

Our Summer Student: Alexander Johnson... This past Thursday, we ‘thanked Alex’ for his work on our cemetery and surrounding grounds! As well, Alex helped out in other areas of our parish... sorting files, moving various liturgical items to different church buildings, cleaning out the garage and other odd jobs that needed to be done. Many thanks to Alex for his great work for our community! Alex will begin studies at UNBSJ for the next two years, in preparation for his studies in Engineering. We wish you all the best Alex, as we do all our graduates and those returning to their areas of studies. I know I speak on behalf of our parish of how proud we are of our youth as they prepare themselves to enter the workforce.

At the same time, I want to thank Jim Gatien who has helped Alex and previous students who have worked for us. Jim, year after year, your ongoing commitment and stellar attention to detail keeps our cemetery so beautiful. Again, on behalf of the parish, I express gratitude for your volunteering and the joy that you bring to others, especially those who come to pray for their loved ones!

God Bless! Fr. David

“Here we grow again...”

Upon her return from much deserved holiday, our parish secretary, Bernice reminded me that we need to start booking meetings and getting things ready for September. So true! And yet, since June 10th preparation has been ongoing... beginning with my retreat at St. Albert’s Priory, California. Taking the needs of our community to prayer and discernment, various topics were presented to God as ‘offering’ to be blessed!

- Preparing our Revitalization Committee for September.
- Evaluation form for parishioners.
- Finalizing our Picture Book of Parishioners.
- Getting our seniors and/or shut-ins to Mass (via bus service) on a weekly basis.
- Finalizing formation of a Building Committee.
- Enhancing our Masses/Liturgies, with workshops for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality.
- Ongoing support for our Youth Group.
- Meeting and working with Claudette Derdaele to help us with Adult Catechesis.
- Making changes within our offices for better efficiency.
- Due to the large requests for Baptism (5 this past week), looking to formulate a Baptismal Preparation Team.
- Call for RCIA Candidates (we have one person enquiring thus far).

Therefore, our community has been busy throughout the summer months. Now we need to add to this a schedule of meetings, fitting them in that will work best for those attending. I’ve only mentioned a few of the many ‘opportunities’ that come our way. There are so many more that we do not even know about. Yes, “here we grow again...” and I am grateful for the many gifts in our midst; for dedicated parishioners and those who want to share their experience of God that burns within! If you have an idea or an area that we are not addressing, please let us know! Please keep up your beautiful work in the Kingdom of God!

~Fr. David

“What is this all about...?”

I overheard this question being asked as I made my way back into the church. School supplies at the altar! Once again, the Holy Spirit Women’s Group is collecting School Supplies for those who find this added expense too burdensome. The responses has been GREAT!! The school supplies that you see are gifts that are offered for the help of others. At Eucharist, we offer gifts of ‘bread’ and ‘wine’ and the ‘gift of our very lives... that includes the needs of the community.’ Therefore, how appropriate that these gifts of ‘answered prayer’ be blessed as well! Thank you so much for sharing your goodness (the God that burns within us...) with this awesome gift.

Please note: we are still accepting school supplies!

Many thanks for you kind donations!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – ST. MATTHEWS WORSHIP SITE ANNOUNCEMENT

We hope to welcome everyone back to Religious Education at St Matthew's Worship Site, on September 15, 2019, with an Assembly in the Church (upstairs) at 10 AM before Mass. Family are most welcome to attend, in order to learn the plans for the coming year. We are still in need of teachers, so if you've felt any urge or need to share your Faith in that way, I'd love to hear from you! My personal experience has been one of reward and learning, and like many of you I started out thinking "I have no idea what to do". The program is straight forward, and quite open to personal experience, so never let that stop you.

Prior to that date, Registration will be available online, and I will have registration forms available after Mass on the Sundays leading up to that date, starting August 25, and at the Assembly. Please remember there is no fee involved! All teachers are volunteers, and the Parish and its various individual groups have been most supportive in the past and I have been assured that will continue. Additionally, we hope to sponsor small fundraisers during the year in which the children can participate, increasing their awareness and support for the day to day needs of programs such as ours and the Parish's other groups, and their involvement in our Faith Community.

