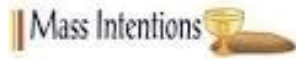


## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – April 9, 2017



Monday, April 10th	9:00 a.m.	Gerry McGirr
Tuesday, April 11th	7:00 p.m.	Father Raymond Riley
Wednesday, April 12th	7:00 p.m.	Barbara Blanchard Maber
Thursday, April 13th	7:00 p.m.	Mr. And Mrs. William Murphy and DMF
Friday, April 14th	3:00 p.m.	Living Members CWL
Saturday, April 15th	4:00 p.m.	Helen McGillicuddy
Sunday, April 16th	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Sunday, April 16th	11:00 a.m.	Special Intention

### **Weekly Thoughts**

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>I am writing this on Thursday, as I finish my vacation in Mexico. I will be home in time to begin the most important week of our Liturgical Year namely, Holy Week. This weekend we embrace the Paschal Mystery by first celebrating Jesus' joyful entry as King into Jerusalem. Throughout this week we shall experience the Triduum, those events leading up to the Solemnity of the Resurrection.</p> <p>On Holy Thursday, we shall again recognize our Lord's gift to the Church of the Holy Mass, the Eucharist, the central form of our worship which we celebrate down through the centuries to 2017. On Good Friday, we highlight the death of the Lord through Crucifixion, a brutal death on the Cross which makes Resurrection possible for you and for me. Finally, on Holy Saturday, our Easter Vigil, we prepare for Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.....that which explains who we are as Roman Catholics and makes possible our sharing in the Resurrection on the Last Day.</p>	<p>On this Passion/Palm Sunday, as we listen to the telling of the Lord's Passion, may we allow it to sink in and influence our daily lives. The First and Second readings, as well as the Psalm, reassure us, the faithful, to remain hopeful in God, even in darkness. We must recognize the Passion Narrative as a story of hope, seeing that Christ's suffering reveals God's love fully on display.</p> <p>Perhaps the best we can do this Passion/Palm Sunday is to prepare our hearts and minds to again contemplate the story of our Lord's suffering and death.</p> <p>As we participate in the proclamation of the Passion, may we do so with a new openness to the revelation of God's love on display. May we recognize in Christ Jesus a hope in God that is so secure, that it may rouse all of us to commit more deeply to our role in furthering the Father's plan.</p> <p>Lenten Blessings Father Gerry</p>
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### **Something to Think About**

- 1) May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people, and happy moments.
- 2) Inner peace begins the moment you choose not to allow another person to control your emotions.
- 3) When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.
- 4) Be silly. Be fun. Be different. Be you, because life is too short to be anything but happy.
- 5) Always be true and original, because no one can replace you.
- 6) Your mind is a powerful thing. When you fill it with positive thoughts, your life will start to change.
- 7) Sitting alone and enjoying your own is better than being surrounded by fake people.
- 8) Always listen to your heart. It may be on your left, but it is always right
- 9) I'm tired of winter. I want to fast-forward to complaining about how hot it is.

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Norma Pougnet, Ted Reinders. Billy Drillen, Barbara Coombs, Marie Christiane Patel, Rosemai Vairogs, Ruth McNamara**

**Stewardship for the week ending April 2 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2741.05</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>236.10</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>440.00</b>
<b>Development and Peace</b>	<b>1582.50</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>454.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4979.65</b>

**Consultation with Laity** regarding the **Diocesan Revitalization** will be taking place during the early part of May. Please check the **bulletin board** for a list of locations and dates. This is an opportunity for all of us to influence the new direction of the Diocese.

**Upcoming Events**

<p><b>Easter Flowers</b> - We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones. Place your offering in an envelope, with the name of the person for whom you are making it and your envelope number on the front.</p>	<p><b>Colla Voce</b>, directed by Maureen Beckwith and accompanied by local soloists and orchestra, presents Part II (Credo to end) of the B-minor Mass by J. S. Bach, on Palm Sunday evening April 9th at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Rothesay. Admission is by freewill offering. An excellent way to begin your observance of Holy Week.</p>
<p>*****  <b>Mount Carmel Girl's School Annual Reunion</b> 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</p>	<p>*****  <b>Chrism Mass:</b> Bishop Harris invites the faithful of the diocese to the Chrism Mass which is being held on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Reception to follow in the Cathedral Rectory.</p>
<p>*****  <b>Breakfast in Support of HOPE Centre</b>, Sunday, 9 April, 9:00 to 11:30, HOPE Centre (St. Joseph's Church) 4347 Loch Lomond Rd, Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00 and family of four \$23.00, eggs, bacon, ham, pancakes, hashbrowns, homemade beans, toast, juice, tea and coffee.</p>	<p>*****  <b>"The Arioso Ensemble presents: 'MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY,"</b> a concert of Italian baroque music specially selected for Good Friday and performance at the Cathedral, April 14, 2017, 7:30 pm. Entrance by free will donation to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Featuring soprano soloist Maureen Stackhouse-Paras, Chris Reibling and Ali Leonard, violins, Stephen Mott, viola, Van Burdon, cello, Paul Steffler, harpsichord and guest artist Andrew Reed Miller, bass.</p>
<p>*****  <b>Fr. M.A. Harris Council 6766, Famous Good Friday Seafood Chowder:</b> The "Famous Seafood Chowder" will be served following the Good Friday Services on April 14, scheduled for 11:00 am &amp; 3:00 pm, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rothesay. Seating starts at 12:00 pm &amp; 4:00 pm. Adults: \$8.00 – Youth: 7-14 \$5.00 – Children 6 Yrs. &amp; under free.</p>	<p>*****  <b>Annual Bus Trip to Ste. Anne de Beaupre</b> June 17 - 20. To register or for more information, contact Rick Bourgeois at 327-6777.</p>
<p>*****  <b>Knights of Columbus (Council #6770) Breakfast,</b> Assumption Center, Chapel Street, on Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$7/Children \$3. Come and enjoy a good breakfast with your friends.</p>	

**Sanctuary Lamp  
 In Memory of Gail Melanson**

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.