

A Parable, a Painting and a Book

Two Dutch people spring to mind whenever I hear the parable of the Prodigal Son – painter Rembrandt and priest Henri Nouwen.

In 1986, Fr. Henri Nouwen spent several hours gazing at Rembrandt's painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son* at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia. One of Rembrandt's last paintings, it was painted, Nouwen says, "after a life of suffering." First captivated by the painting when he spotted a replica of it on a poster in the L'Arche Community of Trosly, France in the early 1980's, it was a few years before Nouwen encountered the original. From that encounter he wrote *The Return of the Prodigal Son* in 1992. If you haven't already, take the time to read it.



My husband and I were privileged to see the original painting during a trip to St. Petersburg in 2017. It is an imposing painting, but unlike Nouwen, we were hustled through as part of a group of tourists, with little time to appreciate its magnificence or reflect on the story it tells. What did strike me, however, even having seen prints of the painting so often, was that Rembrandt does not actually paint the story the way Luke tells it. Luke's is a story of action – the son leaving his father, spending his inheritance, returning when his money is gone; the father running to the son when he spots him in the distance; the anger of the elder son when he discovers what and who his father is celebrating. Rembrandt, in this interpretation, creates a story of stillness and loving forgiveness of a father toward a 'prodigal'; and an older son who chooses to remove himself from this love and mercy. Nouwen, in his book, gives great insight into both the parable and the painting. He calls us, as many homilists have also, to place ourselves inside each of the three main characters.

Luke tells the story in the 1st century, Rembrandt paints it in the 17th century, Nouwen writes about it in the 20th century and we, in the 21st century, are still pondering the message it contains. Placed where it is, clearly this is a story of God's abundant mercy – almost unrealistic in its abundance. We hear of a shepherd leaving 99 sheep to search for one; a woman wasting precious oil and energy to search for one lost coin and then this story of the father who offers unconditional welcome to his 'lost' son. Pope Francis has said that this parable presents mercy "as a force that overcomes everything." (MV9)

In all stories there are at least three points to consider: *your* understanding or truth, *my* understanding or truth and *THE* truth. Often, we need to hear new truths. How are we understanding the truth of this story today? What does God ask me to do when I am confronted with a need for mercy? Are we open to receiving it? to extending it? Our questions, as they often are, may be more important than answers we do not yet have.

Ellen Bennett
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September 15th, 2019
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time



Saint Augustine's
340 Dominion Street
Moncton, NB
E1C 6H8



Saint Lawrence O'Toole
2340 Route 115
Irishtown, NB
E1H 2L6



Our Lady of Mercy
11 St. Andrews Street
Pointe-du-Chêne, NB
E4P 5E4

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest-Moderator: Rev. Angus Johnston
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Pastoral Associate: Charlie Farrell
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Liturgy: Claire Hachey
Justice and Solidarity: Marilyn McCleary

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 7:00 p.m.

Parish Office: 340 Dominion Street, Moncton, NB E1C 6H8

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St. Augustine's Local Pastoral Council: staugustine.lpc@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Faith Development-Children: Eileen Caissie
eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.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
Regular Depot Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Daily Readings

Monday **Memorial: St. Cornelius**
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17


Wednesday 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

Friday **Memorial: St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon**
1 Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday **Feast: St. Matthew**
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:10-13

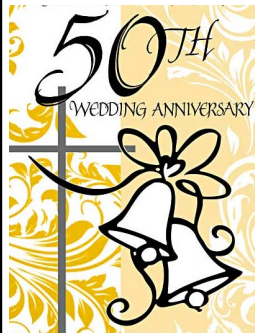


QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SENIORS GROUP extends an invitation to Seniors and Retirees for an afternoon of socializing, board games or cards Monday, September 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The elevator will be available for this gathering which is held in the Fr. Peter McKee room in St. Augustine's Church basement. For information, contact Debbie at 384-8431.



Senior Adult Fellowship

Heartfelt Prayers and Congratulations



Are extended to
Guy and Sheila Gagné
on the occasion of their
50th Wedding Anniversary

September 13, 2019

Chicken Fricot Soup to Go

will be available on

Saturday September 21st and Sunday September 22nd

at the main entrance of the church after the masses.



Chicken Fricot, Crackers and Cookies \$5.00

In support of your Ray of Hope Kitchen, as always your support is greatly appreciated.


