

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - July 30, 2017



Monday, July 31st	9:00 a.m.	Blanche Hanlon
Tuesday, August 1st	7:00 p.m.	Dr. Ed and Sally Lund
Wednesday, August 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention (ME)
Thursday, August 3rd	7:00 p.m.	Brian Fitzpatrick
Friday, August 4th	12:00 p.m.	Sadie Crilley
Saturday August 5th	4:00 p.m.	Joseph and Terry Gallant
Sunday, August 6th	9:00 a.m.	Kay Taylor
Sunday, August 6th	11:00 a.m.	David Hitchcock and Ken Maly

### Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>One of the greatest spiritual and intellectual challenges about faith is the difference in nature between God and us. God never changes or learns. God simply is. This type of existence is vastly different from our own. We have a beginning and end in this world. We are constantly changing, growing and learning. This contrast between God's existence and our own helps shape the way we pray. This is the message of King Solomon in the first reading. In a worldly sense, power, authority and prestige were given to Solomon.</p> <p>However, Solomon realizes his limitations. He understands God's nature and his own. This state of humility inspires Solomon, when the Lord offers him anything, to ask for an understanding heart to judge and to distinguish right from wrong. The Lord responds by blessing this great request. The wisdom of Solomon is evident throughout his life but especially in this prayer, for God alone sees into the heart of the person. It is almost never that we understand a situation in its entirety. We might see or hear a situation but often not know the <i>why</i> of it. Solomon asks God to help him</p>	<p>Understand the complexity of the human condition in order to make better decisions. This simple prayer is one for all of us; whether at home or at work, it's important to ask God to help us better understand before we speak. This helps us not make false accusations or assumptions, to not react to incomplete information, and even to avoid envy and greed. This reading about Solomon ties right into the parables of Jesus about the Kingdom. Simply put, if the Kingdom is what we believe it to be, Jesus says we must do everything good to achieve it. May the Lord teach us wisdom and guide us in the ways that reach His Kingdom.</p> <p>Finally, on another note, we have come to the end of July. Summer is quickly going by. I hope you have found some time to enjoy these beautiful days. Winter is so long and cold.</p> <p>I encourage you to continue to pray for the revitalization and realignment of our Diocese. January 2018, when the changes come, is quickly approaching.</p> <p>Blessings, Father Gerry</p>
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### Something to Think About

1. **Tomorrow is not a promise so live today with everything inside you. What are you waiting for?**
2. **Never lie to someone who trusts you and never trust someone who lies to you.**
3. **Anything worth having takes work.**
4. **Ungrateful people complain about the one thing you haven't done for them instead of being thankful for things you *have* done for them.**
5. **I ran out of coffee this morning. Tequila seemed a reasonable replacement. Everyone is so pretty today.**
6. **Weak people seek revenge. Strong people forgive. Intelligent people ignore.**

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Joan Nisbet, Cheryl Doiron, Stanley Duguay. Albert "Al" Buchanan, Timothy O'Leary, Brian Walsh, Donna Sully, Barbara Pickard, Rose Marie Broatch , Teresita Manosca, Ellen (Helen) Barry, Alphonse Comeau, Yvonne McQuade, Patricia Barry**

**Stewardship for the week ending July 23 2017**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>2790.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>249.10</b>
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>	<b>448.65</b>
<b>Food Bank</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3049.10</b>

**Farewell To Father Gerry:  
August 20 following 11:00 AM Mass  
12:00 Presentations in Church  
Musical Tributes  
Reception at the Rectory**

***Upcoming Events***

<p>Please consider enrolling in <b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b> for your Offertory donation. Forms are available at the back of the Church.</p> <p>*****  <b>SHRINE MASS at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Howard, NB.</b> Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration on July 30 at 1:30 pm for the Rosary and the Mass which begins at 2 pm.          *****</p> <p><b>CAMP SHELDRAKE, BARTIBOG</b> – Register now for one of Camp Sheldrake’s exciting summer programs for children/youth ages 6 – 15 and Leadership Programs ages 15-17. Complete information is available on our website <a href="http://www.campsheldrake.ca">www.campsheldrake.ca</a>. Online Registration is now available. For further information, contact our office <a href="mailto:campshel@xplornet.ca">campshel@xplornet.ca</a> or by phone 506-622-8907          *****</p> <p><b>Sunday Exposition/Adoration:</b> July 30 at St. Francois de Sales, from 1:30 - 2:30 with Benediction.</p>	<p><b>Attention, Bakers!</b> Please bring a dozen sweets - cookies, squares, fudge, etc – to Father Gerry’s Farewell Party. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.          *****</p> <p><b>Christian Meditation</b> - Come join us for Christian Meditation! Tuesdays, 10 a.m, Villa Madonna. Everyone welcome!          *****</p> <p>The annual <b>Skiff Lake Shrine Sunday</b> will take place this year on Sunday, August 13, at Skiff Lake. Chapel available for prayer at 10:00 a.m. Mass is outside at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Harris presiding. Lunch available at the Kiosk. Afternoon Service starts at 1:00 pm with the Rosary. The Healing Service is at 2:00 pm. Fr. Aaron Knox will preside.</p>
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***In Memoriam  
Sadie Crilley  
Daughter of Michael and Gail  
Granddaughter of Colleen & Frank Crilley and Joanne & Charles Fillmore  
Friend of Many  
Rest in Peace***

***Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of David Hitchcock and Ken Maltby***

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.

