

## THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS EVERYONE

This weekend, we celebrate "Thanksgiving." A special "Welcome," to everyone who has joined us to celebrate "Thanksgiving" also known as "Eucharist." I am reminded of **Psalm 100**

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before the Lord with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks and praise God's Holy name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."(Ps100)

What are we 'thankful' for? For me, it is my faith in God and my health. But as well, I am thankful to the Holy Spirit working in and through us and our parish. So much has happened to us as a community over the last year; some of it overwhelming. But the "blessings" for Holy Spirit Parish have certainly have come to the forefront. Some of the things that I am grateful for: those who pray for our many needs; the numerous activities that go on in our parish; the positive spirit; wonderful liturgies; caliber of leadership, those who help guide us; full churches for Masses; pastoral hearts that want to reach out to others with various ministries; opportunities fulfilled; for those who work tirelessly to bring us closer together as a community of faith; the potential that lies before us; those who do so much without acknowledgement or recognition; for the prayers that are offered; for my family I never get to see and yet understand; my friends especially for Fr. Tom Fowler who is so supportive and encouraging and always willing to help our community with his expertise and wisdom and finally, for a little dog named "Dallas". I (We) certainly have a lot to be "thankful for."

**Holy Spirit Parish Wishes you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving Weekend!**

*~Fr. David*

**BE SURE TO KEEP CONNECTED TO US VIA OUR WEBPAGE**

## PROVISION

All your life you've been getting ready for now. The light is probably dawning on you – what God is calling you to be and do – and you could easily feel overwhelmed. But God is the source of the light, and God is behind the dawning. There will be provision. Go ahead.

## AMAZON SYNOD

### **"Remember to Proceed With a Pastoral Heart..." Pope Francis**

Pope Francis opened the first plenary session of the synod for the Amazon region this morning by praying with the synod participants at the tomb of St. Peter in the basilica dedicated to his name and then gave an incisive speech to offer some direction to guide them over the next three weeks. The pope told the 185 synod fathers and the other participants that "the pastoral dimension is the essential one, that comprises all." He explained, "We approach the reality of Amazonia with a Christian heart, we see it with the eyes of a disciple to understand it and interpret it with the eyes of a disciple [of Jesus] because there are no neutral, aseptic hermeneutics [modes of interpretation]; they are always conditioned by a prior option." He emphasized that the synod participants' "prior option" is "that of disciples," appearing to rebut criticisms of the synod made by some prelates and others.

*(America Magazine – Oct 7, 2019) (A synod is a special council of members of a Church, both lay and religious, which meets with the pPope to discuss religious issues)*

**Holy Spirit Women's Society**, For the month of October, Holy Spirit Women's Society is raffling a beautiful hand appliquéd quilt, 76" by 96", as well as 2 other prizes of a glass angel and a fall/winter ornament. All proceeds go to support the activities of the Women's Society. The draw will be at the Knights' brunch on October 27. Thank you for your support!

**Holy Spirit Rectory Hall Prayer Shawl Ministry** Prayer shawl every Wednesday in the Holy Spirit Rectory basement in Grand Bay-Westfield, 10am until 1pm. All the yarn is provided; please bring whatever tools are needed. Everyone from both worship sites is welcome.  
Contact Joanne Spencer – 506-486-1800

**St. Rose Place Prayer Shawl Ministry** Prayer shawl is Every Wednesday at St. Rose Place from 11am – 1pm. Everyone from both worship sites is welcome. Contact Cecile Deschamps @ 506-898-2349

**Bible Study** – The bible study group meets at St. Rose Place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046.

**Chase the ACE** Chase the Ace every Friday evening from 6:30 – 8pm at St. Matthew's Hall. Jackpot is over \$3,400.00. Advance tickets can be purchased at Scholten's Grand Bay-Westfield from Monday – Friday Noon. **If your contact info is on your ticket you do not have to be present for the draw!!!**

**K OF C Council 9176 - Wednesday Night Crib** at St. Matthew's Worship Site Hall Wednesday Evening @ 7pm. All are welcome!

**K OF C Council 9176 Brunch** – Sunday, Oct 27, 2019 from 10am – 1pm at St Matthews Hall. All welcome!

**Wanted at St. Matthews Worship Site** - Choir singers, men & women welcome to join. With Christmas season fast approaching it would be nice to have more members. It doesn't mean another night out as we usually rehearse after Mass. Remember "He who sings prays twice."

