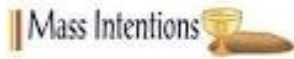


ASCENSION OF THE LORD – May 28, 2017



Monday, May 29th	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention (G & TD)
Tuesday, May 30th	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention (MBM)
Wednesday, May 31st	7:00 p.m.	Carol Duplessis
Thursday, June 1st	7:00 p.m.	Terry Connolly
Friday, June 2nd	12:00 p.m.	Charles Robinson
Saturday June 3rd	4:00 p.m.	Reginald and Gertrude Johnston and Children
Sunday, June 4th	9:00 a.m.	Cantwell Druet
Sunday, June 4th	11:00 a.m.	Rosemary Hooley

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends, As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus this weekend, we thank God for bringing His promises to fulfillment. God always keeps His word. He promises life, forgiveness and truth to us all. With the Ascension of Jesus we celebrate the completion of His revelation and His return to the right hand of the Father. May our celebration give true thanks and praise to God for the many gifts of faith, hope and love He bestows on us all.</p> <p>In the Gospel we hear: “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?”</p> <p>This Gospel makes me think of my Mom’s passing many years ago. She was far too young to die but cancer took her ravagely. Nevertheless, she had a graceful death. She was ready and she welcomed death happily and wholeheartedly. She was going home but ... we were being left behind. After she passed, I felt I had lost an anchor of my identity, a source of my humanity.</p>	<p>It took a long time to grieve her death. Even knowing she would die did not prepare me. A Mother, after all, is your entry into the world. “Waking up in a world without her is like waking up in a world without a sky – unimaginable!” says author Meghan O’Rourke.</p> <p>I imagine this may also express the feelings of the disciples immediately following Jesus’ departure. Their faith had been conceived, birthed and nurtured in and through His presence. It is no wonder that they just stood there “looking at the sky.” Who were they without Him?</p> <p>So on this Feast of the Ascension, why not spend a few moments staring at the sky. Perhaps, think of someone important to you who has gone on to Heaven ahead of you and share a story or two with others who treasure the memory of that person.</p> <p>Next week we conclude the Easter Season with Pentecost so I encourage you to pray to the Holy Spirit alive and active in our lives.</p> <p>Blessings! Father Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

- 1) A bad mood is never an excuse to use cruel words. Never. Moods pass but cruel words wound the soul.
- 2) Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.
- 3) Show kindness to unkind people. Forgive people who don’t deserve it. Love unconditionally. Your actions always reflect who you are.
- 4) I am in competition with no one. I have no desire to play the game of being better than anyone. I am simply trying to be “better” than the person I was yesterday.
- 5) Life is short. Cut out negativity, forget gossip, say goodbye to people who hurt you. Spend your days with the people who are always there.
- 6) Sometimes my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut.
- 7) I’ve never owned a WINERY but I’m pretty sure I drank one.
- 8) Remember, anyone can love you when the sun is shining. In the storm is when you learn who truly cares for you.
- 9) There is no greater wealth in this world than peace of mind.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Nancy Foley, Carol Duplessis, Jean Lafontaine, Rick McNulty, Asied Debly, Dr. Ed and Mrs. Sally Lund, Frank Leger

Stewardship for the week ending May 21 2017

Envelopes	2161.00
Loose	290.20
Papal Charities	1341.65
Pre-Authorized Debit	454.90
Total	4247.75

**Mass at St. Brendan's
Saturday, June 4th
6:00 PM
for Allan Abbott**

Upcoming Events

The next **coffee hour** will be held on **May 28th**, after the 9:00 AM Mass. If you're planning on attending the 11:00 Mass, you could come early and enjoy some coffee and treats beforehand. This will be a great opportunity to **discuss the revitalization model**, for those who are interested. All welcome – we had over 45 at our last gathering.

MASS FOR LIFE will be held Wednesday June 7th at 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy Chapel, followed by refreshments and fellowship. All welcome!

Saint John Right to Life

Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held at Saints Joachim and Ann's Church Hall, 135 Simpson Dr, Saint John, NB June 8th, 2017 @ 6 pm. \$20.00 a person. Doors open at 5 pm. Come early to check out the Silent Auction items (donations welcome!) Please reserve your ticket before June 4th by emailing or leaving a message the Centre. Email: respectlife@nb.aibn.com or call 506 657 3771.

CHURCH VOLUNTEER DINNER will be held Thursday June 8th at Assumption Centre. Anyone involved in our various ministries is invited to attend. Tickets: \$5 – you will receive a refund at the dinner. Sign up at the back of the Church this weekend and next.

Documents describing the three proposed models for **Diocesan Revitalization** are at the back of the Church. You can also pick up a survey sheet if you would like to respond in writing. Both the models and the survey are available online on the Diocese of Saint John website. **Deadline for completion of surveys is June 4. Please take this opportunity to have your voice heard!**

L'Arche Saint John presents their third annual concert "**Hope Springs**" on Saturday June 3 at KVHS auditorium, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$25

Saints Joachim & Ann Parish - Annual Flea Market will be held at their church hall, 135 Simpson Drive, Saint John (behind Stirling's Apples on Rothesay Ave.) on Saturday, June 3, from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. The church hall is wheelchair accessible.

Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, Assumption Center, Chapel Street, on Sunday, June 11, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.

Annual Bus Trip to Ste. Anne de Beupre June 17 - 20. To register or for more information, contact Rick Bourgeois at 327-6777.

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Kay and Ned Morrissey

We are now taking reservations for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2017. If you would like to have the Lamp lit in honour of your loved ones, please check at the office for an available date.