

Please pray for the sick: Nora Gagnon , John Gallagher, Pat & Ed McGuire, Dorothy Hemsley, Margaret Bridgeo, Andy McLean, Dorothy Deriet & Lynn Patterson.

For those who have died: Ronald Dow, Anna Gallivan & Adrienne Taylor

CWL- PRAYER LINE: Prayers will be said daily for two weeks by the CWL women, on request. All requests are confidential; no information is required. To have prayers said, call Jocelyn Keirstead (328-9485) jkeirstead21@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Mondays **Bingo will resume on Nov. 1st. Doors open at 6:00 pm. 50/50 – Oct. 25, 2021 Winner Bill & Jane Everett \$228.00** Tickets are \$2/week available at Martin's Corner Store on Broadway or bulk food store on Connell St. Tickets must be purchased by 6 pm Sunday.

Offertory Oct. 23/24

	<u>St. Gertrude</u>	<u>Sts. Simon & Jude</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
Loose	75.31		
Envelopes	813	397	100
Candles		131	
E-Transfers	20	100	
PAD	<u>1,552</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>77</u>
	2460.31	877	177
Lynn Lake	500	Global South	33
Dev & Peace	5	Evangelization of Nations	10
St. Bonaventure	130	Italian Dinner *	110
St. Bonaventure Cemetery -		In Memory Anna Gallivan	210

Ministries

For St. Gertrude's, please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled Mass if you are a lector. Please arrive ½ hour before Mass if you are a Door Greeter or Screener. Please let Myrna or Ann know you are present to serve. If unable to serve, please let Myrna 328-9640 or Anne 328-8398 know in advance or find a replacement. Thank you so much for your generous offer to serve during these unique pandemic times.

Date	Time	Lector	Hospitality/Door Greeter
06-Nov	4:00 PM	Barb Woodland John Lenehan Vicki McLean	Ninfa Blacquiere Barb Woodland
07-Nov	11:00 AM	Jack Keilty Michelle Nowlan Ellen Culbert-Johnston	Sharon Tenhave Claude Dube
07-Nov	9:00 AM	1st Reading Sally	2nd Reading + Prayers of the Faithful Rita

Faith Formation: we are still looking for people to volunteer and also names for classes.

Please contact the office or email: Vicki.mclean@nbed.nb.ca or Michelle.Nowlan@nbed.nb.ca



CWL fundraiser Jocelyn Keirstead will be selling blocks for \$5 for a chance to win \$250 at the back of the church on Sunday **Oct. 31st.**

St. Gertrude's Church – earring – If you are missing one please contact the office at 328-3306.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: PARISH FUND RAISING

As you know, St. John the Baptist Parish could not hold its annual *Italian Dinner* (Nackawic) or *Harvest Supper* (Woodstock) this year due to the pandemic. These are important events in our parish and we rely on the revenue from them to meet our annual budget.

During the month of November, members of the organizing committees for these events will be **canvassing parishioners** by **phone** seeking donations in place of what you would normally contribute to these events. Calls have already begun in Nackawic.

We understand that not everybody will be able to contribute, but if you can, please consider donating an amount of money that would be similar to what you would spend buying food or supplies or purchasing meal tickets for the event. And, if you normally make an additional donation in support of this event, we ask you to do that as well.

Donations may be made by **e mail transfer** (sjbnb@rogers.com) or by delivering a **cheque** to the parish office or placing in the **offertory basket** at Mass. In all cases, **please indicate** that the donation is for the **"Italian"** or **"harvest supper"** (as the case may be).

On behalf of our organizing committees and the parish finance council, we **thank you** for any support you can offer. We appreciate whatever assistance you can provide as we attempt to make up the revenue shortfall from these two events.

If you have any questions about the donation process, please call the parish office – 328-3306.

Let's all look forward with hope to a time when we can gather again for these important community events.

Welcome! Debie Rae our new Office Manager/Pastoral Assistant will begin her new role on Monday Nov. 1st. It has been a pleasure working at the Parish office and I want to welcome Debi. I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me along the way. I have a new appreciation for what it takes to keep a Parish running smoothly and the time and effort of our volunteers, especially during this pandemic. I will stay on for a bit during the transition phase. Thank you everyone for your support and prayers.

Diane

**St Gertrude's Church Annual Memorial Service
Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 2 PM**

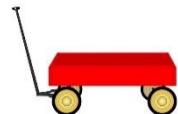


The St Gertrude's Bereavement Ministry invites you to attend the upcoming Memorial Service to be held at St Gertrude's Church. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered in this service, please contact Sharon Tenhave at shtenhave@hotmail.com or 375-6800.

The Memorial Service consists of Music, Prayer, Scripture, Reflection, and reading of the names of the deceased and lighting a candle to remember the loved one(s). We invite you to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and place next to the candle on the Memorial Table.

COVID-19 Protocols will be followed.

