

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

Since January 7th, I have been suffering with sciatica nerve pain in my back and right leg. Currently, I am under the doctor's and physiotherapist care, doing exercises and taking medication for both pain and inflammation. Although this is helping, I still find it difficult to sit, stand or lay down. I am grateful for Bernice, our administrative assistant and Fr. Tom for covering for me at this time. Recently I read that Pope Francis is incapacitated by the same illness. Please continue to pray for all the sick and suffering and for the covid vaccine that will soon come our way.

Fr. David

COLLECTIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Jan 16 & 17, 2021

Regular - \$1,280.00 Loose - \$77.00 Christmas \$220.00 New Years - \$55.00

Initial Offering - \$50.00 eTransfers - \$100.00

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

Jan 23/24, 2021

eTransfers - \$170.00

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

MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Feb 02, 2021	Tue	St. Matthews Worship Site	7pm	NO MASS
Feb 04, 2021	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	NO MASS
Feb 06, 2021	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Matilda Richard
Feb 07, 2021	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Harry & Dorothy Reicker Terry Hebert
Feb 07, 2021	Sun	St. Matthews Worship Site	11am	Parishioners

****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, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2021 @ Holy Spirit Parish, St. Rose Worship Site from 1-2 pm.

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH WORSHIP SITE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 06, 2021. IF YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR RECIEPT AT THE OFFICE TUE & WED (SMWS) OR THUR & FRIDAY (SRWS) PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

*This weekend we welcome into our Faith Community through the waters of Baptism
Harrison Baxter Logan*

*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord...Our prayers and condolences go out to the families
of William Brenan and Larry Stevens*

St. Brendan's Mission Church and Hall

Last November, parishes received letters informing us that our insurance rates were going up. This seems to be the norm across the board... a friend of mine said that his house insurance went up 30%! We know that in today's climate insurance is a must. In our own community, we are paying insurance on three buildings not in use. The former St. Augustine's Church building and the mission church and hall of St. Brendan's, Dipper Harbour. No services have been held at St. Brendan's since 2016; St. Augustine's September 2018.

The only active connection that I had with Dipper Harbour was with Chris Meneer who kept an eye on the buildings. However, she notified me that she and her husband sold their home and were moving to Sussex at the end of November. Last fall, I drove down to St. Brendan's to check on it (insurance requires that abandoned building be checked every 3 days). When I opened the door, my heart sunk...the ceiling had collapsed: tiles, plaster and insulation everywhere. In December, "Lobster Boys," a fishing processing business in Dipper Harbour, called me and offered to purchase St. Brendan's Hall for \$10,000.00. They have been buying up property surrounding the church and hall. Included in this deal was a proposal to take down the church and clean up the property (valued at \$20-30 thousand). I asked them to write up a proposal so that I could present to both the Revitalization and Finance Committee. Having placed a notice on the door of the church with parish phone number to see if there was any interest in discussing the future of these buildings, I received no calls. Therefore it was the recommendation of both committees that we accept this offer, placing the \$10,000 into a separate bank account for ongoing care for St. Brendan's Cemetery. A monument will be placed where the church stood and at the same time freeing up more space for the cemetery. This proposal and action was fully supported by Bishop Riesbeck. In mid-December, all religious items were removed from the building, including a beautiful painting of St. Brendan which will be refurbished and hung in the foyer of St. Rose Worship Site.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, we are reminded that, "there is a time for everything under heaven... a time to build up and a time to tear down..." The time is now. St. Brendan was an Irish monk who served God by sailing the high seas in search of pastoral opportunities. Brendan is the patron saint of sailors, travellers and adventurers. He took the "church" out to the people. May we continue to follow his example of openness and desire to serve as we move forward in gratitude for the memories and the faith that was nourished by this little mission Church that bore his name.

Fr. David Martin

It is interesting to note what is happening in other dioceses as we move forward. Below you will find what is happening in the Archdiocese of Quebec. It is worth a read.

"Cardinal Lacroix prepares the dwindling number of Catholics in Quebec for the end of parish life as they know it" | America Magazine

https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/01/26/catholic-church-quebec-parish-reorganization-239826?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7560&pnespid=lfVupOBCXwGNSeZH.hYAvTGvurQ_QOHfxZ.snH9He

You can also see this article on our website

Holy Spirit Parish

**St. Matthews & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 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

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Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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

PANDEMIC TEAM CHAIRPERSON

Mark Palmer – 506-635-5742 or email him at 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

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Couples Counselling	Sexual Assault Trauma	Self Esteem & Body Image	Sexual Identity & Orientation
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