

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.*

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:
St. Bernard's (Moncton) Saint Vincent (Sackville),
Saint Clement (Port Elgin) & Saint Bartholomew (Melrose)**

MASS TIMES WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10, 2017

St. Bernard's	Thursday @ 9:30 AM, Saturday @ 4 PM & Sunday @ 11AM
St. Vincent's	Sunday @ 9AM
St. Clement's & St. Bartholomew's	Saturday @ 7PM (alternating - call 538-2262 to confirm)

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator: Rev. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice: Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time) Rev. Charles Broderick	Catechetics: Lorella Dunnett
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS - WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - 8, 2017

Monday to Friday	9 AM -12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM
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MASS INTENTIONS WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - 10, 2017

Thurs.	Dec. 7	9:30 AM	Late Lloyd Allain	Jim & Ella
Sat.	Dec. 9	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Patrick Murphy Jr.	Suzanne McCabe
Sun.	Dec. 10	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Whitney Payne	Gordon & Lois

OFFERINGS FROM NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2017

Loose	\$ 621.80	Donation	\$ 60.00 (1)
Envelopes	\$ 5,705.00 (283)	Needy Fund	\$ 1,140.00 (23)
Evang. of People	\$ 40.00 (1)	Reconnect	\$ 30.00 (1)
Christmas Flowers	\$ 100.00 (1)	Karing Kitchen	\$ 41.85
All Souls	\$ 25.00 (1)	Bldg. Fund	\$ 345.00 (22)
Christmas boxes	\$ 575.00 (4)		

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

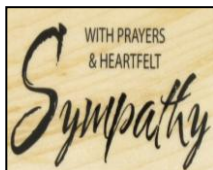
MARK YOUR CALENDARS		
Carmelites	Second Saturday of the month - 10 AM - 12 Noon	Stage Area
Prayer Group	7 PM - 2 nd Sat & last Sat. of each month (after the 25 th)	Church Hall
RCIA	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays of each month @ 7 PM	Stage Area
Circle of Friends	After 9:30 AM Mass (Dec. 14 last one before Christmas)	Church Hall
Next Baptism Preparation	Tuesday - Dec. 5 & Wednesday, Dec. 13 @ 7 PM	Stage Area
Next Baptisms	To be determined	Church
Evening Prayer	Thursdays, December 7, 14, & 21 @ 7 PM	Church
Advent Penitential Service	Sunday, December 10 @ 2:00	Church

CONFESSION	
St. Bernard's - Thursdays - before 9:30 AM Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)	
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Saturday afternoons from 1-1:30 PM	
St. Bernard's @ 1 st Saturday of the month Mass (9:00-9:20 AM upon request/availability of the Priest)	
Notre-Dame-de-Grace (854 Mountain Rd.) - 3 rd Saturday of the month 1-2 PM	
St. Bernard's prior to 4 PM Mass (upon request/availability of the Priest)	



Ecclesiastes 3...
Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...
We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

*Willow Drover, Ron Briffett, Stella Gallant,
 Carl Swift, Ann Vautour, Kim Courtney,
 John Crawford, Yolanda Tristan, and Charles Burns.*



A time to mourn...Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

*Edward Saulnier, brother of Loraine (Bob) LeBlanc
 Eid Sukkar Ghali, father of Issa (Suzan) Sukkar Ghali
 Donald Young and Florida Paquette.
 And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one...*



Please slow down when entering / exiting the park lot.
 Most especially near the elevator entrance where parishioners are exiting.
 Due to mobility restrictions they may not be able to react as quickly as needed to avoid a car that is going too fast. **Thank you.**



**IN THE EVENT OF A STORM OR INCLEMENT WEATHER
 CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON:**
 St. Bernard's Website: www.stbernardschurch.ca
 Or by calling our phone line at: **857-0425.**



Prayers for our Troops
 We pray for all those who serve and for families separated from their loved ones in the military; and for the strength they need to face this time of isolation and uncertainty.



