

St. Rose of Lima Church

July 1, 2018 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor: Father David Martin

Thank You!

From the Butler Family:

To: Parishioners of St. Rose of Lima, The Knights of Columbus 8094, The CWL, Father David Martin and Father Tom Fowler:

We want to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all of you for the presentations made to us at Mass on Saturday, June 23rd. We were truly honoured and surprised by your gesture of appreciation.

We were told by our parents that if we became involved with the Mass we would develop a greater understanding of the Mass. With everyone's help and support we certainly did learn more about the various stages of the Mass and what it means to be a Catholic. At the end of every mass there was always someone who would express their thanks and tell us how much they enjoyed seeing us serve. That encouragement helped us to return week after week. It doesn't seem possible that we have been serving at this mass for 10 years.

As we move on to the next stages of our education and lives, please know that St. Rose of Lima will always be our home and we will never forget you.

Thanks you,

Sarah & Alex Butler

As the parents of Sarah and Alex Butler, we have watched them grow up in the church, as many of you have. We have always been proud of them with everything they have accomplished in life, but nothing makes us more proud than watching them serve each week at the 4:00PM mass. Over the years, many of you have expressed to us your appreciation and joy with seeing both of them each week. Each time you voiced these words to us, we smiled a little bigger inside. The 4:00PM mass isn't going to be the same without them, but, as is the case with our churches, change is inevitable and life will go on. Hopefully Alex and Sarah have set an example that other youth can follow.

Thanks you to everyone!

Angela and Phil Butler

From our departing secretary: Thank you for all your kindness and good wishes. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with you these past two years. I really appreciate the wonderful gift of the garden swing. I hope many of you will come up to Kingston to try it out!
- Marijke Blok

To Paul Hebert who has been working tirelessly to maintain the grounds and the buildings on our property. He and his helper John have been applying mulch and gravel, repairing garage doors, painting and applying fresh concrete to the foundation of the Parish Building. All of these things contribute so much to the beauty of St. Rose of Lima.

Thanks again, Paul and John!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday July 3	7:00 PM St. Matthew	Cathy White
Wednesday July 4	9:00 AM St. Augustine	Marie Maloney
Thursday July 5	12:05 PM St. Rose	Patricia Pare
Saturday, July 7	4:00 PM St. Rose	Edgar Gogan
Saturday, July 7	5:30 PM St. Augustine	Mary & Michael Pynisky
Sunday, July 8	9:00 AM St. Rose	Eva & Joe Murphy; Gordon Fitzgerald
Sunday, July 8	11:00 AM St. Matthew	Jayne Cormier

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Joseph and Terry Gallant

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: Gordon O'Donnell, Doreen Robichaud, Robert McAllister, Clara Graham, Very Rev. Fr. Jose Kaimlett, founder of the Heralds of Good News, Norman LeBlanc, Devan Breau

Our Stewardship: June 24, 2018

Envelopes	2295.00
Loose	158.80
Pre-Authorized Debit	410.83
Food Bank	70.00
Total	2934.63

Blessings on Canada Day!! Let us be grateful to God for the country we live in!!

Back Parking Lot at St. Matthew's: The back parking lot has been paved! The final step will to paint lines and designate specialize parking spots. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have worked so hard over the past four years to bring this project to completion. You know who you are and I know that I speak for the many for your dedication and expertise.

New Parish...New Name: Last week all 3 communities had the opportunity to vote on two new names for our new parish community which will take effect September 1. To recap: St. Augustine's Church Building will close; Both St Matthew and St. Rose will become worship sites under the umbrella of one parish name. After collecting many names and titles, the Transition Committee came forth with two names for our new parish. You, the parishioners were then asked to vote on them. "Blessed Sacrament Parish" received a total of 77 votes and "Holy Spirit Parish" received a total of 278 votes. There were 14

spoiled votes. Therefore a total of 369 people voted. This information has been forwarded to our Bishop for his input and consideration. **Minutes** from our Transition Committee Meetings will be published in bulletin as soon as they are approved by the committee. Please read them and all information pertaining to "Revitalizing Our Diocese" so that For you are kept informed properly. Also, if you have any questions please speak with one of the member representing our current faith communities...their names are on the front of our bulletin. We want to be both informed and up-to-date to what is going on. Transparency is a key factor for our committee. As well, I want to thank everyone for their patience as we begin to turn a new page in our churches history. For some, this is difficult and for others, this is exciting...we have an opportunity to be both a noteworthy "spiritual" and "physical" presence in our greater community. Yes this mean change, but as Jesus shared with us in the gospel of John (12:23-25) "unless a grain of wheat die it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest..."

WELCOME TO OUR MASS!