ST GERTRUDE'S FOOD DRIVE for FOOD BANK— Help families in our community through donations of non-perishable food items to our local Food Bank. Please consider bringing food items for our church **FOOD DRIVE for the FOOD BANK**. Space will be reserved at the main church entrance for your donations. Look for the wagons ! Thanks for your generosity.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD--SHOEBOXES- This is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes packed by **YOU**. Pick up your shoe box to be filled at **the table near the side entrance to the church**. Be sure to have **a label (boy or girl) for your box**. Remember to **include an envelope with \$10 in your shoe box**. This fee covers costs for transportation and processing here and in the receiving countries. **DO NOT SEAL CLOSED YOUR BOX**. Check the list on the table for the gift suggestions by age for shoe boxes. Read carefully they **DO NOT INCLUDE list** of items unacceptable as gifts. **RETURN DATE: SUNDAY, NOV. 14. Boxes can be returned at the Church or Parish Office.**

ST GERTRUDE'S – Votive Candles are available at the back of the church at no cost.

Light a Memory Tree - We remember in prayer our deceased family members and friends. Anyone wishing to have someone included in the Book of Memorials should complete the form below and put in an envelope with the offertory collection. These memorials will be included on the Light a Memory Tree during the Advent and Christmas Season. Please have these in by **Nov. 14, 2021**. (St. Gertrude's)

Name: _____ Envelope # _____ Amount _____

In Memory of:

ALL SAINTS' DAY is celebrated all over the world. In some places, it's even a public holiday, where businesses and jobs are closed. All Saints' Day is a religious feast day which is celebrated by different Christian denominations. It honors all saints (known and unknown) who have attained heaven. Hallows Eve (Hallowe'en) is the eve before All Saints Day!

Since there are only 365 days in the year, not every person in heaven can have his own liturgical commemoration, but they all should be recognized for the way they cooperated with God's grace. Thus All Saints Day was created to commemorate every last individual in heaven, even those who salvation is known to God alone.

So if your departed grandmother is in heaven, even though she's never been canonized, on All Saints Day the Catholic Church commemorates her and the work God did in her life. She, too, has a place in the liturgical calendar, alongside the more famous saints.

BOOK of SOULS

Sts. Simon and Jude church continues our tradition throughout the month of November. The Book of Souls will be placed near the entrance of the church. Parishioners may place the names of the faithful departed within the book. As a community in prayer, we remember those who have gone before us.

All Souls Day: Often overshadowed by the two days preceding it, Halloween (Oct. 31) and All Saints Day (Nov. 1), **All Souls Day** (Nov. 2) is a solemn celebration in the Roman Catholic Church commemorating all of those who have died and are now in Purgatory, being cleansed of their venial sins and the temporal punishments for the mortal sins that they had confessed, and being made pure before entering into the presence of God in Heaven. Since there are only 365 days in the year, not every person in heaven can have his own liturgical commemoration, but they all should be recognized for the way they cooperated with God's grace. Thus All Saints Day was created to commemorate every last individual in heaven, even those whose salvation is known to God alone. *So if your departed grandmother is in heaven, even though she's never been canonized, on All Saints Day the Catholic Church commemorates her and the work God did in her life. She, too, has a place in the liturgical calendar, alongside the more famous saints.* Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, Glasgow - October 31 - November 12

World leaders, including a delegation from the Vatican, are coming together in Glasgow, Scotland, October 31 - November 12, to show their joint commitment to caring for the Earth and to appeal to world leaders to deepen their commitments to cut emissions causing climate change. Pope Francis has said that caring for creation is "the defining issue of his papacy". In a joint written appeal, Pope Francis, other faith leaders and scientists, warned that "... future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert to our children."

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (November 12, 2021)

The fifth World Day of the Poor will be celebrated on November 12. In a recent address, Pope Francis expressed the hope that "... the World Day of the Poor will grow in local churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach out to them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres...How evangelical it would be if we could say with all truth: we too are poor because only in this way will we truly be able to recognize them, to make them part of our lives and be an instrument of our salvation." More information on this observance is available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.cccb.ca).

Pope Francis and his two predecessors (Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI) have promoted the use of social media (Internet, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) as a powerful means of evangelization. Social media allows the Church to connect with its members, it provides Catholic and global news, analysis, commentary, spiritual reflection, etc. Below are some Catholic websites that might be of interest to Parishioners:

- * Vatican News (www.vaticannews.va)
- * Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.cccb.ca)
- * Diocese of Saint John + New Freeman (www.dioceseofsaintjohn.org)
- * The Catholic Women's League of Canada (www.cwl.ca)
- * The Catholic Register (www.catholicregister.org)
- * Catholic News Agency (www.catholicnewsagency.com)
- * National Catholic Register (www.ncregister.com)

Let's listen to the voices of our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment

World leaders have gathered for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26).



Although these powerful decision-makers are debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage.

Medarda Hernandez, whose community in Honduras has been repeatedly harmed by large industrial projects, including supposedly "green" projects, says, "if other extractivist projects start in our community, we are not going to let them pass. I ask the international community to come to our aid, because we are really suffering from this situation."

So that people like Medarda do not go unheard, let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Join Development and Peace's **People and Planet First** campaign to make this happen. Visit <https://devp.org/en> to learn more.