

## PARISH NOTES CON'T

### Happy News

Fran and John Simson became grandparents (for the 4th time). Their son Drew and his wife Christy had a baby boy **Logan Mason Simson** in Canmore Alberta on Sept 14. We send our prayers and best wishes to the Simson family.

### Celebrating Thanksgiving with a Grateful Heart

This Thanksgiving we invite you to be grateful for all the Gifts that God have given you. Everything we do inside of our church building, in the community, or if we stretch ourselves to do something good beyond our borders, we are doing it to God's Glory, and using the gifts we have been given. Sometimes we don't acknowledge the things we do as gifts, especially if it is something that takes little time, or if we see the gift as unimportant. We must work together as the Body of Christ to develop and grow into what God is calling us to do. If you are an artist, bring a sample of your work, whether it is a painting, pottery, quilting, knitter, writer, and woodwork. Perhaps you like to sing, read in church, or play a musical instrument. Maybe your gift is to greet people at the door and make them feel welcome, or you would like to drive those who cannot get to church on their own, work with children and youth, help clean up after dinners, lunches, etc. If you are currently not involved, perhaps you might pray about it and discern what God is calling you to do. On Thanksgiving Sunday, please bring to church your gift...bring what we can see visually, and for those who can't bring something visually, we will have places to put the name of your gift on an index card. **Let's celebrate the Work of the People of God, with thanksgiving and praise for the many, many ways God has been with us.**

See Rev. Eileen for more details

### Fruits and Vegetables to Decorate the Church

Thanksgiving Sunday falls on Oct 8 this year. The Altar Guild will be decorating the church on Sat, Oct 7. If you would like to donate fruits or vegetables to decorate the church, please bring them to the church office during the **week of Oct 2.**

**All produce collected will be sent to the Food Basket after the Thanksgiving service.**

### Art in the Narthex

We are looking for parishioner artwork (paintings, photography etc) to be hung in the narthex . If you have art that you would like to exhibit , please drop it off to the office.

### The Library

Thank you to Sandy Bonnycastle and Rob Montgomery who spent an afternoon last week organizing the church library. Come check it out, grab a book and sit a spell.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference** is happening at Sackville, NB on **September 30th from 10am - 4pm**. This year's theme is "*Connecting...Family, Youth and Community.*" We will have guest speakers, workshops and a chance to mingle with other youth leaders in the Diocese. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch. This is a great opportunity for *all of us* to learn more about this important part of our Church's ministry, and our Family & Youth Minister Rob Montgomery invites *anyone* interested to join him.

### Young People Belong at St. Paul's

**Sunday School** is back in session: Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our time downstairs during our 10 am services, for children 3 and up. Kids younger than 3 are also welcome to come downstairs with an adult, either joining the class, or playing in our *Nursery Room* (now equipped with speakers to hear what's happening upstairs).

**Activity Bags** are available at the entrances for any young people staying

**Our Friday Night Youth Group**, for young people around 12 and up, meets every week from 7-9pm.

Opportunities for young people to get involved *abound*: the choir, the servers team, and all sorts of other committees are open to welcoming new members. If you are interested in getting more involved (at any age), but don't know who to ask, Rob Montgomery would love to help you out.



## BEYOND THE PARISH

### Organ Recital

Today, **Sunday September 24 at 3:00 PM** there will be an organ recital at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, in Rothesay, featuring Michael Molloy. The program, will feature music based on chorales and hymn tunes by composers including Pachelbel, Bach, Vaughan Williams and Mendelssohn. The chorales will be sung by a small choral group, and the audience will be invited to participate in the singing of some of the better known hymntunes. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

### ICYM Silent Auction

On **October 2nd from 7-9pm** at Stone Church there will be a *Silent Auction & Dessert Night* in support of *Inner City Youth Ministry!* There will be lots of great auction items and goodies, and all are welcome! All proceeds of the event will support the work of ICYM in Saint John. A free will offering will be collected.

### Rothesay Elementary School is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers are needed in the Breakfast and Enrichment programs.

*Breakfast program-* 1 or 2x month, Thursday mornings 7:45am-8:15am- involves serving breakfast foods (toast, cereal, fruit and juice) to approximately 40 children ages 5- 10. Two adults are needed per morning.

*Enrichment clubs-* do you have a passion you'd like to share? If so, three Wednesdays in the month are set aside at RES for enrichment (grades 3-5 students). During this 40 minute period, children learn different interests such as yoga, gardening, knitting, financial literacy, woodworking, etc) We need helpers and leaders (who choose the subject) The commitment is for 6 Wednesdays from 1:45pm-2:45pm at Rothesay Elementary School.

If you are interested in helping out in either program, please contact, Becky MacKay, Community School Coordinator at RES, at 343-6248.



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### Thank You Fr. Jim and Rev. Eileen

A sincere thank you to Fr. Jim and Rev. Eileen for their ministry and leadership during this interim period. We appreciate the time, energy, and commitment that they have offered to our Parish.

*We pray for God's blessing on them, and on the fruit of their labour.*

### Note from Rev. Eileen

October 1 is coming fast, the date we, as a Church Family ,embark upon a new and exciting journey. Rev. Paul Rideout, our incoming rector, will lead us on that journey. These last two months have been a blessing for me, as I was deeply honoured to be the Interim Priest. What wonderful team ministries we have at St Paul's. It was a joy to work with Fr. Jim, Rob, Katherine, June, Louise , Charles, our lay readers and our wardens Pam and Peter. I thank all of you for your support. I am humbled and blessed by the love and support I received during this time.

Many thanks and blessings. *Eileen*

### Fr. Paul Rideout has Landed- Beagle in Hand

Fr. Paul Rideout and "Dexter" have arrived!.They left St John's on Monday, drove across Newfoundland, took the Port aux Basque midnight ferry to North Sydney and then drove through NS and arrived in Rothesay Tuesday evening, a bit weary but thrilled to be here. Fr. Paul is settling into the rectory and will be in and out of the office all week . Sunday, Oct 1, will be his first official Sunday.

### Coffee Break in support of the Alzheimer Society

Please join the quilters for coffee on **Wed, Sept 27 at 11:00 am** in support of the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick. All money raised at the coffee break will be donated in support of the programs and services offered to families in our community impacted by Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Delicious coffee and sweets will be provided. Please come , bring a friend and support a good cause. Note: Louise will be bringing her famous "Chewy Louies" ...so yummy

### October Shannex Tea

We are planning a Thanksgiving Tea Party at the Shannex on **Wed. Oct 4 @ 3pm**. Please join us downstairs in Jubilee Hall for an afternoon of sweets, music and fellowship . This is a wonderful chance to catch up with some of our friends we have not seen in a while. Please let Katherine or June know if you are able to come (847-1812)

### Wedding Announcement

Dawn and Jeff McCluskey attended the marriage of their son, Gregory, to Antonietta Pietrangelo, daughter of Anna Rosa and Anthony Pietrangelo, of Toronto. The wedding was held last weekend in Vaughan, Ontario. Our best wishes to the young couple .