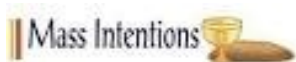


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – March 19, 2017



Monday, March 20th	9:00 a.m.	Denise McCarthy
Tuesday, March 21st	7:00 p.m.	Margaret Wallace
Wednesday, March 22nd	7:00 p.m.	James Hayes and DMF
Thursday, March 23rd	7:00 p.m.	Ida Manderson
Friday, March 24th	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Gaudet and Bob Butler
Saturday, March 25th	4:00 p.m.	Eugene "Pat" Graham
Sunday, March 26th	9:00 a.m.	Marianne Morin
Sunday, March 26th	11:00 a.m.	Francesca Scichilone

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends, As you read this I am celebrating Mass in Puerto Vallarta while on vacation. I am so glad to be finally out of the Winter weather but I still celebrate Mass daily and remember each of you at Our Lady of Guadeloupe in downtown PV. Masses are packed with tourists from all over the world and they are always in need of English speaking priests as Spanish is the main language at this church.</p> <p>Please extend a warm welcome to Father Michael LeBlanc who is replacing me while away. Masses will continue seven days a week as usual and Fr. Mike will cover Rocmaura and Ridgewood in my absence. I am extremely grateful for his availability. Remember he is a home boy from St. Rose of Lima so let him feel our wonderful hospitality.</p>	<p>On this third Sunday of Lent, we learn that despite our past failures, we all have a duty to reconcile ourselves with God. In order to do this, however, we must first seek Him. In His encounter with a Samaritan woman, Christ offers her ... as He offers all of us ... life-giving water. Do we recognize the gift that is being given to us by God Himself? Will we allow ourselves to reject sin and embrace the salvation offered by Christ?</p> <p>Jesus Himself is the well from which we receive "living water." When we drink of Him, His "living water" becomes an undying spring within us, leading us to believe in Him more deeply, take up His saving mission, and worship in "Spirit and Truth." Then we ourselves, His baptized followers, become a well of "living water" through whom Jesus draws all who are thirsty to Himself.</p> <p>Lenten Blessings! Fr. Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

- 1) You don't know how strong you are until being strong is the only option you have.
- 2) Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.
- 3) Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today, because yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.
- 4) Always remember: the greatest gift you can own is not found in the shops or under your Christmas tree. It is found in the hearts of your family and your true friends.
- 5) Remember to take care of yourself. You can't pour from an empty cup.
- 6) Smiling doesn't necessarily mean you're happy. Sometimes it means you're strong.
- 7) 5 by 5 rule:
If it's not gonna matter in 5 years, don't spend more than 5 minutes being upset about it.
- 8) The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Elton Cassidy, Barrie Underwood, Shirley Mullett, Leo Desroches

Stewardship for the week ending March 12. 2017

Envelopes	2325.00
Loose	126.00
Food Bank	40.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	454.90
Total	2945.90



Upcoming Events

<p>Knights' Notes: March is Membership Drive Month for Council 8094. A Meet and Greet will be held on March 19th, from 2:00-3:30 PM at Brenan's on Manawagonish. For information, call Bob Bartlett at 653-0625. *****</p> <p>Brunch - St. Peter's, Clarendon Street, will be hosting a brunch on Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: Adults \$7; Youth 12 & under \$3; Children 3 & under eat for free. *****</p> <p>We are hoping to have our revamped website up and running soon. We have a number of pictures of parishioners that we would like to include. If you would NOT want your photo on the Internet please let us know at 653-6850. *****</p> <p>Easter Flowers - We will soon be accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones.</p>	<p>Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Tea will be held on Sunday, March 19, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm at Saints Joachim & Ann Parish (St. Ann's Church), 135 Simpson Drive. Sandwiches, sweets, coffee and tea will be served in the Church Hall, which will be decorated with a bit of the green! There will also be a 'white elephant' table and 50/50 draw. Tickets for the Tea are only \$5.00 each and will be sold at weekend Masses, or you may call Arlene at the parish office 653-6870 (Tuesday-Thursday from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm) to reserve your tickets. Only 200 tickets are available. The church hall is wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>In Father Gerry's absence, Father Michael LeBlanc will be presiding at Masses, as he did in November. Welcome back, Father Mike! The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, March 21st. For urgent questions, call Marijke at 654-8212.</p>
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Rosary

Knights of Columbus March 23rd after Mass: Theme of Peace
Pro-Life Rosary March 27th at 3:00 PM

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Anoncia Robichaud

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.