

BINGO UPDATE – September 11, 2016

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of our parishioners, volunteers, and bingo patrons for their patience as Bingo was cancelled these past few weeks! Due to the health concerns of our Bingo Coordinators, we found ourselves in need of a new coordinator, and new volunteers. The meeting held on Tuesday, September 6th for all of our Bingo volunteers was productive and helpful. Through that meeting we were blessed to have Erin Petranik volunteer as our new coordinator! In order to make this transition, **we are now in need of a great number of volunteers to continue running our Bingo.**

WHAT BINGO MEANS TO OUR PARISH

Bingo provides approximately **\$80,000 in revenue** to the parish each year. Let's put it in perspective...this amount covers the subsidy that the parish provides the school each year; it would take an extra three months of collections to cover this amount; or it would take three gala fundraiser events a year to equal this revenue.

We can all agree that St. Bee's Bingo is important to our parish by looking only at the numbers, but it provides so much more to our community! Our Bingo connects our school, our parish, and our neighbours, and we all benefit! Our volunteers enjoy an evening of socializing and friendship. Our patrons enjoy an evening of entertainment at a very reasonable price. Our Bingo also provides a means of outreach to the community as the only remaining independent Bingo south of the Fraser River.

VOLUNTEERING – WE NEED HELP!

In order to continue providing this social activity, this sense of community, and the revenue to our parish and school, we are calling on our parishioners, our school families, and our neighbors to come out and volunteer at St. Bee's Bingo. The rotation of our volunteers varies according to duties, and with the number of volunteers in the rotation. For example...our kitchen cooks rotate one month on, two months off; those who sell game cards rotate two weeks on, four weeks off, and so on. A weekly commitment is not what we're asking for, but this is a year-round event, so schedules would include a possible rotation during the summer.

If you are willing and able to give back to your community by volunteering at Bingo, please contact the St. Bernadette Parish office at 604-596-0566. If you are unable to volunteer, please consider coming out for an entertaining evening to play Bingo!

Thank you and God bless you!