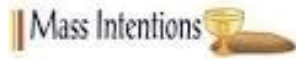


## FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER – May 7, 2017



Monday, May 8th	9:00 a.m.	Margaret and Bertha Hooley
Tuesday, May 9th	6:30 p.m.	No Mass - Confirmation
Wednesday, May 10th	7:00 p.m.	Alice Arsenault
Thursday, May 11th	7:00 p.m.	Gerry LeBlanc
Friday, May 12th	12:00 p.m.	Nancy Bourgeois
Saturday May 13th	4:00 p.m.	Ronald J. (Buck) Logue
Sunday, May 14th	9:00 a.m.	Doucet DMF
Sunday, May 14th	11:00 a.m.	Kay Hurley

### Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus uses the image of the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep. In short, Jesus wants us to know that He is the way to Heaven. We will enter Heaven one day through our relationship with Him. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. As His sheep, we are called to hear His voice and grasp the great love He has for us. The invitation of the Christian is to then put oneself in a position to hear the voice of the Shepherd. The reason we pray, attend Mass each week, or celebrate the Sacraments, is so that we will hear the voice of the Shepherd. The Bible is filled with wisdom for everyday life. Just as we need to regularly commit ourselves to our spouses, our children, and our life's work, we should also be mindful to recommit ourselves to Jesus by listening to His voice and following His commands. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen all of us to live a life worthy of Heaven.</p> <p>In the month of May we honor Our Blessed Mother, Mary. This weekend marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima to the three children in Portugal. She asked them to pray the Rosary, every</p>	<p>day, to bring peace to the world. During the month of Mary/May I encourage you to pray this wonderful prayer.</p> <p>As well, this weekend, our little ones will be receiving their First Communion at the 11o'clock Mass. The children are excited in anticipating this milestone in their lives. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith in Christ. It is the nourishment that Jesus gives us every day so that we might be fully united to Him and remain with Him always. When we stay close to Jesus we realize that can happen when we stay close to the Church. May the love of Jesus, which we receive in Holy Communion, come in a special way to our First Communicants and renew each of us in our love of Jesus in the Eucharist.</p> <p>Finally, our young adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday presided by Bishop Harris. Please pray for these candidates who receive the third of the Initiation Sacraments and are filled with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Easter Blessings, Father Gerry</p>
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### Something to Think About

1. **Always, always trust your first gut instincts. If you feel something is wrong, it usually is.**
2. **The best things in life are free: family, friends, hugs, smiles, kisses, sleep, laughter, love and good memories.**
3. **With so many things coming back in style, I can't wait till morals and respect become a trend again.**
4. **8 things to Give Up:**  
**Doubting Yourself, Negative Thinking, Fear of Failure, Criticizing Yourself and Others, Negative Self Talk, Procrastination, Fear of Success, People Pleasing.**
5. **Before you talk, listen. Before you react, think. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try.**
6. **Things I will not judge you for: 1)Sexuality 2) Religion 3) Race**  
**Things I will judge you for:**  
**1) Not signaling while driving. 2) How you treat wait staff. 3) Which way you place the toilet paper.**

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Michael McGovern, John Akerley, Pierre Vachon**

**Stewardship for the week ending April 30 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2611.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>335.70</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>454.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3501.60</b>

**Welcome to the Church:**

**Noah David Edward Burr**

**Malakai John Joseph Burr**

**Greyson Matthew Lawrence Burr**

**Emily Anna Mackinnon**

**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

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

The next **coffee hour** will be held on **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**Evening Prayer** at Carmel Chapel, 105 Burpee Ave., Saint John, on Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 pm. All are welcomed to the sounds of song, psalm, silence and prayer. Instrumentals by a local musician marks the gathering time with its own beauty. A peaceful 30-40 minute experience.

**Fifth Annual Spring Variety Concert**, Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 101 Coburg Street, Saint John, in support of the **Saint John Jewish Historical Museum**. Join us for an evening of musical performances by musicians and vocalists from the Saint John area. You will hear a variety of Jewish and secular music including selections by Jewish composers: traditional, classical and modern. Tickets are available for \$10.00. Call 506-633-1833 for information.

The CWL is once again sponsoring **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on May 4, 2017. This is a lead-in to the National Hospice Palliative Care Week of May 7 to 13, 2017. It is hoped that all members will find some way to support this day of prayer, either on May 4<sup>th</sup> or on a day during the week of May 7 to 13. Information, prayer resources, and a petition in both French and English will be available at the back of the Church.

**Delicious Salmon Dinner and Silent Auction:** Sussex Area Right To Life will be hosting this beautiful fundraising dinner at St. Francis Xavier Church Hall on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Pre-sold tickets at a cost of \$25 are available at Moffett's Hardware or contact Murray Hayes at 433-5583 or Jarvis McQuinn at 433-1837. Dinner served at 6 pm. Social at 5:30.

**Sanctuary Lamp**

**In Memory of Terry Connolly**

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.