St. Bernard's Faith Formation

Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Years 1,2,3: 9:15 - 10:45 AM Years 4, 5, 6: 12:15 - 1:45 PM Year 7: 12:15-1:45 PM	Years 1,2,3: 6 - 7:30 PM	Years 4, 5, 6: 6 -7:30 PM
December 10	December 12	December 13



2017-2018 Sunday Missals

Available at the Parish Office. We will have a limited number of Sunday Missals at the cost of \$ 5 each. You may purchase a copy at the Parish office during regular office hours while they last.



Calling All Knitters

Yarn is available at the Parish office for knitters who wish to make hats, mittens, etc. for the Advent Mitten Tree.
Thank you to all the dedicated past and present knitters!



Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 @ 7:30 PM @ the Wesleyan Celebration Ctr., St. George Blvd., In support of the Food Depot Alimentaire, the Karing Kitchen, & the Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen. Admission \$ 10.00 plus non-perishable food item(s). Tickets available at: Jean Coutu Pharmacies, Read's Newsstands, Sobeyes, Vaughan Harvey Blvd., The Hospice Shoppe, People's Park Tower Variety, & from any chorus member.



Knights of Columbus - Council 1310

84 Broadway - Breakfast: Sunday, December 3 - 8:30 to 12:30. Adults-\$8, Children-\$3 (5 yrs & under free) Everyone Welcome!

Needed: Chest of drawers and a desk - if able to donate call Inez @ 389-3571.



DONATIONS TO THE PARISH - YEAR END

All donations must be received **prior to December 31st** if they are to be included in the 2017 tax year.

Vision Bookstore: Christmas Sale: One Day Only: Come visit us at 45 York St., Moncton (Diocesan Centre) Saturday, Dec. 9th, 9 AM - 1 PM and take advantage of a special Christmas sale where most books & CDs (in stock) will be reduced by 10%.
Info: www.visionbookstore.ca A large selection of books will be reduced to \$1.00.



**From the Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy & Youth Faith Development**

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Emmanuel, God with Us: Understanding incarnation in light of the Universe Story:

Take time this Advent to truly prepare for Christmas, by joining Sr. Denise Lirette, f.j. on Tues., Dec. 12 at Holy Family, Falkland Ave., Moncton, 7-9 PM as she explores the significance of darkness and light in our lives and in the Universe, particularly as we note the birth of Jesus as a significant event in the history of humanity and the Universe and truly the Light that shines in the darkness. Pre-registration is necessary and may be done by contacting Ellen. (see above contact info.)

Advent Photo Challenge 2017: Join us as we take a photographic journey through Advent towards Christmas. You can post as many photos as you want, providing they follow the designated theme for the day/week. For more information, follow the youth office at **#YouthFaithMoncton** in Instagram and check out the daily challenges. People of all ages are encouraged to join us. For more information, contact Trevor at trevord.diocese@gmail.com, or PM the youth office on Instagram.

Church Unplugged at Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity: Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity will be hosting two Advent events for young people and their families before Christmas. Families from any parish in the diocese are encouraged to register with Karen at 387-4198. **The cost for both events is for each family to bring non-perishable food items.** Events are:

Keepsake Christmas (for families with children of all ages up to Grade 5). Join us on Sunday, Dec. 17, 3-6 PM to create your own nativity set as you hear the story of Jesus' birth. This session will take place at the Dan Bohan Center, but spaces are limited so contact Karen asap.

A Christmas Carol (2009) (for families with children aged 10+). Come to our family movie night on Friday, December 8th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm as we watch Disney's 2009 animated version of A Christmas Carol. This movie will be shown in the basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary church, and the movie contains scenes which may be frightening to some children.

WE SHARE THE AIR

AVOID USING SCENTED PRODUCTS

Many people are sensitive to environmental allergies, and some people have *severe reactions* to things such as perfume and scented products. It is for this reason that many public places **have** instituted "**Scent free**" policies. **Your cooperation is invited in not wearing scent products when you come to church.** Thank you.



CWL Monthly Meeting December 4th	
Annual St. Nicholas' Party & Money Tree For People In Need	
Yankee Swap at this meeting - gift should be around \$10.00	
6:30 PM	Rosary in Church Hall
7:00 PM	Short Meeting followed by Wine & Cheese
Annual National Reports are due from all Chairpersons	
New Members Always Welcome !	



