



Note: Sunday School is Back in Session

New Year, New Media

For those who enjoy spending time online, why not check out St. Paul's new **Facebook Page**?

This is a great way to stay connected and up to date with what's happening here at St. Paul's, even if you can't always make it out on Sunday.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsrothesaycanada/>

(Help us spread the word by "liking" us online as well.)

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PAUL'S

Activity Bags are available for children remaining in Church

Sunday School welcomes kids ages 3+ during our 10 am service

Our **Nursery Room** is always ready for parents to use if they wish

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Ages 12+ **Friday 7-9pm** at the Church Everyone Welcome

Contact Info

Family & Youth Minister: Rob Montgomery
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PARISH NOTES

Some Notes from the January Vestry Meeting

- Don Crawford attended Vestry to discuss a gift that the Crawford family would like to make in 2017, in loving memory of Helen. They would like to work on the refreshment of the Narthex area: painting, heaters, flooring in the cloak rooms etc. The property committee will work alongside the Crawford family. Vestry was most appreciative to Don and the family for this gift.
- Harry Crossley, representing the Property committee, reviewed work they would like to address in 2017. This would include some exterior painting; insulation in the church attic; smoke detectors in the church attic; the church hall doors need attention.
- Clark Sancton has been invited to a future meeting of the Vestry to discuss the promotion and work of the Endowment Fund.
- a committee was formed to review terms of reference for the Parish committees.
- the Diocese has launched an important program called *Safe Church*. This program addresses a number of important issues such as boundaries around working with vulnerable people; building safety and accessibility; food preparation and more. The Diocese is working to produce an on-line certification program for all parishes.
- the Child and Youth committee reported on a positive Christmas program for children. There were 12 young people at Youth Group last Friday. The After School Program continues to be strong.
- there will be a special meeting of Vestry on **Sun, Jan 29** to address the 2017 Parish Budget

Safe Harbour

The Safe Harbour transition home for youth in Saint John is now operated by *Partners For Youth*, a non-profit provincial organization. J.T. Sharpe, the former youth worker here at St. Paul's is the CEO of the group. He writes: *Dear Members of the Parish of Rothesay and members of the Mission Beyond Committee, Thank you very much for the recent donation of \$3050.00 you have made towards Partners for Youth Inc. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and mean a great deal to us and the youth we serve. It has been a very busy year but we are confident we are making a difference in the lives of many children and youth at risk across New Brunswick. Your donation will directly support our work within Safe Harbour House in Saint John. We are on track to re-open the doors to youth in March and we are very confident in our ability to have a significant positive impact on the lives of many homeless youth in the region. The support of parishes and groups such as yourselves is critical to our overall success and we look forward to keeping you well informed of our progress. Again, our sincerest thanks. Sincerely, John Sharpe, CEO.*

A Difficult Decision

It is with sadness that I have come to the decision to resign as Rector of the Parish of Rothesay at the end of August. It will be two years in May, since Wandlyn took a position in the Parish of Fredericton. We have managed driving the roads back and forth, but we are hesitant to continue living in different communities. Wandlyn moved several times over the years to support my ministry and career, and now it is my turn to support hers. Although I do not have a church position in Fredericton, Bishop Edwards has offered to keep me in mind should opportunities arise. Just before Christmas, we purchased a home in Fredericton. Wandlyn says it is everything she could ask for, except, it does not have a husband! Thankfully, she would like me to continue in the role, and I am happy to fill it. Matthew will be remaining in the Saint John area to finish his accounting degree. He is on track to graduate in 2018. As the parish looks to a new Rector, Matthew would like everyone to know that he comes with the Rectory! The new Vestry, which will be elected at our Annual Meeting on February 19, will elect a 5-person committee to work with the Bishop and Archdeacon Marsh in the process of the appointment of the next Rector. It is ten years ago this coming week that the Snelgrove family moved to Rothesay. You have been with us through High School and university graduations, the beginning of careers for the boys, the changing of careers for Wandlyn, and the weekly support of my ministry in countless ways. We have each been very happy in Rothesay, because the people have been generous and kind. We will always carry you in our hearts. ALS.

New Dawn Players – Sunday, January 29 at 10 a.m.

The New Dawn players mime group, grew as a ministry and outreach of the former New Dawn Community, who eventually became a “project” of L’arche, later called L’arche Saint John, when the Mckim House was established in Saint John West. However, the New Dawn Players continued to exist on its own with volunteers committing themselves to learning mimes of various parables and fables and performing them at churches and other events. Reta Dunlop-King, a member of our Parish, and a Layreader, is a part of this group. They will be a part of our worship Jan 29, as they perform the mime entitled, “Water? No, Wine!”. Sometimes Debbie Turnbull, participates in the mimes, and on the 29th, 2 of her housemates from L’arche, Stephan and Patrick, will be in this mime.

Thank you for your invitation to come to St Paul’s. We hope you enjoy our version of the account of Jesus’s first miracle at Cana of Galilee.

Reta Dunlop-King

Parish Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 19

As we prepare for our AGM next month, we are receiving reports from parish organizations and committees for the report booklet. We would like to have the booklet available for **Feb 12** and are asking for reports to be sent to the office by **Fri, Jan 27**. It is a help to send the reports electronically to stpaulsrothesay@nb.aibn.com. Thank you.

Altar Guild Annual Meeting

The Altar Guild annual meeting will be held on **Wed, Jan 25** at 5:30 at the home of Pam Iype, 18 Tranquility Lane in Quispamsis. Storm date is Jan 26.

The Youth Area Needs a Couch or Love Seat

We are looking for a couch or love seat to use in the child and youth TV room. If you have one that you are no longer using and would like to donate it, please contact Rob Montgomery by phone at 608-1772 or by email at rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca

BEYOND THE PARISH

50 + Women Who Care

50 + Women Who Care of Greater Saint John will host their next meeting on **Wed, Jan 25** at St James the Less Church on Rothesay Road. Registration at 1:00 p.m. Meeting at 1:30 - 2:30. Women in the Greater Saint John area (Hampton to Grand Bay) write a cheque for \$50 four times a year and witness how their donation can improve the lives of other in our local community. Check the website 50pluswomensj.com or contact Donna 634-1230, Sandy Mary Ann 849-7591 or Carol 216-2001.

Senior’s Luncheon’s

St. Augustine’s Church (corner of Quispamsis and Pettingill Roads) will be serving Senior’s Luncheon’s at noon on the last Thursday of January, February, March and April 2017. Come join us for a warm, nutritious meal and some great conversation. No charge but free-will offering will be accepted. On the menu for January 26th - Ham!!

Annual Mystery Auction & Supper

Please join us in the Holy Trinity Church hall, Hammond River, for our annual Mystery Auction and Supper on **Sat, Feb 18**. A supper of beans and brown bread will be served at 5:30 pm with the auction starting at 7 pm. Our very gifted auctioneer is the truly hilarious Canon David Barrett! We are looking for items to auction so if you have household items or a Christmas gift that you may not want please wrap it up and bring it with you for the auction or drop it off at Holy Trinity. Call 847-0850 or 849-3453 for more information! Bring a Friend! All proceeds are for Holy Trinity Mission Projects - of which there are many!



The Parish Prayer Chain

welcomes people to call with specific prayer requests. This month’s contact is **Jeanann Artiss @ 847-2703**