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| Sat | 14 | 4:00p.m. 7:00p.m. | St. A OLM | Late Neil McDonald Ernest O'Brien | Irene and Family Maureen Lemay | |
| Sun | 15 | 9:00a.m. 11:00a.m. | SLOT St. A | Anniversary Late Danny Donnelly Late Gregory Sullivan | Claudia and Family Carol Ferguson | |
| Fri | 20 | 12:00noon | St. A | Late Helen Caissie | Roland and Lorette LeBlanc | |
| Sat | 21 | 4:00p.m. 7:00p.m. | St. A OLM | Late Belencita R. Valconcha Sonny Fagan | Jackie & Lou R. Valconcha Jan Gould | |
| Sun | 22 | 9:00a.m. 11:00a.m. | SLOT St. A | Late Norman Landry Late Francis Charles Gillis | Wife Rita, Linda Joanne, Alyssa Wife Dr. Maria Gillis | |

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS


Saint Augustine's: Envelopes: **\$2,413.00** (104 env); Loose: **\$600.00**; Building Fund: **\$565.00** (10 env); Soup Kitchen: **\$2.00**; Candles: **\$52.00**; Donation: **\$550.00**; Pre-Authorized: **\$860.00** (27 env.).

Saint Lawrence O'Toole: Envelopes: **\$610.00** (26 env.); Loose: **\$58.85**; Pre-Authorized: **\$30.00** (2 env.).

Our Lady of Mercy: Envelopes: **\$733.00** (31 env.); Loose: **\$22.95**; Candles: **\$43.00**



Thank you for your generosity!



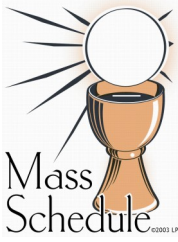
HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is extended to Eileen Caissie and family on the death of her mother **Eileen LeBlanc** and to Jocelyn Carter on the death of her mother **Norma Carter**


May they rest forever in the loving embrace of God

MASSSES TO BE CELEBRATED AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Monday, September 23rd
7:00 p.m. - Padre Pio

Tuesday, October 1st
7:00 p.m. - St. Therese of the child Jesus






Baptism Preparation Class


OUR NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Will be held Saturday October 5th and October 19th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's in the rectory basement. To register please call the office at 857-4223.


There will be a brief meeting for Eucharistic ministers and altar servers on Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd following Mass.



ALTAR SERVERS



Eucharistic Ministers



PARISH COUNCIL

SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE: Local Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday September 17th at 10:00 AM



COME TASTE AND SEE: Life in the Spirit Seminar—The Living Word Community Prayer Group is offering a Life in the Spirit Seminar with a difference. Each session takes place every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Augustine's Church basement, September 18th through November 13th. The seminar provides a way to learn more about living in the Spirit. Jesus will give you a new and fuller relationship with Himself. The gift of the Spirit fills our whole life and changes us so that we begin to know and experience God's love. Teachings are by video, and are given by leaders in the Charismatic Renewal such as Ralph Martin, etc. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover cost of materials. For more information, phone: Mary at 855-8330 or Cail at 858-8575



HOSPICE SOUTHEAST NEW BRUNSWICK

Caregiver Support Group Wednesdays starting October 9, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Camden Park Terraces in Moncton for 5 weeks. If you are taking care of a family member or a friend with a life threatening illness, this group is for you. Caregiver support groups also available in Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert and Petitcodiac or Salisbury this fall. Register for both programs at 854-9530, 383-2404 or volunteer@hospicesenb.ca with Debbie Landry-Jaillet at no charge.



Tuesdays 1:00 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**

Monday, September 16th 1:00 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Seniors Group**

Tuesday, September 17th 10:00 a.m.—Saint Lawrence O'Toole: **Local Pastoral Council Meeting**

Sunday, September 22nd 9:15 am—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 1-3 Faith Development**

12:15 pm—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 4-6 Faith Development**

Tuesday, September 24th 6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 4-6 Faith Development**

Sunday, October 6th 9:15 am—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 1-3 Faith Development**

Tuesday, October 8th 6:30 p.m.—St. Augustine's Basement: **Level 4-6 Faith Development**

St. Augustine's Faith Development families will gather in St. Augustine's Church basement—Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. for Levels 1-3; 12:15 p.m. for Levels 4-6; and Tuesday evening sessions for Level 4 to 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Level 1-3 9:15 a.m. Session #1 Sunday, September 22nd
Session #2 Sunday, October 6th
Session #3 Sunday, October 20th

Level 4-6 12:15 p.m. Session #1 Sunday, September 22nd
Session #2 Sunday, October 6th
Session #3 Sunday, October 20th

Level 4-6 6:30 p.m. Session #1 Tuesday, September 24th
Session #2 Tuesday, October 8th
Session #3 Tuesday, October 22nd



ALL YOUTH PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND THEIR PARENTS will meet in St. Augustine's Church basement on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m.



