

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

We have 35 total registered students, which includes a total of 16 for First Communion ( 5 remain ready from 2020, 6 new Grade Two and 5 slightly older; and 6 in Grade eight who will be preparing for Confirmation. There is still time to register your child(ren) especially for their Sacrament Years, but remember every year, every learning experience, contributes to their understanding of our Faith and the Sacraments.

Angie MacDonald and Marijke Blok are remaining with the Sacrament years. At Present, the plan for First Reconciliation/Communion is to use the home study packets we used to review this past years class for First Communion, and create one for Reconciliation, to be available online or by email, and hopefully after the New Year, when restrictions are eased a bit, to have small, in person sessions to review and reinforce, then proceed as we did with the last group, in smaller groups over a few Masses. Marijke feels that the Confirmation students, being older, will benefit more from peer interaction, and she will be contacting registered families with a plan for group gatherings when that becomes possible, hopefully soon after the First of the New Year.

Two other previous teachers have volunteered their time and abilities when we are again able to meet. After the New Year, the non-sacrament classes will be home study packets, based on the "Be My Disciple" lessons, in two age ranges rather than the individual grade related classes. Any suggestions for online content, as well as questions about the program, are most welcome, and volunteers will still be needed when we can return to gatherings.

Until that time, we are posting weekly lessons based on Advent, and daily projects based on the Jesse Tree tradition, these are available on the Holy Spirit Parish Faithbook page; and through the Holy Spirit Religious Education Facebook group for registered families, or via e-mail for registered families without access.

Linda Spinney – Religious Ed Coordinator

## Is there more to life than this? Try Alpha!

As we begin a new year, we are breathing a sigh of relief that 2020 is over and a vaccine has been invented for the pandemic. But after we've experienced such a strange and distressing year, maybe you've also been thinking thoughts like these:

- Does my life have a purpose?
- Does God really exist?
- Why does our world have so much pain?
- Is it possible to truly love?
- Can we ever find healing?

Alpha is a group where we will consider these and other questions. St Croix Catholic Parish will be hosting a weekly series on Monday evenings to explore the basics of Christian faith. It will be an online experience so you can join in from the comfort of your own living room, or from your phone. This course is for people of any faith tradition, or none; for people living in Charlotte County, and anywhere else. **We begin at 7:00 pm on January 25, 2021.** This is a free course. All are welcome!

To try it out, register now with our parish office by emailing Heather at parish@nb.aibn.com, or leave a message at (506) 466-6043.

## MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Jan 19, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Jan 21, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Jan 23, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Albenie Robichaud Leo Paul & Gerry Leblanc
Jan 24, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Terry Hebert
Jan 24, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Frank Quinn

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE WHILE WE ARE IN THE ORANGE PHASE THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES\*\***

## 2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The church envelopes for your 2021 donations are at the entry of both worship sites. They are boxed by alphabetical order with your name and address. **Please note – you will retain the same number you had last year.** If you are unable to locate your box of envelopes please contact the office before taking a new box. A different number from last year has a definite impact on your next tax receipt. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Holy Hour of Adoration** – Sunday, Jan 17, 2021 @ Holy Spirit Parish, St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2 pm.

The next monthly **Mass for Those Living with Cancer**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, will be celebrated on Monday, January 18, at 6:30 pm. Anointing of the sick will be offered. **THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19 PHASE ORANGE** "Please be advised that the previously scheduled monthly Mass for Those Living with Cancer, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John, for January 18th, and future months, is now cancelled until further notice while the Province of New Brunswick remains in the "orange" level of COVID-19 Guidelines."

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Allan Thompson, Anne Marie Wilkes, Clarence McHugh, Barb Hourhan and Br. Henry Arseneault*

Lonewater Farm  
Ridgewood Addiction Services  
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January 9, 2021

Dear Members of Holy Spirit Parish (St. Matthew's Worship Site & St. Rose Worship Site)

I am writing to you on behalf of the entire staff and clients of Lonewater Farm to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your very generous donations to our clients at our Lonewater Farm facility during the holiday season. Your donations helped to provide gifts that were spread out over the holiday season, as well as a safe holiday party. For some of our clients, this is a very difficult time of the year without family or friends to visit and bring them any gifts, which can, at times, dampen their spirits. The clients were very surprised and overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness. As staff, this provides us with great joy to see our clients, enjoying the holiday season in a safe and joyful manner. **God Bless You All!!**

Thank you, once again, and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

I will be sure to keep you up to date on our planned future changes and move to Ridgewood Addiction Services site.

Joshua Holden  
Addiction Attendant  
Lonewater Farm  
(506) 757-2450

**COLLECTIONS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

Christmas - \$13,058.00 Christmas eTransfers - \$440.00 New Years - \$2,078.00

December 27, 2020

Regular - \$3,065.00 Loose - \$70.00 Food Bank \$200.00 eTransfers - \$90.00  
Building Fund - \$350.00

Jan 4/5, 2021

Regular - \$2,285.00 Loose - \$53.00 Initial Offering - \$155.00 CD's - \$55.00  
eTransfers - \$95.00 Building Fund - \$570.00

Jan 11, 12, 2021

Regular - \$1,940.00 Loose - \$171.00 Food Bank \$20.00 Initial Offering - \$200.00  
Missals - \$81.00 eTransfers - \$80.00

PAD Weekly Average - \$1,848.00 PAD BLDG - \$172.00

## Holy Spirit Parish

**St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 17, 2021**

*We are a welcoming community of growing disciples who share our faith, support one another, and lead others to Jesus.*

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

Tuesday - Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Office Number - 738-2320 Office Number - 653-6850

Monday: both offices closed

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Email: [holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com](mailto:holyspiritparish@nb.aibn.com)

Pastor – Rev. David J. Martin

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St. Matthew Worship Site – (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)757-2948 Website [www.holyspiritparish.ca](http://www.holyspiritparish.ca)

Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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

Holy Spirit Parish –Please contact Linda Spinney at 636-0677 or email her at [linspin@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:linspin@nbnet.nb.ca)

**PANDEMIC TEAM CHAIRPERSON**

Mark Palmer – 506-635-5742 or email him at [markj@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:markj@nbnet.nb.ca)

**Gentle Path – Counselling Services – Pathways to Hope**

Gentle Path Counselling Services provides counselling at the 28 Richmond Street Office and is now scheduling appointments at Horizon's Market Place Wellness Centre in the Lower West Side

**We offer counselling for:**

Anxiety	Addictions	Grief & Loss	Domestic Violence
Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
PTSD	Parenting	Depression	First Nations
Kids & Teens	Blended Families	Anger Management	Work Related Issues

(Subsidies are available)

Gentle Path Counselling Services, Ltd.  
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