



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead...
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

JOHN 10:16



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

The Good Shepherd

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and

deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✦ *Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?*
- ✦ *Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own, and my own know me.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

**St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9 (506) 857-0425
St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St, Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 (506) 536-1460
St. Clement's, 14 Church St, Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 (506) 538-2262**

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2021

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm



**Register
for Mass**

Please note you must register each week to attend Mass - call 857-0425
Deadline to register for all regular Masses: Thursdays, 12 noon
Please arrive early to allow for ushered seating.
Facemasks mandatory.

**We are currently in the Covid-19 yellow phase.
Six feet social distancing must be maintained at all times.**

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator:	Fr. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice:	Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time)	Fr. Charles Broderick	Catechetics:	Lorella Dunnett
Liturgy	Darlene McGraw	Adult Faith:	Dr. Andrew Wilson

STAFF

Secretary	Darlene McGraw	sbhf@rogers.com darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
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Bookkeeper	Louise Tardif	
Custodian	Michel Saulnier	

**Access to the Parish office is restricted. Phone messages & emails are checked regularly.
If you wish to make an appointment, call the parish office to arrange a time.
Parish office: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2021

Friday	Apr. 30	9:30 PM	Funeral	
Saturday	May 1	4:00 PM	Late Shellie O'Meara	Pat Mulvihill & Chiasson family
Sunday	May 2	11:00 AM	Late Jeffrey Longphee	Linda & Terry Soulliere



**STANDING TOGETHER –
EVEN TWO METERS APART!**

of course, and I am happy to support my parish through a donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). It is a convenient way to make my Sunday offering and it saves the trouble of filing an envelope or of looking for the right amount of

change. It also allows my parish to be able to count on my uninterrupted contribution ... and I have the pleasure of being part of the solution.

OFFERINGS – APRIL 17, 18, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Loose	\$ 117.00	Needy Fund	\$ 20.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,494.00	ReConnect	\$ 35.00
Easter	\$ 890.00	Syrian	\$ 25.00
Share Lent	\$ 70.00	Karing Kitchen	\$ 23.00
Good Friday	\$ 70.00	Bequest	\$ 10,000.00



Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the family of:

Shellie O'Meara	Daughter of Pat Mulvihill & niece of Linda & Guy Chiasson
Domenico de Camillis	Brother-in-law of Carmine (Ada) Di Saverio

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Ecclesiastes 3...

Under every season there is a time...A time to heal...

We remember in our prayers those who are sick...

Roger Berube	Terry LeBlanc	Jenny Purcell
Beth Purcell	Sylvia Theriault	Ada Di Saverio
Grant Stevenson	Marg Moore	Beverly LeBlanc

And we pray for all who care for them.



From the Diocesan Offices of Faith Development,
Liturgy and Youth Faith Development- 45 York Street
Trevor 857-4879 trevord.diocese@gmail.com
Ellen 857-9952 ellen.diocesemoncton@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings: (Masks are mandatory)

Adult Faith Commission: Tues., May 4, 6:30 PM, Dan Bohan Ctr., Immaculate Heart of Mary

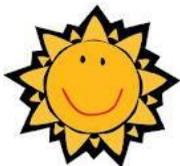
Sacrament Preparation Committee: Weds., May 5, 2:30 PM, 45 York St.

Faith Experiments Express: Learn about faith using science experiments! Designed for young people in grades 1-6, participants will be guided step by step through various fun and simple science experiments that will help them to learn more about faith and scripture. The next sessions will take place via Zoom on April 26th and May 10th at 6:30 pm. Register by contacting Karen at 387-4198 or ihmccatechism@rogers.com.

Faith Experiments Express is a collaborative effort between St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Pastoral Unit and the Archdiocese of Moncton Office of Youth Faith Development.

Mondays at the Movies: Everyone is invited to join our film discussion series this Easter season designed to connect popular films to our faith. On May 3rd, we will meet via Zoom at 6:30 PM to discuss the film *Signs* (2002) starring Mel Gibson. For each session, participants will have watched the film ahead of time. Contact Karen for more info. and to register at ihmccatechism@rogers.com or 387-4198.

