SAUL TO PAUL A Springtime Journey

As I sit to write this reflection, outside my window the signs of Spring are becoming ever more apparent. While there is still an early morning chill in the air, the sun feels like it is getting stronger every day, snow is melting and there are buds on the trees. Once again God is fulfilling the promise of transforming death into life. As someone who is not an avid gardener, and as my Grade 10 Biology teacher, Mr. Johnson, will attest to, not well versed in the cycles that govern nature, the witnessing of this rebirth never ceases to amaze me.

This rebirth, or transformation, which is so evident in nature, is also happening over and over again in all of our lives. There is no better illustration of this than in the story of Saul's transformation into Paul. We get a tiny bit of the story in our first reading this week. Saul is coming to Jerusalem ready to join the disciples in their mission to spread the Good News. He is fresh off a rather personal encounter with Jesus and brings an exuberance for the job that you would think would be welcomed by the other disciples. Only one problem; his reputation has preceded him. We are told that they were "afraid of him" and that "they didn't believe that he was a disciple." I guess that's what happens when you spend your life persecuting something you now claim to be an advocate for.

The reaction of the disciples reminds me of something an old boss of mine used to say when he would speak about checking references when hiring new employees. He would say: "the best indication of future behaviour is past behaviour." While this may be true in some aspects of our lives, because we are creatures of habit, I don't think it is true when it comes to the really important stuff. When I look back at my own journey, I can see how my own thoughts and judgments have evolved over time. In many cases, what used to be black and white is now, like my hair, increasingly grey, especially when it comes to dealing with people. Like the disciples in our reading, I would often allow things I heard from other people about an individual form my judgment of this person before I had ever met them. While I am sure



these folks were trying to do me a favour by giving me a "heads up" about this person, it was giving no room for the possibility that God had helped them to grow and transform into a new person. Not only is that not fair, it can rob us of the chance to encounter someone whose life story can truly inspire us. Imagine where Christianity would be today if the disciples had not let Saul continue his journey to becoming Paul.

So as we welcome Spring and all the wonderful newness it brings, let's also leave room for welcoming the new people that God will put in our lives. Some of whom we've known for quite some time.

Mark Mahoney



April 29, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE—HEURES DES MESSES

St. Augustine's: Friday—12:00 noon

Saturday—4:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence O'Toole: Sunday —9:00 a.m.; dimanche—9h00

Our Lady of Mercy: Saturday 4:00 p.m.—Effective to May 26th

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faith Development-Children: Eileen Caissie

eileen.caissie@gasmoncton.com

St. Lawrence O'Toole Cemetery: Linda Evans 389-9300

Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen: 857-4224 Meals served: Monday to Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 857-2088 Clothing Depot Regular Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Memorial: St. Marie De L'Incarnation Monday

Acts 14:5-18: John 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

Memorial: St. Athanasius Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Feast: St. Philip and St. James Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Friday Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 Saturday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 24-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE is offering a \$500.00 BURSARY to a June 2018 High School graduate who is a

parishioner of St. Augustine's and who will pursue post-secondary studies. A copy of the criteria for this annual bursary is available at St. Augustine's Church entrance. Applications will be accepted until May 27th.



AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S **LEAGUE** will hold their monthly meeting on <u>Tues</u>day May 1st starting at 6:30 p.m. with Prayer service "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" in the

Father Peter McKee Room. All ladies welcome. Please use the elevator entrance. For more information please contact Patsy Murray at 388-9620.

THE REXTON CATHOLIC CHURCH'S Annual Spring Turkey Supper will be on Sunday, May 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the church hall,10 School Street. Cost is \$13.00 for adults or take outs and \$6.00 for children under 10. Everyone Welcome!

As the Father has loved me,

so I have loved you ...

John 15:9



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL at St. Augustine's is calling for applications from individuals interested in the position of manager of the depot which provides good used clothing and household items to those in need. This is a part-time position requiring 21 hours a week from September to June and 14 hours a week during the summer months of July and August. Responsibilities include coordination of volunteers, maintaining inventories and basic bookkeeping duties. Qualifications include empathy for those in need and basic computer knowledge. The job also requires some heavy lifting. The deadline for applications is April 30th. Resumes can be emailed to St. Vincent de Paul President Patsv Murrav at spmurray14@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS 28 4:00 p.m. Sat St. A 4:00 p.m. OLM Sun 29 9:00 a.m. SLO'T 11:00 a.m. St. A Fri 12:00noon St. A 5 St. A Sat 4:00 p.m. OLM 4:00 p.m. 6 SLO'T Sun 9:00 a.m. St. A 11:00 a.m.

