

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

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!

Dear Members of Holy Spirit Parish;

I am writing to you on behalf of the entire Staff and Clients of Lonewater Farm to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation of your very generous donations to our Clients at our Lonewater Farm Facility during the Holiday Season. This year goes on record as being one of the Best Holiday Seasons ever for our Clients. Your donations helped to provide gifts that were spread out over the Holiday season, as well as a Safe Holiday Party. For some of our Clients, this is a very difficult time of the year without family or friends to visit and bring them any gifts, which can, at times, damper their spirits. The Clients were very surprised and overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness. As staff, this provides us with great joy to see our Clients, enjoying the Holiday Season in a safe and joyful manner. **God Bless You All!!**

Thank you, once again, and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Collection Holy Spirit Parish

Jan 05 & 06, 2019

**Regular - \$2,985.35.00 Loose - \$341.20 Building Fund - \$574.50
Christmas Offering - \$120.00 New Year - \$644.00 Initial Offering - \$658.00
PAD - \$3,989.58 PAD Bldg. - \$411.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

MASSES

Jan 15, 2019	Tue	St. Matthew Worship Site	7pm	Doreen Gaudet
Jan 16, 2019	Wed	St. Matthew Worship Site	9am	Souls in Purgatory
Jan 17, 2019	Thur	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	12:10pm	Denise & Jean Lamarche
Jan 19, 2019	Sat	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	4pm	Roy Levenshulme
Jan 20, 2019	Sun	St. Rose of Lima Worship Site	9am	Leo Paul & Gerry LeBlanc
Jan 20, 2019	Sun	St. Matthew Worship Site	11am	Valerie Martin

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES RESUMES JANUARY 13, 2019 AT BOTH WORKSHIP SITES

The **K of C Council 9176** would like to thank you, the parishioners, for your financial support for the Christmas Exchange. With your contribution of over \$600.00 and the Knights \$1,500.00 we were able to assist 20 families. We also received gifts from the Church of the Resurrection as well as donations of vegetables from Boy Scouts! ~**Thank You for your Generosity**

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!**

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.

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.

Youth Ministry Update

I hope the Christmas season was excellent to everyone. Thank you for your well wishes and prayers. We want everyone to know that **Religious Education for Saint Rose of Lima Worship Site** has moved to Saint Rose Place (from St. Rose School), same day/time – Monday evening 6:30 – 7:30pm. This has been a tremendous effort towards revitalizing our parish - we have gathered supplies and put a large amount of time into developing this. Please contact me or the office if there are any questions. Youth Group is back on regular schedule, Sunday nights, 6-8 at St. Rose Place. Thank you and pray for us as we work at our hardest towards a revitalized and evangelized parish.

~Kenneth Fury – (506)654-6992

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Matthew & St. Rose of Lima Worship Sites

“The Baptism of the Lord” Jan 13, 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. Rose of Lima Worship Site – (506)653-6850 Fax: (506)653-6865 Website www.saintroseoffima.ca
Civic Address: 541 Milford Road

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “HOLY SPIRIT PARISH”

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 13, 2019 at St Rose of Lima Worship Site is in memory of Paul Basque donated by Phyllis Hebert

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.