At one time, I wrote a reflection on the importance of three key elements needed for a successful parish: "Music," "Preaching," and "Hospitality." This is the 'tripod' that the whole parish sits on. If one of these is 'weak' or 'missing' then that parish will collapse. As well, with the mergers and closures of some communities people will be looking for a parish to join. The coming months afford us an opportunity to put our 'best foot forward.' We will be doing **extensive work in hospitality**. A special welcome to anyone who is with us either on vacation or perhaps searching for a new community to join. Hopefully someone showed you hospitality and welcomed you here today!!!!

THANK YOU!

Once again, Congratulations...

... to Marijke Blok on her retirement. Your gifts, especially your love for St. Rose will not be forgotten. At the same time we welcome Bernice Martin who will take on the administrative role from Marijke. Since Bernice will be covering both offices, **new hours will take affect this coming Tuesday**

July 3rd (Monday holiday).

Monday: St. Matthew's: 9 am to 4 pm 738-2320

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Wednesday: St. Rose: 9 am to 4 pm 653-6850

Thursday: St. Rose: 9 am to 4 pm 653-6850

Friday: both offices closed

However, Bernice is always available by phone for information or emergencies. For those who currently use the former St. Rose rectory, such as "Soup for AIDS SJ," "Prayer Shawl" and any other groups will maintain their days for gathering... and there is always room for more people and more projects!! Also, you are welcome to drop by and welcome Bernice to her new ministry!

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The Power of Touch

How often in the liturgy do we use our sense of touch? In both formal and informal gestures, we use our hands to hold, carry, sign, bless, offer, pray, reconcile, welcome and send. In many ways we need touch in order to be 'in touch' with God who is in our midst.

Yet, we often take for granted the gift of touch—a gift we receive and offer. Notice how quickly we tend to make the sign of the cross over ourselves or how casually we take a person's hand during the sign of peace with hardly a glance into their eyes or a moment of genuine human connection. Many are careful to attend to the touch they show the Body of Christ as they share in Communion. However, the Body of Christ is also found in those around us, among the crowd of people that surrounds us every day. Most especially, the Body of Christ found in those who have been discarded by society, pushed to the fringes, or made invisible by stigma, prejudice or shame.

In liturgy, let us pay attention to how we reverence God in sacred gifts and in sacred people through the act of sacred touch. In doing this, we are training ourselves to find the one within the crowd of people we encounter each day who is most in need of God's healing, given in simple human touch and offered with true reverence and care.

Request for Prayers:

The **Sisters of Charity** invite your prayer for their Chapter gathering at Villa Madonna Retreat House in Rothesay July 9-14. They will focus on their community life and mission and elect a new leadership circle. **Chapter theme: God of the Cosmos . . . Drawing Us Forward.** Please also pray for Associates of the Sisters of Charity from eastern and western Canada gathering soon in Saint John.

Announcements

Saint Rose Outreach extends beyond Rose's Kitchen. This week four parishioners brought muffins, bread, and cinnamon rolls. We delivered forty-four large cups of soup to AIDS Saint John (now Avenue B – see below). We could use donations of chicken and beef stock. Our next soup day will be **July 16th at 1:00 at Rose's Kitchen.**

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: July 1 at Divine Mercy School Chapel 1-2 pm.

The next **Prayer Shawl meeting** will be July 3rd. We will meet **every other week** throughout the summer.

Chase the Ace Friday evenings at St. Matthew's Hall – please come and support your Knights of Columbus – tickets on sale from 6pm – 7:45pm with the winning ticket being drawn at 8pm. **The holder of the winning ticket must be present on Friday at 8pm to claim their winnings and cut the deck and try for the Ace of Spades.**

Evensong in the Summer: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: Come join us in sharing in this beautiful jewel of Anglican spirituality. Great if you are away from worship on the weekends! Church of the Good Shepherd (Manawagonish and Catherwood). Offering envelopes from your home church will be forwarded to your church for you!

Strawberry Festival at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sussex on Sunday, July 8th from 3 pm to 6:30 pm. Potato Salad, Ham, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Strawberry Shortcake and Layer Cakes all for \$13./Adults; \$6./Children from 6 to 12 years of age; Children under the age of 6 are FREE. We also have a quilt raffle and 50/50 plus entertainment in the Church while you wait for your meal or after. We hope you will come and enjoy.

AIDS SAINT JOHN HAS A NEW NAME!

Saint John, 1988: The volunteer committee created to support people living and dying with HIV/AIDS in Saint John applied for corporation status as **AIDS SAINT JOHN INC.** AIDS Saint John operated on a harm-reduction philosophy even before the term was coined.

When the main source of new HIV infections shifted from gay men to people injecting drugs, we started handing out clean needles. And we quickly discovered that the same behaviours that created risks for HIV/AIDS also created risks for Hepatitis C and other sexually-transmitted and/or blood borne infections (STTBIs).

Saint John, 2018: We're shifting our focus away from a specific disease to the people we work with and the philosophy that underlines our work. Our new name? "Avenue B Harm Reduction Inc."

To our friends – which we hope include you – we're Avenue B.

- Excerpted from AIDS Saint John/Avenue B press release