Anniversary Late Celina Laviolette Late Charlene O'Brien Late Florence LeBlanc-Moulton Special Intentions to St. Joseph Anniversary late Robert Lowry Late Rod Vincent Late Roland Sullivan Late Zoel, Mary & Lorraine Girouard Deceased Members of Tremblay Family

Claude and Family Sister Maureen Sister Rita Landry & Family Ella Martin Family Lorraine Layden-Vincent Wife Marv Laurie, Annette & Aurea

Yvon and Edna Tremblay

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: \$3,522.50 (167 env): Loose: \$613.50: Candles: \$120.00: Easter Offering: \$20.00 (1 env.); Flower Donation: \$200.00; Building Fund: \$120.00 (7 env.); Pre-Authorized: \$1,035.00 (27 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: \$955.00 (44 env.): Loose: \$109.35; Easter Offering: \$25.00 (1 env.); Pre-Authorized: **\$90.00** (3 env.).

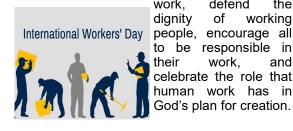
Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: \$540.00 (34 env.); Loose \$78.35; Candles: \$37.90; Pre-Authorized: \$20.00 (1 env.).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ANNUAL BBQ at St. Lawrence O'Toole Sunday, June 3rd immediately following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.



INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY is celebrated May 1st in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human



work, defend the dignity of working to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.



Would vou like to have the **WEEKLY BULLETIN DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX?** Simply send your email address to parish.office@gasmoncton.com to be included in the mailings!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY extended to Nora Cormier and family on the death of her mother Florence LeBlanc; and to Bert and Myrna McEachern and family on the death of his sister **Eleanor** Beck. May they rest forever in the loving embrace of God.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YARD SALE will be held Saturday, June 2nd beginning at 8:00 a.m.

A WARM WELCOME is extended to the children and their families celebrating the SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST this Sunday morning. Please keep the children who are coming to the Lord's Table for the first time at St. Augustine's and St. Lawrence O'Toole in your prayers.



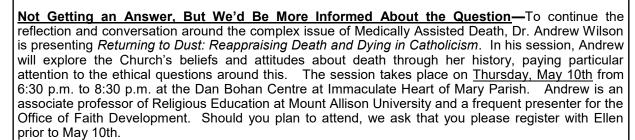
From the Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and Youth Faith Development



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WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING: Time with David Haas—The Archdiocese of Moncton is pleased to host David Haas, well known composer of contemporary liturgical music (including: You are Mine, Blest Are They, and We Have Been Told), in concert on Friday, June 1st, 7:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5 Fatima Drive in Riverview Admission: \$20.00 (cash only). Doors open at 6:30 pm. Please note: a collection will also be taken up for Music ministry Alive (MMA) Scholarship Fund for youth and adult music ministry formation. On Saturday, June 2nd from 9:00am – 2:00pm, David will facilitate a workshop and retreat for *Music Ministers*. This day is offered free of charge to music ministers within our diocese. Advance registration only—Deadline is May 25th. Lunch will be provided. Visit www.diomoncton.ca for registration and other information. CDs, music and books by David will be available for purchase before and after the concert, and on Saturday as well.

The Liturgical Ministry Information Session (your Parish Needs You) scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st at Holy Family Church, is postponed until the fall





Visit **VISION BOOKSTORE** at Place de la Cathédrale, 224, St. Georges St. on <u>Friday, May 4th</u> between 8:00 a.m. and noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and take advantage of a special monthly sale where most in stock books and CD's will be reduced by 10%. Information www.visionbookstore.ca. Please visit their **Facebook Page** regularly and discover new arrivals.

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The **POPES PASTORAL WORKS** collection next weekend provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church (see Canon 1271). Information about how Peter's Pence is used, as well as donations in response to canon 1271 is available in the Holy See's yearly financial report.

"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid. ...The old question always returns: 'How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? (1 John 3:17)."

POPE FRANCIS, Evangelii Gaudium, 187

In support of Open Sky Co-operative, a local agency assisting adults with mental health challenges, the MetroTones Pop Chorus will host an evening of The BEST of MetroTones' music at their 18th annual charity concert on Saturday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesleyan Celebration Centre . Tickets \$10.00 (plus non-perishable food items please) available at Jean Coutu Pharmacies; Read's Newsstands (Mt. Road and Riverview); People's Park Tower Variety; Sobeys (Vaughan Harvey Blvd); chorus members. For information call 384-0225 or visit metrotones.org.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S WELCOMES all couples and facilitators who have recently completed their marriage preparation course and who are in attendance this weekend at Saturday's 4:00 p.m. liturgy. May God Bless you in your married life together.

