

Liturgy Committee Meeting: A Call for Revitalization

This past Wednesday evening, the Liturgical Committee met to review the Christmas Season, preparations for Lent and other business. We have 12 people from St. Matthew's Worship Site and 1 Person from St. Rose Worship Site. Around the table, positive feedback was received for the Christmas Masses... decorations, hospitality, music and song and 'other business.' Some changes have been recommended for next year to enhance our celebrations. One of the goals for the Liturgy Committee is to ensure "active participation which is key to revitalizing a parish." In order to do this, we need to have people involved. **The days of the same person doing the same thing over and over is well... over.** This is a trap that many communities have fallen into. They start to do something and they do it until they become burned out. To ensure life-giving celebrations, and to allow others to take on the responsibility of their baptismal call, we need people to come forward, with their ideas, perspective and help. For example, we need more people from **Saint Rose Worship Site** for the Liturgy Committee.

I have asked each Worship Site to come up with **ONE schedule, for ministries.** As I look at these schedules, I see the names of people who are on every week, same Lector's, Eucharistic Ministers, and many times, no servers, except for those who jump in last minute. I am grateful for those who participate in these ministries, but at the same time, I am very concerned about this. **This is NOT A JAB AGAINST THE ONES WHO ARE SERVING US NOW. NOT AT ALL! RATHER, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN WHAT WE ARE ALL CALLED TO DO... TO HELP BUILD THE CHURCH... REVITALIZE OUR PARISH... all of us!** On this schedule, there is opportunity for people to do 'different things.' So this is my appeal to you. Ask yourself this question: "When I look around this church, what can I offer?" **Age is not an excuse!** One sign of hope for us is our Ministers of Hospitality, who welcome us and give us a bulletin. Also, I have discovered there are young people at our 9 am Mass who can play musical instruments but no one has asked them to participate. Our 'Youth Group' is active. And we have the **HOLY SPIRIT** at work in our community!!!

Once again, for those who are working hard to provide beautiful Masses, truly I am grateful. This **is not a call** for you to quit or to say, "Father doesn't want me to do this anymore..." **WRONG!!** As your parish priest, it is my duty as your pastor to be proactive, to make sure that we are all participating together. And I know we can do it...! If everyone 'did something' Holy Spirit Parish could be a 'power house of action,' action built on our faith. Now wouldn't that attract more people to join us?

New Sound System

Last week, the sound system at both worship sites was cutting out. It was discovered that we needed to have the portable mics on a different frequency...part of the 'fine tuning.' Thanks again for your patience.

Garbage Removal

We have garbage that is piling up in the garage at Saint Rose Place. Could someone help us with that?

~Fr. David

The Knights of Columbus Councils 9176 and 8094 of Holy Spirit Parish invite all to a BRUNCH to be held on Jan 27th from 10:30 to 1PM at the St. Matthews Worship Site Hall. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Max \$20 for a family.

K OF C Council 9176 Chase the Ace -St. Matthew Worship Site Hall. The jackpot is over **\$3,300.00**. You can purchase your tickets at Scholten's in Grand Bay-Westfield from Saturday morning until Friday at 12 noon. You will be required to put your name and phone number on your tickets. All 10 tickets must be returned at the same time for the current week. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS.** You do not have to be present Friday between 6:30pm to 8pm. You will be called between 8pm and 8:15 pm. For more information contact Keith Doiron @ 639-7148

K of C Council 8094 - this month 'Hour of Adoration' occurs on January 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Saint Rose of Lima Worship Site, the theme is Family.

St. Rose Place Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Tuesday from 11am - 1pm - **weather permitting.** For more info contact Cecile DeChamps @ 696-8963 **all welcome!**

St. Rose Place - Making soup for Avenue B on Monday January 21, 2019 at 1pm.

Holy Spirit Rectory Hall Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each Wednesday from 10am - 1pm. We are non-denominational, so everyone is invited if you'd like to bring a friend. We crochet or knit shawls, mitts, hats & scarves. Bring your own needles & we will supply the yarn. We need about 12-15 crafters to make this work. Please call Joanne @ 486-1800. Even if you can't come all the time, you can pick up some yarn and work at home. Pick up will be on Wednesday from 10am - 1pm. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Call to Ministry to Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish: Are you being invited to serve in a Liturgical Ministry at Saint Rose Worship Site? Pray about it and if the answer is **Yes**, then call the Parish office 653-6850 or Helen LeBlanc 674-1548 and put your name forward. Marilyn and Helen are working on a combined Liturgy Schedule for February. Ready for hard copy and email ASAP. A draft copy is posted in the entrance of the church for your review. Please review and comment regarding errors or additions. Ministries available: Greeters, Sacristan, Altar Server, Lectors, Offertory Collection, Counters, or perhaps a new ministry? Starting in March we will be adding to our present Schedules. "*Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, in Holy Spirit Parish; inspire them to be of service to their parish!*"

Seaside Park Elementary School will be holding a Clothing Drive supporting the school playground and the Children's Wish Foundation. Bags of clothes can be dropped off at the school, located at 627 Havelock Street, on Saturday, January 26, from 10 am-2 pm. Thank-you for your support.