Birthright Moncton: Birthright Moncton has been offering distressed pregnant women support, friendship, resource information, and practical help, in other words a gentle loving alternative to abortion, since 1976. These women still need support but a lot has changed in 41 years – information is available online, attitudes to abortion are radically different, single motherhood is better accepted and there are more government resources to help young families. Therefore, Birthright must change too. As of February 28, 2018 Birthright will continue to be available to the women who need our help by keeping a phone line so they can reach us, but our office space will close. We will advertise our services and still be part of Birthright International. Since our financial needs will be lessened and our storage space curtailed we will no longer be seeking financial or clothing donations. We are proud of having helped thousands of mothers and babies, we feel privileged to have known some lovely, strong young women at an important time in their lives and we appreciate all the wonderful people who have given us their moral and financial support.

Thank you. Katharine Perri, Director.



The Volunteer Centre's Respite Care Services for Children with Special Needs program offers local families hours of relief care and an opportunity for their child to make new friends. We need

caring people to help support these families a few hours each month. We are presently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

Dieppe, Moncton, Riverview, Hillsborough, Dorchester, Shediac and Kent County. For more information please contact: Edie Savoie Shituku, Director of Respite Care Services, Volunteer Centre of Southeastern NB Inc. 22 Church Street, Suite T290, Moncton, NB, E1E 0P7 (506)869-6774 email: respite@nb.aibn.com



Supporting the Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen has been serving a hot meal Mon. to Fri. at noontime to the homeless & needy. For many individuals this is their only opportunity to interact with others. St. Bernard's has been an ongoing supporter of the Karing Kitchen, & one of the annual events we have participated in is, '**Let's Do Lunch**'. You will see the little cards at the church entrances. You can send these to a friend or family member & the note on the card says that a donation to the meals has been made in their honor. Then you fill out the white paper inside the card, put it & your donation in an envelope marked Karing Kitchen & simply place it in the collection basket at mass. We will deliver these envelopes to the Karing Kitchen.

Thank you from the hungry of the downtown area.

Social Justice Corner



Christmas Boxes: The planning committee have already had a meeting to coordinate activities for the Christmas Boxes this year. Once again, we will be partnering with the food bank to ensure there is no duplication of names and that the food provided is the same as

the boxes made up by the food bank. We will be doing 50 boxes again this year. **The phone number for our social justice line to order a box is 204-4882.** The knitters have not stopped all year and we are receiving nice warm items to include in the boxes. The Advent Mitten Tree will be put up the first Sunday of Advent. As in the past, those wishing to contribute to the Christmas Boxes may do so by placing your donation in a plain envelope marked for the Christmas Boxes and indicate your name and envelope number to have your donation included in your income tax receipt. We have records of St. Bernard's participation in this Christmas initiative back to the 1950's and likely earlier. Thank you for your ongoing support of this meaningful ministry to serve those in need. While the need is present throughout the year, it seems that often this gesture during a season when many feel lonely and forgotten, is so important.



The Advent season is the beginning of a new year in our liturgical church life. Advent still remains a time of preparation, however, the focus is on a joyous preparation.

The circle of greens with four candles of the same color (white) signifies the unity of the season. We do not break it

up with one week being more joyous than another. Advent is clearly identified as a season of anticipation, not of penance. The color white connects us to the white of the Easter Candle (Paschal Candle or Christ Candle). No matter what we celebrate throughout the liturgical year, it is always a part of the Paschal Mystery, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. We are an Easter people even during this season. With the successive lighting of one, two, three and finally four candles, there is the idea of increasing light. The Advent season should be an accounting of how we have lived our lives over the past year. Have we become better disciples? Has there been a change in our hearts? If not what needs to change? Has our faith life deepened? How? What steps have we taken to work on our relationship with God, with Jesus, with our Church community? **What are some of the acts of kindness or generosity that we could do that could start in Advent, but continue on throughout the year?**

Could we adopt a senior and keep in contact with them throughout the year, by phone calls, cooking a meal, offering to drive them. What about our caregivers who have loved ones they are taking care of. Could we not offer to spend some time and allow them to go out for a few hours to rejuvenate them? What about offering some time for the special care homes? Do you play an instrument? Could you go and offer once a month to entertain? What about members of our community who live with cancer? So often these people feel they are bothering other people. They need help getting groceries, having a meal cooked or other special errands. What about making other justice connections?