The Mother Teresa Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society & Second Chance Workshop solicits your presence at their "Reaching out to the poor is the goal". Show your support on Saturday, May 12th at the Enviro Plus Store, 315 Baig Blvd. from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For each person that attends, local businesses will give a monetary sum to the Conference so that they can continue the work started by Vincent de Paul. All are welcome! Information 853-7722

Just a reminder......ALL ST. AUGUSTINE'S, ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE AND OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISHIONERS may take advantage of the PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT SYSTEM for

weekly church contributions. Payments may be stopped or changed at any time. An easy way to continue supporting your church while on summer vacation. Please call the parish office.

PEACEMAKING....NOT FOR THE FAINT **HEARTED**: Guided weekend retreat with Gloria Ulterino from Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay. Registration begins Friday at 4:00 p.m. and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Gloria Ulterino, an active Catholic laywoman, is a preacher, storyteller, and leader of the Women of the Well storytelling group in Rochester, New York. She has led the services in this book in parishes and retreat settings in Western New York, at national gatherings, and with various other groups since 1998. She holds masters degrees in Divinity, Theology, American History, and is the author of numerous articles on pastoral ministry. Cost: \$230.00 single; \$390.00 couple; \$135.00 commuter. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 payable to Villa Madonna is due with your registration; remainder is due at time of arrival. To register contact Villa Madonna by calling toll free 1-866-783-3300.

RESERVED FOR CLERGY—The parking space to the left of the side door of the parish office has been reserved exclusively for the use of Fr. Laurence and Fr. JB. Please refrain from parking in this spot. Thank you!

SCENT FREE—Queen of All Saints encourages all users of our place of worship and meeting rooms to refrain from using scents. There are many parishioners who have great difficulty breathing with scents give off by colognes, sprayers, perfumes, etc. Your cooperation is a caring gesture towards others.



1:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Adoration and Rosary

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Living Word **Community Prayer Group**

Thursdays

7:00 p.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Adoration, Silence, Prayers for Vocations

Sunday, April 29th

9:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Sacrament of 1st Eucharist

11:00 a.m.—St. Augustine's: Sacrament of 1st **Eucharist**

Sunday, May 6th

9:15 a.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

10h00—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Catechese

12:15 p.m.—St. Augustine's: Faith Development

Tuesday, May 8th

6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's: **Faith Development**

Sunday, May 13th

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole: Faith Development

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Saturday, June 2nd

8:00 a.m.—St. Vincent de Paul Yard Sale

Sunday, June 3rd

10:00 a.m.—St. Lawrence O'Toole Church: Annual BBQ

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS FAITH DEVELOPMENT

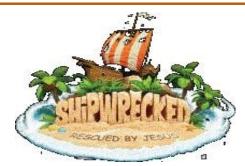
St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in the church basement:

Session #16 Sunday, May 6th Level 1-3 Session #16 Sunday, May 6th Level 4-6 Session #16 Tuesday, May 8th Level 4-6

La SESSION DE FAMILLE à St.Lawrence O'Toole pour les familles francophone est cédulé au sous-sol de l'église dimanche, le mai 6th à 10h00.

English FAMILY SESSIONS AT ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE will be held on Sunday, May 13th and May 27th at 10:0 a.m.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 Mark your calendars—vacation bible school will be held June 25th to 29th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. It is open to children from any parish having finished Kindergarten up to sixth grade as of June 2018. Registration will be open in the next couple of weeks. The theme this year is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. For information contact Karen at 387-4198 or Trevor at 857-4879.

PILGRIMAGE: LOURDES

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Join Fr. Laurence Quin-Morris from Moncton with the Dioceses of Arundel and Brighton in the U.K. with Bishop Richard Moth July 23rd to August 3rd 2018

Staying at the 3-star Hotel de l'Europe with Father Laurence as our Chaplain

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Prices from Moncton:

Double occupancy \$2813.40 CAD Single occupancy \$3205.40 CAD

Please note that the guoted cost includes

- return airfare from Moncton
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- and activities related to the pilgrimage

Optional:

Insurance through the travel agency. Acopy of your insurance coverage will be required.

Contact

Tiffany Good, the Pilgrimage Coordinator to reserve your tour today at 506-863-3427 or goodtiffany@hotmail.com

Joignez-vous au père Laurence Quin-Morris de diocese de Moncton et L'évêque Richard Moth du diocese d'Arundel et Brighton du Royaume-Uni, le 23 iuillet au 3 août 2018

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- *Stations de la Croix sur la colline
- *Temps libre ettourisme

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- et des activites liees au pelerinage

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Contactez

Tiffany Good, la coordonnatrice du pelerinage pour reserver votre visite desaujourdhui au 506-863-3427 ou goodtiffany@hotmail.com



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