While registration and attendance traditionally have seemed boosted for the grade levels which prepare for the main Sacraments of Childhood (First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation), and we have always had eager and enthusiastic groups for these special occasions in our young people's lives, you are urged to remember that attendance every year is most important to really prepare the students for full understanding of those Sacraments, and for Faith Foundation, and while home preparation is invaluable, participation in groups and Mass will help make Faith real in their lives. Please feel free to contact me or find me before or after Mass if you have any questions. Linda Spinney 506-636-0677 or linspin@nbnet.nb.ca"

BEING A GRANDPARENT IS The second Sunday in September is National Grandparent Day. What a wonderful opportunity this provides to savour the gift of our grandchildren, to give thanks for the joy of being a grandparent, and pray for the gifts needed to be the grandparents we are needed to be. You are invited to join us to do exactly that. ... to savour, to give thanks, and to pray. Come ready to share stories. Please bring a picture or two that captures what being a grandparent means to you. We'll meet at St. Rose Church, Saint John, on Thursday, September 5, from 2:30 - 4:30. Please contact Claudette to register at cderdaele@dioceseofsaintjohn.org or 506-386-7012. Check the website below for other dates and locations hosting this event.

For further information on this and other events, check out the diocesan website at [tp://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/Adult-Faith-Formation](http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/Adult-Faith-Formation)

MASSES

Aug 24, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Evelyn & Wendell Goodwin Helen Allen
Aug 25, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Donald Melanson Gerard & Mary Reid
Aug 25, 2019	Sun	St Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Danny Hogan
Aug 27, 2019	Tue	St Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Aug 28, 2019	Wed	St Matthew's Worship Site	9am	NO MASS
Aug 29, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Aug 31, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Alvetta Keary Elliette Doucet
Sep 01, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Muriel McGraw Jacques Frenette
Sep 01, 2019	Sun	St Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Barbara Black

COLLECTIONS

<p>Aug 03 & 04, 2019 Regular - \$3,119.80 Loose - \$491.35 Building Fund - \$1,399.05 PAD - \$1,739.00 (weekly average)</p>	<p>Aug 10 & 11, 2019 Regular - \$3,709.00 Loose - \$460.65 PAD - \$1,739.00 (weekly average)</p>	<p>Aug 17 & 18, 2019 Regular - \$2,640.15 Loose - \$510.75 PAD - \$1,739.00 (weekly average)</p>
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Thank you for your generosity

This weekend we welcome into our Faith Community through the Waters of Baptism.....

Avery Emma Stafford Sawyer Megan Angee Wills Rowan Patricia Berrigan

Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars for our annual parish picnic. Sept 15, 2019 after the 11am Mass at St. Matthews Worship Site. Rain date is Sept 22, 2019.

Stay tuned for more information

Family and Friends are invited to the **50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration** for Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Shirley Ann (Wallace) Daigle on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Holy Spirit Parish Hall (St. Matthew's Worship Site) 45 Dollard Drive, Saint John (Grand Bay-Westfield)

A ceremony of a **Special Blessing** at 1:30 p.m. followed by an open house until 4 p.m.
All Welcome! Best Wishes

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthew & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

Aug 25, 2019

"When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be"

*****SUMMER OFFICE HOURS*****

Tue - Thurs.: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320

Office Number - 653-6850

Monday & Friday: both offices closed until September

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website www.holyspiritparish.ca

Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

Confessions - The Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:15pm Saturdays at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Matthew Worship Site – Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at linspin@nbnet.nb.ca

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – Please contact Andrea McGrath @ 672-4733 or text 651-6074, or email her at stroselima.religioused@gmail.com

Sanctuary Light at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site - Week of Aug 25, 2019 is in memory of Eva & Edgar Gogan

*St. Matthews Worship Site
 Month of August the Bulletin, Altar Wine, Bread is in memory of Rose Anna Pitre*