Alzheimer Café - There will be an Alzheimer Café at St. Mark's United Church Sunday Jan 27 from 2-4 PM. Guest speaker Dr. Rose McCoskey, Nursing Professor @UNB and Tricia Friars, Clinical Director @ UNB. Music by Jenny Yosten, BMT, MTA. NMT, certified Music Therapist. Come and enjoy free snacks, tea and coffee and learn about home care for seniors. **All are welcome!**

Collection Holy Spirit Parish

Jan 12 & 13, 2019

Regular - \$3,723.00 Loose - \$334.90 Building Fund - \$272.00

Christmas Offering - \$180.00 Initial Offering - \$260.00

PAD - \$1,025.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASSES

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| Jan 22, 2019 | Tue | St. Matthew Worship Site | 7pm | Alphie Lamb |
| Jan 23, 2019 | Wed | St. Matthew Worship Site | 9am | DFM of Morris Family |
| Jan 24, 2019 | Thur | St. Rose of Lima Worship Site | 12:10pm | Albenie Robichaud |
| Jan 26, 2019 | Sat | St. Rose of Lima Worship Site | 4pm | Jeanne Ringuette Terry Hebert |
| Jan 27, 2019 | Sun | St. Rose of Lima Worship Site | 9am | Paul Theriault |
| Jan 27, 2019 | Sun | St. Matthew Worship Site | 11am | Parishioners |

NOTE CHANGES

Bible Study – The bible study group meets at St. Rose Place every 2nd Monday evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046.

2019 ENVELOPES

Please, please make sure to put your name, address and phone number on your envelope, even if you happened to luck in and have the same number as in previous years. This information is vital to provide you with an accurate tax receipt for 2019 and to keep our parish records accurate. I am unable to update our system with your 2019 donations until I know everyone has provided me with their envelope number. Thank you for your cooperation! ~Bernice Martin, Parish Secretary

Holy Spirit Women’s Society is in need of pantry items for the Avenue B Soup Ministry. All non-perishables such as canned beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, and bags of barley/lentils/beans, pasta, boxed or canned broths would all be especially welcome. Items may be placed in the bin at St. Matthews Worship Site foyer. Monetary donations are also much appreciated to stock the pantry as needed. To receive tax credit for your monetary donation, please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your envelope number and name, and please note for Soup Ministry. To receive credit, all cheques must be made out to Holy Spirit Parish, and designated for “Soup”. The funds will be forwarded to the Women’s Society. Our next Soup Day is scheduled for February 2nd, 9am-11am, at the Holy Spirit Rectory Hall; any donations of fresh or frozen foods for soup may be dropped off at that time. We thank you for your continued support of this very important Ministry!

Youth Ministry Update

With the development of our Youth Group program to include aspects of homilies and the liturgical calendar, we've heard a lot of great ideas. However, the problem is we maybe hear too many good ideas. In the future, any ideas should be written up as proposals so that our Youth Group Committee can meet and discuss it further. We appreciate all the input and hope to include it. Secondly, we would extend our sincerest thanks to those who have donated to our program. A budget is still being developed and is yet to be announced. However, it will be a great asset. Thank you again. Of course, Youth Group is 6-8 pm at St. Rose Place every Sunday. Confirmation age kids and up! See you there.

~Kenneth Fury – (506)654-6992

Holy Spirit Parish

***St. Matthew & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites
“2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time” Jan 20, 2019***

“When we have the Holy Spirit we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be”

“OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Tue: St. Matthew Worship Site: 9 am to 4 pm
Wed & Thurs: St. Rose of Lima Worship Site: 9 am to 4 pm
Office Number - 738-2320 Office Number - 653-6850
Friday: 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.saintroseoffima.ca
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

Confessions - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Matthew Worship Site – Please contact Linda Spinney at 486-2144 or email her at linspin@nbnet.nb.ca
St. Rose of Lima Worship Site – Please contact Andrea McGrath @ 672-4733 or text 651-6074, or email her at stroselima.religioused@gmail.com

Sanctuary Light for the week of Jan 20, 2019 at St Rose of Lima Worship Site is in memory of Bobby Clever donated by Phyllis Hebert

ATTENTION COLLECTION COUNTERS – ST ROSE WORSHIP SITE

Effective Saturday Jan 19, 2019 collections will now be counted in Fr. David’s office/Dining Room instead of the previous location (back room). We are doing this because we are making room for Religious Education classes which will be held here at St. Rose Place beginning in January. Counting supplies will be located in the shelving unit in Fr. David’s office. We appreciate your cooperation and ongoing commitment to this important ministry.