Join the Conversation: The Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers are seeking young people aged 12-24 to join a series of virtual conversations (via Zoom) originally initiated by the CCCB and the Canadian Catholic Youth Ministry Network. These sessions are scheduled to take place on an ongoing basis beginning in May and will be an opportunity for young people across Atlantic Canada to gather and talk about issues important to them in 2021 and how we as a faith community can respond to them. All young people in this age range are welcome to join the conversation. For more information contact Trevor.



God bless your upcoming week!



Office Support Person

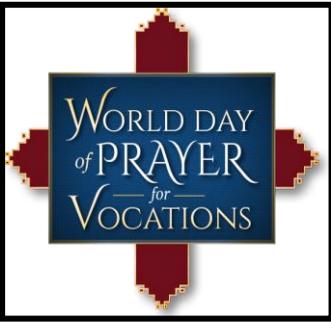
Position for St. Bernard's Parish - 'St. Bernard's Parish invites applications / resumes for an office support person position. This job involves 30 hours per week from Monday - Friday. *The role includes a variety of activities in the front office: as the initial contact with parishioners and the public through the phone, door, & email; & preparing the bulletin.* The successful candidate will have respectful and professional communication skills, comfort with basic computer

skills using Microsoft Word, Excel, & Outlook, and have a criminal record check. Please call the parish office @ 857-0425, or email sbhf@rogers.com to request the job description and submit an application for the position (**application deadline May 5/21**). Darlene will be continuing her pastoral work as liturgy coordinator.

CANNED SOUP DRIVE

We Need Your Help:

"Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom." Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad) Pope Francis – Paragraph 25. In response to the 2018 encyclical Gaudete et Exsultate the Adult Faith Commission, which has representation from the three Moncton area parish groupings, has been mandated by Archbishop Vienneau to put our faith into action in a way that can help families within our geographic area. With that in mind, representatives from the AFC recently met with Vincent Merola from the City of Moncton and Valerie McIntosh from the nonprofit organization, Isthmus, formerly known as "Blessings in a Backpack". Isthmus is a charity that provides for families who face food insecurity. They pack bags of food for children and their families that will bridge them from when they leave school on Friday until they return on Monday. Currently **they serve 734 children in 33 Moncton area schools**. The need is great, but the labourers are few, to paraphrase a quote from Scripture. In our meeting, Valerie outlined a concrete way our faith communities could provide help. She said that one thing they are in need of, but most often cannot afford to purchase, is soup. She was saying that a Soup Drive among all our parishes would be of great help. With that in mind, we would like to do a **Soup Drive from May 1st through May 17th**. Just bring your donation to your own parishes and we will arrange for pick up. St. Bernard's will have a basket at the entrance of the church to collect cans of soup for this cause. Thank you for your consideration of this ministry. I feel I can speak for all of us in saying that nobody wants to see a child go hungry. Mike Jeffries, Susan McCarthy, Mark Mahoney, Fr. Phil Mulligan - **Adhoc Committee – Adult Faith Commission**



World Day of Prayer For Vocations – April 25th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and call many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

The Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations. →Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



For fifty days, the people of God reflect on the meaning of Jesus' resurrection and of their sharing in it through baptism: dying to sin and living for God. For seven weeks we celebrate the presence of Jesus among us. We celebrate his ascension, and pray to him, seated in glory with the Father. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask him to fill us with the grace and power of his Spirit.

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing. (GNLY, no.22)



St. Bernard's Parish is offering a \$ 1,000 Bursary to a graduate who is pursuing or enrolled in post-secondary studies. Send or deliver your application to: St. Bernard's Parish Bursary, Parish Office, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C 4W9. **Deadline for**

applications: May 30th, 2021. Please include a personal letter detailing your involvement at school, in the parish and in the community, as well as your future plans.

Suggestions - ways to help feed the hungry.



