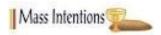
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 5, 2017



Monday, February 6th	9:00 a.m.	Paul Pare
Tuesday, February 7th	7:00 p.m.	Richard May
Wednesday, February 8th	7:00 p.m.	Teresa and Henry Fennell
Thursday, February 9th	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention (A.M.)
Friday, February 10th	12:00 p.m.	Giovanna Rocca
Saturday, February 11th	4:00 p.m.	Lynn Montague
Sunday, February 12th	9:00 a.m.	Alice Arsenault
Sunday, February 12th	11:00 a.m.	Olive Cogger

Weekly Thoughts

My Friends,

This week we hear in the Book of Isaiah, the faithful are reminded that in feeding the hungry, they will be light in darkness. While we might not feel worthy to be an instrument for Christ, we are all called to be God's light on earth. As we are light in a dark world, to ourselves and others, we allow God to renew the promise of creation.

The Bible as a whole invites us to understand how much we personally have to say about our lives by the way we speak and conduct ourselves. Mass media in our culture may cause us to experience things a little more globally or quickly because of the amount of pressure or attention a given situation may receive. In essence, though, each of us can only control what we choose to say or do. This is what Isaiah is inviting us to believe. If we treat others with respect and dignity, and don't lie or misrepresent people or situations, while keeping our speech from being purposefully harmful, the light will shine upon us.

The Bible often uses light and darkness as symbols for truth and falsehood. If we live in that which is not of God, we will remain in darkness. Jesus once said, "If light in you is darkness, how great will that darkness be?" The challenge of the Lord, of Isaiah, and of the Christian Church, is to live in peace, kindness, joy, love and truth, despite what those around us are doing.

I personally try to talk, listen to, and watch all kinds of different perspectives on issues that matter to our culture, but in the end, when I stand before God, He is going to ask me how I lived in the light for Him.

As we pray this week, may the Lord challenge us to use our freedom to pray for one another, choose to see the presence of Christ in each other, and may our words and actions be ordered toward building up humanity.

Stay Blessed! Fr. Gerry

Something to Think About

- 1) You know you were brought up by Irish parents if ... in any crisis, large or small, the first thing to say is "Jesus, Mary and Joseph."
- 2) It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults.
- 3) I thought the dryer shrank my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator.
- 4) Sometimes it's not the song that makes you emotional; it's the people and things that come to mind when you hear it.
- 5) Anyone can find the dirt in someone. Be the one that finds the GOLD.
- 6) Start being afraid of what could go wrong and start being excited about what could go right.
- 7) I'm so glad friends don't come with price tags. I could never afford the wonderful friends I've got.

Stewardship for the week ending January 29th, 2017

Envelopes	2607.70
Loose	300.60
Initial Offering	50.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	442.40
Total	3400.70

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

are now available at the back of the Church. If you have questions, please call the Office at 653-6850.

Upcoming Events

The K of C Council 8094 is offering free rides for NEW EMAIL: saintrosesj@nb.aibn.com seniors living in the west side area who would ************ otherwise have problems getting to medical appointments. For more Information please contact Ed **CWL MEETING:** Monday, February 6th at 10:00 AM at Sullivan @ 672-5286 or email sulli@nb.sympatico.ca. Denis Morris Community Centre. All welcome! *************** FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING for K of C PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **8094** will be held on Monday, Feb. 6th @ 7:00 pm. at Tuesday February 7th, following the 7:00 PM Mass. the Monsignor Osborne Family Centre. Please try to be in attendance. ************ **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch & Supper at CONFIRMATION CLASSES** have resumed. They Villa Madonna Tuesday, February 28. Four sittings – are held every Thursday night at 6:30 PM in the rectory 11:30 - 1:00 - 4:30 - 6:00. For information or to reserve. meeting room. Important items you should be call 849-5125. providing in the next couple of weeks are: baptismal certificates (if you were not baptised at St. Rose) and ************** the names of your sponsors. Confirmation will take **ROAST BEEF DINNER** - St Peter's Parish Church Hall. place at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 9th. Saturday, February 18, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Tickets: Adults \$ 10.00 Children 12 and under \$5.00 under 3 years Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast, free. ALL WELCOME Assumption Center, Chapel Street, on Sunday, February 12, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children To include announcements in our weekly bulletin, please \$3. contact the Office by noon on Thursday.

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of David Gauthier

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.