

**REFLECTION for Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Fr. Don

Twelve of our young people receive the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Can you recall that event in your life?

I can. I remember being so proud that I was now a soldier in Jesus' army. I did not know that the sacrament was the last of three (with Baptism and Eucharist) that marked my full Christian initiation into the Roman Catholic faith. That theology paled against my joy at entrance into Christ's army.

I felt certain that I was equipped to go out into the world and defend my faith. (The Sisters did a wonderful job of instilling that confidence and hope into my heart and soul.) I was convinced, convicted, and committed.

If you know one of our newly confirmed, or any other youth, then share with them your story of your initiation into the Catholic faith.

Let us all pray that today we may be an inspiration and a catalyst to our young people as they begin their adult faith journey as full-fledged members of our faith; as faithful members of our parish.

This Sunday is also called Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday. The Gospel tells us that Jesus is the true Good Shepherd. Pope Francis urges all shepherds to love their sheep to the point of getting the 'smell of the sheep on them.' Jesus again is the prime example of a shepherd who did just that. He was a preacher and a prophet and He lived, moved, and had His being, amongst those to whom He ministered.

'Do what you do, do well.' If I am, as I now am, a priest, then it befits me to get to know my parishioners, if you are a parent, then it befits you to get to know your children, if you are a teacher, then it befits you to get to know your students, if you are a cook, then it befits you to get to know your customers, and if you are a student, then it befits you to get to know your studies.

Whatever is our chosen vocation in life, it befits us to do that work/task with the utmost of compassion, passion, love, dedication, and commitment. To use the Pope's analogy again, we have to dive in, immerse ourselves in what we do, and come out smelling like we have really enjoyed doing it and will do it again.

As we age, our vocation may change but our way of living of that vocation should not change. We have within us the God-given capability of being the best person we can be.

In today's second reading we read: 'Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.' I believe Jesus is addressing all of us, especially our newly confirmed, and issuing us a challenge. Allow me to use my analogy; let us see ourselves as soldiers going forth into this troubled world equipped and commissioned to spread the Good News of salvation through belief in Jesus using just our words and actions. Join me; sometimes be a shepherd and sometimes be a sheep. 'ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS MARCHING AS TO WAR, WITH THE CROSS OF JESUS GOING ON BEFORE.'

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard  
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## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:  
Mon & Wed 7 pm  
Tues, Thurs, 10 am, **Fri 2 pm**

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of each Month  
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation  
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:  
Six month notice is required.  
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**April 26, 2015**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Collection-----Apr 18 & 19	\$1,516.00
Building Fund	30.00
Mass Stipends	120.00
Votive Candles	54.00
Parish Insurance	35.00

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

April 27	Catherine Brockway
April 28	David Patrick German
April 29	Fr. Bernard Buckle
April 30	Carmelita Greene
May 1	Joan Hearn
May 2	Mary Russell
May 3	Parish Community

**NOTE** Our Mass times: Mon & Wed at 7 pm, Tues & Thurs at 10 am, and Fri 2pm at Lohnes.

### **LADIES GROUP TICKETS**

The tickets are on a beautiful, hand made wooden chest & are now available after weekend Masses in the [readers] room at the back of the church. Please take some to buy or sell. Chest can be viewed at the office during office hours.

### **ROSARY**

The ladies group invite all parishioners to join them in praying the rosary every Monday evening in May at 6:30 pm. just before evening Mass.

### **RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES**

In keeping with the policy of Responsible Ministries, we are attempting to register all

our volunteers. If you are a volunteer and have not registered, please pick up the forms and fill them out. And please return them as soon as possible.

### **RECRUITING NEW MINISTERS**

A recruitment drive to add new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministers, to our lists has begun. One of our newly confirmed youth has come forward to be a Lector. Thank you.

Why don't you think about volunteering? Let someone know if you are interested.

We will provide training and have a formal installation ceremony.

### **SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 26-28<sup>th</sup>.**

Newfoundland Catholic Renewal will be hosting a retreat at Mint Brook Camp, near Gambo on the topic: Pray Lifting Up Holy Hands: The Prayer of Intercession. The guest speaker is Cyril John, who is an international speaker and currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the ICCRS council in the Vatican (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services). All meals, snacks, and accommodations are provided on site, from Friday at suppertime to Sunday at lunchtime. The cost will be \$120 – everything included – no additional registration fee. Most Rev. Anthony Daniels, Bishop of Grand-Falls will be celebrating the Sunday Mass. Registration will start on the last week of April.

### **THANKS SO MUCH**

We wish to acknowledge the many hours of devoted service **JULIA HACKETT-MYLES** gives to our catechetical program. This week we highlight and thank her for her preparation of our Confirmation class.

### **BECAUSE SOMEONE ASKED**

*What does the Church teach about cremation?*

The Church accepts that many people desire cremation when they die and this is not contrary to Church teaching.

The Church prefers, but does not demand, that cremation be done following the Funeral Liturgy, preferably a Mass of Christian Burial.

However a Liturgy of the Word is permitted to be celebrated either at Church or at a Funeral Home.

If cremation does precede the Funeral Liturgy, the Urn should be placed before the altar on a stand of suitable height.

Flowers and/or a picture, if desired, can be placed at a lower height than the Urn; for flowers, one on either side of the stand.

And **all** of the cremated remains should be interred in consecrated ground as soon as possible.

### **VOLUNTEER REQUEST**

Western Health is looking for volunteers who might be interested in providing weekly visits to elderly residents at the Long Term Care Home and/or the Bungalows on

Wheeler's Road. This would involve coming to chat, play cards, etc. depending on the resident's interests. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Fr. Don.

### **Steubenville Atlantic 2015**

This is a conference for youth aged 14-18, offered by Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. It will be held again this year at **Dalhousie University in Halifax.** The 2015 conference, Limitless, will take place **July 3-5.** For details about registration and costs please visit the Diocesan website at [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com) and click on Youth (under Services). The deadline for registrations is Monday, May 25th.

Our parish is really hopeful that some of our youth will want to attend. We are offering some financial aid. BROCHURES with more information are available, contact Fr. Don.

### **YARD SALE**

The Men's Group are planning their annual yard sale for late May or early June. When you are doing your Spring clean-up, please keep this in mind. They are asking for any items you might wish to donate to their sale. Contact information will follow.

**PRAYER GROUP** meets at 7:30 pm on

Thursdays at the Cathedral. Talk topic this week is "*What Makes a Catholic Charismatic Different ?*"