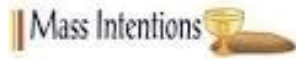


FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER – May 14, 2017



Monday, May 15th	9:00 a.m.	Ted Reinders
Tuesday, May 16th	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday, May 17th	7:00 p.m.	Peter Hebert
Thursday, May 18th	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls
Friday, May 19th	12:00 p.m.	Raymond Wallace
Saturday May 20th	4:00 p.m.	Hazel Palmer
Sunday, May 21st	9:00 a.m.	Bertha Ferguson
Sunday, May 21st	11:00 a.m.	Kay O'Keefe

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends, Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, living and dead. May the Lord reward them for their constant giving without thinking of the cost to themselves. God surely loves us when we see how our mothers love/loved us. May we always honor our mothers as an example of God's love for us.</p> <p>Congratulations to our First Communion candidates: Rachel Ahearn, Gavin Anderson, Fiona Cusack, Nathan, Dunlay, Luke Gimby, Evangeline Hubbard, Heath Hunter, Colin Jackson, Maxximillian LeBlanc, Kinnan MacLeod, Corey Melanson, Liam O'Kane, Stephen O'Kane, Rachel Shea, Sarah Spencer, as they received Jesus for the first time. They are so special and beautiful. Thanks to their catechist and parents for making First Communion so payerfull.</p> <p>On Tuesday we celebrated the Confirmation of Adam Comeau, Alex Dunlay, Alex Gallant, Chloë Levesque, Rayanne McGuire, Kelsey Moore, Erin O'Kane, Becca Palmer, and Travis Richard with Bishop Harris. I remember my Confirmation with Bshop McEachern at St. Michael's, River Ryan, N.S. I remember how we worried about receiving the Holy Spirit and the interview by the Bishop. We got a slap on the cheek! Nowadays we do not have the "slap." Confirmation is not about fear; it is about receiving the Holy Spirit as our counselor, helper and</p>	<p>guide. It was the Holy Spirit whom Jesus gave to His apostles and the Church to strengthen them to be His witnesses of His death and resurrection. It was the Paraclete who encouraged and gave the apostles confidence to proclaim the saving name and power of Jesus. The role of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the same. We, the baptized followers of Jesus, seek the Holy Spirit's help to strengthen us in living for Christ, in making the right decisions, being courageous to choose the way of Christ, rather than the way of Satan. The Holy Spirit as a powerful person in our lives will help us, too. May God bless our parents and young people as they stand up to be counted as true witnesses for Jesus, as adult members of the Church, who promise to live the gift of faith as their own.</p> <p>In conclusion, back to Mother's Day. As we are all thankful for the gift of life, we are reminded of the role of our Moms. Motherhood is truly the greatest mission in humanity. Without the role of Mothers, life in the world would cease. Not only are we thankful for the gift of love ... we need and admire compassion, example, and encouragement. I personally carry my Mother with me in my priestly ministry as she taught me so much about people and relationships. Please join me in thanking all our Mothers this weekend.</p> <p>God Bless, Father Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

- 1) Sometimes the strongest among us are the ones who smile through silent pain, cry behind closed doors, and fight battles that nobody knows about.
- 2) There's a story behind every person. There's a reason they are the way they are. Think about that before you judge someone.
- 3) Not all scars show. Not all wounds heal. Sometimes you can't see the pain someone feels.
- 4) To my children: Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff. I taught you to use a spoon.
- 5) You never appreciate what you have till it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.
- 6) Everyone who comes into your life is either a blessing or a lesson.
- 7) Choose being kind over being right and you'll be right every time.
- 8) Accept your past without regret, handle your present with confidence, and face your future without fear.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Theresa Webb, Theresa Northorp, Emily Mason, Pauline Zed, Kathryn O'Brien

Stewardship for the week ending May 7 2017

Envelopes	2430.00
Loose	439.95
Food Bank	20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	454.90
Total	3344.85

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

Upcoming Events

Mount Carmel Girl's School Annual Reunion on Tuesday, May 23. Come join the fun. Social at 11:00 am followed by a turkey dinner at 12:30. To register contact Liz Brideau Email: 2kayak@bellaliant.net

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. All welcome – we had over 45 at our last gathering.

We are in the process of making up the **Eucharistic Ministers' and Counters' schedules** for the summer months. If you know when you will be away, please contact the Office at 653-6850.

Thank you to all who helped prepare our candidates for **First Communion and Confirmation**, to the Children's Choir for the beautiful music ministry, to the Knights of Columbus and the CWL who provided generously for the receptions, and to Father Gerry for his kindness in his dealings with our young people on these important spiritual occasions.

The **Church Office** will have "split" hours on Thursday, May 18th: 9:00-11:00 and 2:30-4:30.

On the other four days the Office will be open from 10:00-2:00, as usual.

Attention Sunday Lectors: If you know that you are not able to read at any time during the months of June through to the end of September, please contact Marilyn Upton at 672-4185 or email

marilynupton961@hotmail.com by May 24th.

Lectors are needed to read at weekend masses. If you are willing to become a lector, please contact Maureen Hughes at 672-5149 or Marilyn Upton at 672-4185 or marilynupton961@hotmail.com. As well if any of the present lectors are willing to read at any of the weekend masses, please contact Maureen or Marilyn.

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!

Mother's Day Brunch - Everyone is invited on Sunday, May 14, 10 a.m. - Noon at Holy Trinity, Rockland Road. Menu: Bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, toast, beans, fruit. Cost: Free will offering

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Francesca Scichilone

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.