Food Depot Alimentaire (FDA) is a registered, non-profit charitable organization that serves food banks, community kitchens, after-school programs & other supportive agencies across NB.

Their primary functions include food storage and distribution, fundraising and food collection and advocacy for the people they serve and the agencies they support. In April 2017 in partnership with the NBAFB and Midland Transport, the Food Depot Alimentaire launched their provincial distribution division. Located at 330 MacNaughton, the warehouse is collecting and distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of food each month. FDA services over 90 agencies provincially in an effort to ensure that no New Brunswicker goes hungry. Support is essential as they continue to service the frontline on hunger. If you would like to make a contribution, go to their website at: <https://fooddepot.ca/> for more information.



ReConnect Street Intervention Program

ReConnect staff continue to provide vital outreach and social support services to those experiencing homelessness. Donations can be made in support of ReConnect online by clicking the 'Give Today' button on the YMCA of Greater Moncton website – www.ymcamoncton.ca – or by mail to 30 War Veterans Ave., Moncton, NB, E1C 0B3.



KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen is offering take out at the door during COVID-19 to those in need. They would like to thank you for your generous support in the past. Without your help there can be no Karing Kitchen. They welcome your support. Donations can be made through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> or donations may be mailed directly to: Karing Kitchen 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB , E1C 4Y3

STANDING TOGETHER
↔ EVEN 2 METERS APART!

April 17th, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

It is with gratitude that we express appreciation for your presence, commitment, and parish donations, which are all vital to the future of our church community.

Living through a global pandemic, churches, as with all of humanity, are dealing with major challenges. Having to limit attendance at religious celebrations, dealing with times when, at the request of Public Health, we had to close our churches; we are experiencing the loss of each other's presence as we live our faith.

These difficult times have also had an important effect on the parish revenue and expenses. This was to be expected since our main source of income is the weekend collection.

Please know that we are so grateful to all of you who, despite the difficulties brought on by the pandemic, continue to support our parish. Your generosity allows our community of faith to engage actively in the Mission Jesus entrusted to his Church.

If you wish, we would like to make things easier for you by suggesting that you can make your donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). Some parishioners already chose to use this method as it is convenient for them. When you complete the PAD approval form, a monthly donation comes out of your bank account, thus providing the parish with the stability needed to be able to plan ahead, continue ministering to the faithful, and to oversee the maintenance of the grounds and property on a continuous basis. Naturally, a tax receipt will be issued annually. Your donation can be modified or cancelled at any time.

This envelope contains more information and if you have further questions, please call the parish office and your call will be returned.

Again, thank you and may God bless you and keep you in his everlasting love.



Fr. Allison Carroll, Priest-Moderator

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DONATIONS BY PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Fill out the membership form on the back using the contact details of your parish and return it to the parish unit office. (We can help you by phone)



FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISHES
Please Give Generously

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISHES – STANDING TOGETHER - EVEN 2 METERS APART! YOUR DONATION ALLOWS YOUR PARISH TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION

- with families for baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and funerals;
- with people alone, in need or living with sickness and those searching for meaning in their life;
- for the maintenance and upkeep of churches and cemeteries.

I want to help my parish by enrolling in the preauthorized debit program (PAD). I authorize my parish to make withdrawals on the 15th day of the month from my bank account. I enclose herewith a specimen cheque marked "VOID" which will provide the necessary information for automatic transfers. Furthermore, I retain the right, at any time, to modify or cancel my donation. A receipt will be issued for all donations. Thank you for supporting your parish and your community.

Each monthly withdrawal will correspond to a fixed amount of \$ _____

To be distributed as follows towards the following needs:

Sunday Collections: \$ _____ Special Collections: \$ _____ Maintenance / Renovation Funds: \$ _____ Where's most needed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dear Padre,

Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?

Biblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.

Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1–18
Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19–26
Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24–13:5a
Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 13:13–25
Jn 13:16–20

Friday

APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26–33
Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44–52
Jn 14:7–14

Sunday

MAY 2
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26–31
1 Jn 3:18–24
Jn 15:1–8