The following children were welcomed into our Christian Family through the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** St. Augustine's

Evelyn Olivia Lee Breau
daughter of Kevin and Tia

Mary Cailey Recondo
daughter of Rommel and Elsa Marie

Evelyn Beatrice Strong
daughter of Brandon and Vanessa

*May the example of their parents,
Godparents and all of us lead these
children to a greater love of God*

Our faith development team at St. Augustine's is in need of volunteers to help facilitate our sessions with the families. We are asking for about **an hour and a half of your time, twice a month** so you can help guide our families in their faith using a program that is fully prepared for you. The sessions & slide presentation are completely prepared and would be provided to you at least a week ahead of time. All we ask is that you take the time to fully prepare yourself by reviewing the session and slides so you can be comfortable with it on the day of the session. All items required for each session (snacks, crafts, handouts, etc.) are also prepared and will be ready for you at each session. Please take a minute to look within yourself at the gifts the Holy Spirit blessed upon you and ask yourself if your gift is something that can be shared with our team. If so, please contact either myself at eileen.caissie@qasmoncton.com or the parish office for more information.

Eileen

**From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development, Liturgy and
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Adult Faith Commission: First meeting for the pastoral year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Offices on York Street. Please use the Dominion Street entrance.

The diocesan **Youth Faith Commission** will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 30th at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting at 45 York Street

New Eyes, Open Heart Retreat

Our **New Eyes, Open Heart** retreat will take place on October 18th-20th at Cap-de-Cocagne. This is a two-day journey in faith based on the work of Fr. Richard Rohr, and is designed for adults of any age. To register, go to www.diomoncton.ca → Pastoral Offices → Adult Faith → Formation Opportunities and click on the retreat poster. For more information contact Trevor.

Preliminary Announcement: Please mark the following dates on your calendars: October 19th from 9:30a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and October 24th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. as we have Dr. Pam Mansfield, Palliative Care Division Head, Horizon Health Care and Eileen Dennis, lawyer, presenting to continue our conversation around end of life issues. Dr. Mansfield will speak about accompaniment and care, and Ms. Dennis will speak about the legal aspects of end of life issues. Further details and registration information will follow.



If you, or someone you know, is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a member of our Catholic faith community, then **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** may be for you! However you come, our parish community welcomes you! You may already have a strong relationship with God, or you may be seeking such a relationship. You may have had some connection with the Catholic Church or other faith traditions, or you may be seeking a new relationship. RCIA invites you to begin a journey of faith with a group of Catholics who are members of this parish community, and with other men/women who are exploring whether the Catholic faith is right for them. The people of Queen of All Saints offer you support in your search for a deeper relationship with God lived out through the Catholic church. Contact the parish office at 857-4223 if you are interested in more information.

**Show By Your Life – A Call to Holiness
The Archdiocese of Moncton welcomes**

Lori True

October 4th & 5th, 2019

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 5 Fatima Dr. Riverview, NB
Registration required by September 20thgo to www.setmoncton.com**



October 4th 1:00-3:00p.m. Workshop for Cantors
October 4th 7:00-9:00p.m. Concert for all
October 5th 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Retreat/Workshop for Music Ministers and Liturgy Committee Members
With a passion for liturgical prayer, the vision of Catholic Social Teaching, and witness of Pope Francis, Lori True wants to show us the importance of singing about social justice and letting the words we sing as a community, address the very real concerns of our world today.

During the morning liturgy at St. Augustine's, it has become the custom for the children (and adults!) to bring a **FOOD OFFERING** forward during the collection, and this practice continues at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. Donations are forwarded to the



local area food banks. When donating **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**, kindly consider canned and boxed items in order to avoid glass breakage.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday September 16th 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for the families of persons who died at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Center during the months of May, June and July 2019 (from main entrance, please go to second floor). This service will take place in the amphitheater of the hospital. Contact information: Janice Cormier at 383-9882 or Louise Boissonnault at 862-4571.



We are happy to have you join us! Are you new to the parish or have you been part of our community for awhile but have just never registered? We would like to know who you are. There are registration forms at the entrance of the Church or you can register online at www.qasmoncton.com.