

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!!!!

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany, the Visitation of the Magi which concludes the Christmas Season. This 'first Christmas' as Holy Spirit Parish was a great experience! Many thanks for your generosity to all those in our parish for this Advent, Christmas and including the past year; not only in monetary support, but also in your gift of faith and service, sharing your God-given talents to help build up our community of faith. As well, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all of you who remembered me with your prayers, cards with touching sentiments, beautiful gifts, and food, during this holy season. As you can see we have a lot to be thankful for...God continues to truly bless us. Thank you...

- To those who brought forth the light during our Advent Liturgies
- To our Religious Education Coordinators, Teachers and Classes for the great work that is being accomplished with our Youth Faith Formation. As well, to the classes for taking part in the liturgies.
- To those on our Liturgy Committee who prepared our churches during Advent.
- To those who keep our sign at St. Matthew's up-to-date... even in the worse weather.
- To those who cleaned our churches, shoveling, moving chairs and other 'odd jobs' necessary for our buildings.
- To those who did a beautiful job in decorating our worship spaces. As always, many wonderful comments received... Well done!
- To those who made monetary donations in memory of a loved one, helping us to replace Christmas decorations that were worn and unsightly.
- To Dana Blake who built a 'new manger' for St. Matthew's Worship Site. Many pictures were taken and words of appreciation for this beautiful gift that we will have for many years to come.
- To our Youth Group, under the direction of Kenneth Fury, who helped decorate our churches and who participated at the Christmas Masses, especially our readers and choir.
- To Mary Rose Daigle who prepared and directed our 'youth choir at the Mass at 3 pm at St. Matthew's Worship Site and then our 9:00 pm Choir and your beautiful rendition of "Silent Night," by candle light. A heart-felt experience and now a 'tradition'! Thank You Mary Rose and Company!
- To our music ministry at St. Rose Worship Site: Trish Gallagher, and her students (and former ones) who put on a 100 voice concert with various instruments prior to Christmas. It was a great celebration to help prepare us for the Christmas Season. As well, thank you to the many students who came forward for the Christmas Liturgies at both 5 and 7 pm to offer their gift of song and instrument talent! Wow! As a side note, our new sound system at St. Rose Worship site and the updated one at St. Matthew's were certainly appreciated... many positive comments were received.
- To our Knights for putting up our outdoor manger scene; for addressing the particular needs in our community; who sponsored the Christmas Party for the youth of our parish and for your ongoing assistance-Thank You!
- To those who offered 'generous response' to Lonewater Farm. And to those who generously donated to our "Mitten Basket; those who continue to make and donate soup for Avenue B and offered food and monetary donations for those in need...showing us how to be "the light of Christ to others".
- To our Greeters, Sacristans, Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters and those who open the church, clean, turned up (and down) the heat, and keep our entrances 'sanded, salted and clear'.

- To our "Transitional Committee" who continue to work so hard to bring about a 'vibrant' and 'inclusive' new parish.
- To our Secretary, Bernice Martin, for her commitment to our parish and it's administrative demands!
- To the priests who continue to offer words of wisdom and encouragement, especially to Fr. Tom Fowler and Fr. Mike LeBlanc.

To anyone or ministry I may have inadvertently failed to mention and those of you who have contributed "silently" in any way toward making this a truly blessed and joyful Christmas celebration, I thank you. These "gifts from the heart" are great signs of the love you have for your faith community. On a personal level, these are signs of affirmation, love and support. Many wonderful compliments were made regarding our warmth, hospitality and the beautiful liturgies. Certainly, you have collectively made known to many others, Holy Spirit Parish! As your priest, I am very proud of your ongoing dedication and commitment to our parish! Finally, I would like to wish you and those you love every blessing for 2019 and always!!!

~Father David

2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2019 church envelopes for Holy Spirit Parish are available for pick up. You will not be retaining the same numbers as you had in your previous parish. Please make sure to put your name, address and phone number on your new envelopes for the next couple of months so I can update our database with your new number. Those of you that have PAD (Pre Authorized Debit) and do not want the box of envelopes I will assign you a new number. Thank you – Bernice Martin (Parish Secretary)

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "HOLY SPIRIT PARISH"

Collection Holy Spirit Parish

Dec 22 & 23, 2018

Reg. - \$4,206.00 Loose - \$456.10 PAD - \$1,004.58
New Freeman & Candle Recovery - \$323.90 Christmas Baskets - \$55.00
Flowers in Memory - \$240.00 Christmas Offering - \$70.00

Dec 24 & 25, 2018

Christmas Eve - \$9,658.70 Christmas Day - \$2,687.90

Dec 29 & 30, 2018

Reg. \$3,508.00 Loose - \$496.30 PAD - \$2,574.58
Christmas Offering - \$385.00 Christmas Baskets - \$250.00

Jan 01, 2019

Reg. - \$311.00 Loose - \$38.10 Initial Offering – \$146.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASSES

Jan 08, 2019	Tue	St. Matthew Worship Site	7pm	Valerie Martin
Jan 09, 2019	Wed	St. Matthew Worship Site	9am	Morris DFM
Jan 10, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Raymond Sweet
Jan 12, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Emilie Thibodeau
Jan 13, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Rosemary Lahey
Jan 13, 2019	Sun	St. Matthew Worship Site	11am	Ralph Shanahan

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES UNTIL JANUARY 13, 2019 AT BOTH WORKSHIP SITES

K OF C Council 9176 Chase the Ace –St. Matthew Worship Site Hall. The jackpot is over **\$3,200.00**. 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

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

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. **Resumes in January**

Bible Study – The bible study group meets at St. Rose of Lima Rectory every 1st & 3rd Monday Evening of the month from 7pm – 8:30pm. For more information contact Jim @ 651-1689 or Tilda @ 672-5046. **Resumes in January**

ATTENTION COLLECTION COUNTERS – ST ROSE WORSHIP SITE

Effective Saturday Dec 29, 2018 collections will now be counted in Fr. David’s office 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.

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthew & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

“Epiphany of the Lord” Jan 06, 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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St. Matthew Worship Site – (506)738-2320 Fax: (506)757-2948 Website www.gbwww.ca

Civic Address: 45 Dollard Drive

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

Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

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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

St. Rose of Lima Worship Site’s sanctuary light for the week of Jan 06, 2019 in memory of Byron & Kay Keating donated by Kathy & Claude Vautour

2019 for both worship sites is available, except July, for Bulletin, Altar Wine, & Bread in memory of
Please call the office to book your month

The “Sanctuary Light in memory of” is available for 2019, with the exception of February. Call the office to book your month.