Advent is meant to be the beginning of a new heart for justice.

How will you change this Advent season for the long term?



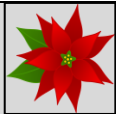
Advent Evening Prayer

Christians are called in baptism to be people of prayer, to pray always, praising God and pleading for the world. **Our priest-moderator, Fr. Carroll, encourages us at the beginning of Advent to be more cognizant of prayer during the Advent season. Why not try gathering with the faith community for Evening Prayer?** It only takes up a half hour of your time. We follow the format for Evening Prayer that is offered in our Catholic Book of Worship.

All parishioners of our parish unit are invited and encouraged to gather for Evening Prayer on Thursdays at St. Bernard's Church - 7 PM - Dec. 7, 14 & 21.



Remembering our Deceased Family & Friends with Christmas Flowers



Once again this year, you are invited to make monetary donations for our Christmas floral arrangements in memory of deceased loved ones. All monies contributed will be used to purchase flowers that will decorate our church throughout the Christmas season. If you would like to donate funds for **Christmas flowers** in memory of a loved one you may do so by completing the information below & placing it with your donation in a plain envelope. That envelope can be put into the collection basket at mass or dropped off at the office. Names will be in the Christmas bulletin.

Thank you to all those who donate to this yearly project.

In Memory of:	
Donated by:	
Address:	
Amount donated \$	Envelope # (if applicable)



Baptism

*Aria Lisa Marie LeBlanc, child of Mark & Carolyn
was welcomed into St. Bernard's Parish community
through the Sacrament of Baptism on
Sunday, November 26, 2017*

May Jesus bless your precious little one with His love & grace.



**Thursday, December 14th will be the last gathering before
Christmas. Will resume in January**

Weekend of Grace for Women Conference: April 13 to 15, 2018

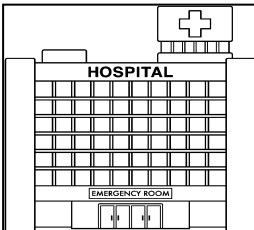
For more information:

Call (902) 405-9613 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com

Early bird deadline December 31, 2017

Pre-registration only. Registrations will not be accepted after the deadline or at the door.

Deadline: April 2, 2018



Parishioners in hospital

Parishioners in Moncton City Hospital and the Georges Dumont Hospital are reminded that if they wish to receive a visit from the parish priest, it is necessary to specifically identify themselves as being members of St. Bernard's parish when they are admitted to hospital. The clergy visiting lists for priests and pastoral care visitors are printed out according to parish identification. This means that if you haven't identified yourself as belonging to our parish, the priest or pastoral care visitors will not be aware that you have been admitted to hospital and thus will not be able to visit. Due to changes in the "Privacy Act", PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL are reminded that if they wish a visit from a Priest, or to receive Holy Communion while in hospital, it is necessary to specifically identify themselves as being members of St. Bernard's parish and to state that "they wish to request a visit from a priest or from a member of the Parish Pastoral Care team." If they wish to receive a visit from the parish pastoral team, parishioners at the Georges Dumont Hospital are asked to contact the St. Bernard's parish office.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24

St. Bernard's	5:00 PM (family Mass), 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM
St. Augustine's	4:00 PM & 10:00 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary	4:00 PM & 8:30 PM
St. Jude's	6:30 PM
St. Lawrence O'Toole	7:00 PM
Holy Family	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Mercy	7:00 PM

Christmas Day - December 25

St. Bernard's	11:00 AM
St. Augustine's	11:00 AM
Holy Ghost	10:00 AM



Advent Prayer

Loving creator, we ask for your help as we begin this season of joyful expectation. Give us the longing of your prophet Isaiah that our hearts may not settle for anything less than the coming of your reign. Give us the honesty of John the Baptist that we may know our need for repentance and forgiveness. And give us the courageous joy of Mary that we may become true disciples in spite of moments of uncertainty & sorrow. God, give us patience that we might wait in hope for all your gifts to us.