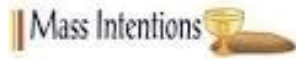


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - July 23, 2017



Monday, July 24th	9:00 a.m.	Alma Surette
Tuesday, July 25th	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention (MBM)
Wednesday, July 26th	7:00 p.m.	Francesca Scichilone
Thursday, July 27th	7:00 p.m.	Albert Gogan
Friday, July 28th	12:00 p.m.	Jeanne Brennan
Saturday July 29th	4:00 p.m.	Bill Murphy
Sunday, July 30th	9:00 a.m.	Marianne Morin
Sunday, July 30th	11:00 a.m.	Regina Wright

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>This weekend's Gospel from St. Matthew tells the parable of the grain and the weeds to explain the Kingdom of God. The Lord allows the grain and the weeds to grow together but in the end He will collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning but the wheat He will gather into His barn ... the Kingdom of Heaven. God gives us the gift of faith; what we do with the faith is our gift to Him. What are you doing with what He has given to you?</p> <p>Our aim as faithful Christians is to be witnesses to His love in the world. In order to do that, we must be like the good ground. It's true, the good and the bad will (for a time) exist together. In the end God's justice will prevail. Do what you can to grow in your love for Him, so that you can be His witness in the world.</p> <p>The vast majority of Jesus' parables deal with everyday occurrences such as a merchant buying pearls,</p>	<p>a woman searching for a coin, or a traveller in need of help. Instead of pointing to the fantastical, Jesus calls attention to reality. As He tells the crowds in Luke's Gospel, "the Kingdom of God is among you." In order to live in the Kingdom, we need only eyes to see it and ears to hear.</p> <p>To enter into a parable, one must be willing to let go of the security offered by answers and definitions. What might we discover if we dare to open ourselves to the incomprehensible mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven? Perhaps like the seed of mustard and wheat, we will also experience transformation. The only way to find out is to trust Jesus, the parable teller, as He calls us to become "Parable People!"</p> <p>Summer Blessings, Father Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

1. **I am in competition with no one. I have no desire to play the game of being better than anyone. I am simply trying to be better than the person I was yesterday.**
2. **I decided to go on a road trip and not come back till I ran out of money ... walked to the end of the driveway and back.**
3. **True friends are the ones who lift you up when no one else even noticed you were down.**
4. **The older I get, the more I appreciate my parents not killing me at some point.**
5. **Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.**
6. **A grandchild is the reward for everything you've done right in the world.**
7. **Learn to say "No" without apology or explanation.**
8. **Respect your parents. They passed school without GOOGLE.**

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Jack Dickson, Gerald Goguen, Gloria Kelly, Gertrude Fullerton, Helen Henry, Mary Harris

Stewardship for the week ending July 16 2017

Envelopes	2368.00
Loose	249.55
Pre-Authorized Debit	448.65
Food Bank	90.00
Total	3156.20

Congratulations to our newly-weds:

Daniel Drew and Melinda McGrath July 15

Welcome to the Church:

Lennon Eberlee Perry

Daughter of

Joshua Perry and Joscelyne Wallace

July 16

Upcoming Events

Please consider enrolling in **Pre-Authorized Debit** for your Offertory donation. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

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SHRINE MASS at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Howard, NB. 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.

CAMP SHELDRAKE, BARTIBOG – 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 www.campsheldrake.ca. Online Registration is now available. For further information, contact our office campshel@xplornet.ca or by phone 506-622-8907

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: July 23, at Holy Trinity, from 1:30 - 2:30 with Benediction

Save the date! We will be holding a **Farewell Party for Father Gerry on Sunday, August 20, after the 11:00 AM Mass.** Please circle the date on your calendars – more details to follow!

Christian Meditation - Come join us for Christian Meditation! Tuesdays, 10 a.m, Villa Madonna. Everyone welcome!

The annual **Skiff Lake Shrine Sunday** 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.

In Memoriam

Brian Fitzpatrick

Husband of Mary

Father of Patti, John, Colin, Brian, Jamie and Theresa

Grandfather of sixteen; Great-grandfather of eight

Rest in Peace

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of William and Verna Bradbin

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.