**Avenue 'B'** - making Chicken a la King and Pea Soup on Monday Oct 28, 2019 at St Rose Place beginning at 1pm. Items you can bring in are split peas, carrots, cream of chicken soup, celery. If you like to bake - tea biscuits would go really nice with both dishes. You can make them at home and bring them in on Monday when we are cooking. We can always use crushed can tomatoes. Thanks so much for your support

The two **Syrian Refugee Families** that **Grand Bay Baptist Church** sponsored are doing well. Thank you to the many parishioners who have supported them.

## Sacrament of Marriage

**This weekend Adam Parker was united to Caitlin Gamblin in marriage.**

## St. MATTHEWS CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

We need to have final numbers for the Confirmation Class within the next few weeks as we have to let the Bishop's office know so the Bishop's schedule can be prepared for the entire Diocese. If anyone has been putting off registering, please do so ASAP.

## MASSES

Oct 15, 2019	Tue	St Matthew's Worship Site	7pm	Marie Malonie
Oct 16, 2019	Wed	St Matthew's Worship Site	6pm	Carl Best – Prayers for The Sick
Oct 17, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Holly Hamilton
Oct 19, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Rita Melanson
Oct 20, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Ray Connolly
Oct 20, 2019	Sun	St Matthew's Worship Site	11am	Lorraine Quinn

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### Thank You!

It is with great appreciation that Father David and the Revitalization Committee of Holy Spirit Parish wish to thank you for submitting your short Benchmark survey during weekend mass, September 21st - 22nd.

More than 300 people responded!!! This means our Parish has the privilege of learning from you so we can shape our future together.

As you can imagine, it takes time to analyze >300 paper surveys and >100 thoughtful comments. Results will be shared with you as we prepare to enter Advent.

With gratitude, we welcome your prayers through this process; as we learn, and then look to each of us to action what we will learn from your individual and our collective input.

Together, we in our Holy Spirit Parish are on an exciting journey to becoming a Revitalized Church, living our Baptismal Call as:

An intergenerational evangelizing community of growing disciples who build, deepen and share our faith, who support each other and those in need, and who bring Jesus Christ to the world.

We're already on this revitalizing journey with our inviting and welcoming spirit, our integrated Parish and engaged ministries including one for teens, and you'll soon have your new Parish Picture Album so we'll all get to know each other by name.

*Eleanor – Revitalization Committee Member*

### Handi Bus Service

We are now offering a free transport service to the **St. Rose of Lima Worship site 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass**. The goal of this service is to facilitate attendance at this Mass for any who are facing transportation barriers or who may not be able/or wish to drive. For those who wish to take advantage of this service please complete the sign-up sheet located at the church entrance, If you have any questions please contact **David Black at 643-7004 or 651-1808** or at [davidblack@nb.aibn.com](mailto:davidblack@nb.aibn.com) or **Moira Wilson at 651-2233** or at [moirawilson4@gmail.com](mailto:moirawilson4@gmail.com).

**Bus Service for the 4:00 PM Mass now have 16 participants. Many thanks to Dave Black and Moira Wilson for helping to implement this ministry!!**

### COLLECTIONS

Oct 05 & 06, 2019 - Regular - \$3,955.80 Loose - \$657.50 Building Fund - \$1, 424.05  
Needs of Canadian Church - \$235.00 PAD - \$1,739.00 (weekly average)

Thank you for your generosity!

# Holy Spirit Parish

## St. Matthew & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Oct 13, 2019

*“When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be”* ~Aiden Wilson Tozer

### \*\*\* OFFICE HOURS\*\*\*

Mon - Thurs.: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320

Office Number - 653-6850

Friday: both offices closed

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:stroselima.religioused@gmail.com)

*Sanctuary Light at St. Rose of Lima Worship Site - Week of Oct 13, 2019 is in memory of  
Paul Ernst & Monique Pineau*

*St. Matthews Worship Site for the Month of October  
Bulletin, Altar Wine, Bread is in memory of Mathias & Leonie Daigle  
Charles & Mary Wallace donated by the Daigle family*