26	Girl Guides/Sparks	6:30 p.m.	Hall
	Rosary	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
	Adult Music Practice	7:00 p.m.	Church
	Little Rock Scripture	7:30 p.m.	Room#1
Tues. Feb. 27	RCIA	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
	Lent Workshop- Forgiven	7:30p.m.	Hall
Wed. Feb. 28	Little Rock Scripture	9:30a.m.	Room#1
	Brownies	7:00pm	Hall
	C.W.L. General Mtg.	7:00pm	Room#1
Thurs. Mar. 1	Spring Bazaar planning meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room #1
Fri. Mar. 2	Way of the Cross	9:30a.m.	Church
	World Day of Prayer	7:00pm	Church
Sat. Mar. 3	Bible Basics	9:30 a.m.	Hall
Sun. Mar. 4	Lights, Camera, Faith	3:00p.m.	Room#1
	Pathfinders	7:00 p.m.	Hall

Please pick up your 2017 Tax Receipts
located on the table next to the foyer



Required Weekly	\$ 5,555.00
Sunday Collection, February 25 th	\$4,244.80
Ash Wednesday (Catholic Missions in Canada)	\$1,477.65

Welcome

Are you **new to St. Mark's Church**? Would you like to find out more about the activities and different ministries that take place in our church. Call Andrea MacLean-Holohan 847-8127 from our Newcomers ministry, she would be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Religious Formation - 849-5111

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

- Feb. 25** – Sessions K-6 (no sessions Grade 7-9)
Grade 2 children & parents – Family Catechesis
10:05 a.m. upstairs in the church.
- Mar. 4** No Sessions March break
- Mar. 11** No Sessions March break
- Mar. 18** Sessions K-9

St. Mark's Refugee Committee: There is a petition in the foyer concerning the African refugees in Israel. Please read and sign if you agree.

Development and Peace

Week 2 – February 25: *Building cultural and religious tolerance in Lebanon*

During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence.

In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan's work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. "At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it." - Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan.

Donations have been made to the Building Fund in memory of Patrick LeBlanc and Debra Cummings

Lenten Mini Retreat

Be with Mary as she journeys with her Son. Join Tom Stauffer at St. Mark's Church, on Monday, March 5th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for an evening of scripture, music, stories and reflection. Enjoy the St. Mark's music ministry and some wonderful readers. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the foyer.



Lights, Camera, Faith!



Lights Camera Faith returns with "Save The Last Dance" on Sunday, February 25th at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1. This year's theme is the 6th commandment, "You Shall Not Commit Adultery". After the movie we share a pot-luck supper and a lively conversation about the movie.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the foyer to indicate that you plan to attend and what you plan to bring to the meal. Please note that this year's movies deal with adult themes, not suitable for those under 18.

CWL-Stations of the Cross

The Catholic Women's League will be leading in prayer the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. mass during the Lenten season. We will be using different prayer formats for each week. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Volunteer Needed

Parishioners willing to give their time and talent to co-ordinate this year's Easter Vigil are asked to contact Dianne at the office or speak to Father Burns.

Spring Bazaar – Organizing Meeting March 1st

St. Mark's Spring Bazaar will liven our parish up on April 7th, 2018 with 40 – 50 vendors being brought in to bask in the welcome of St. Mark's. For all interested people who have one, two or four hours to help that day, please do come to the Thursday, March 1st organizing meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room one in St. Mark's church hall. Contact Mary Alice Glasgow, mahglasgow@bellaliant.net or Amy McDonnell mcdonnellamyjoy@gmail.com or Kelly Joyce-Floyd. padeena@yahoo.ca

Postcards for Peru

Once again this year, the St. Mark's Peru Committee will offer parishioners the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of the people of Peru! We encourage you to visit us in the foyer following the masses on Feb. 24th/25th to add a note to a postcard, which we will send to Peru on your behalf. We will also be accepting monetary donations which will be used to support the mission work of the Sisters of Mercy in the regions of Chiclayo and Ancash. Due to flooding and mudslides, the need is great! We invite you to make "Postcards for Peru" a part of your Lenten journey again this year.

