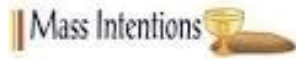


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - July 2, 2017



Monday, July 3rd	9:00 a.m.	Paul Ernst
Tuesday, July 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Norman and Stephen Doyle
Wednesday, July 4th	7:00 p.m.	Rickie Van Smith
Thursday, July 5th	7:00 p.m.	Vincent Burns
Friday, July 6th	12:00 p.m.	Joseph and Eva Murphy
Saturday July 7th	4:00 p.m.	Tommy Joyce
Sunday, July 8th	9:00 a.m.	Gordon Fitzgerald
Sunday, July 8th	11:00 a.m.	Edgar Gogan

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends,</p> <p>A very Happy Canada Day as we celebrate our nation's 150th birthday. A special welcome to any visitors at our faith community of St. Rose of Lima. Enjoy this important holiday and hopefully you are sharing in a nice BBQ or some other activity with your family and friends. We are blessed to live in such a wonderful country.</p> <p>The readings this week call us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. In short, through Baptism we believe a spiritual bond takes place between Christ and the Christian. We share in the benefits of the Cross of Jesus. His Cross redeems us, saves us and strengthens us to live the Christian life. We are not only to see what we receive from Jesus, but also what we offer Jesus. Jesus spoke several times about each person carrying the sacrificial Cross. As Jesus laid down His life for all of us, we are each invited to lay down our lives for others. This means that life is about others and not ourselves. Sometimes this means the Cross is challenging, difficult, uncomfortable, or burdensome but always the Cross is a means to the goal of salvation. We</p>	<p>focus on the other because it really helps us understand what Christ-like life is all about. The practical application of carrying one's Cross is not forcing or exerting our wills on others, not judging or condemning, refusing to require others to meet our own personal expectations, as well as all of the spiritual virtues. I don't think we need to go looking for a Cross to carry, but we do need to be spiritually willing to follow Jesus and sometimes that means doing or saying the true things we'd rather not. May the Lord give us all the courage to see the Sacraments as gifts on the path toward Heaven and always opportunities for growth and blessings.</p> <p>Finally, these days of Summer hopefully give each of us a few more moments to rest, relax, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the gift of our relationship with Him and others. I know that to enjoy the beautiful weather God has given us, even for five minutes, and sit in the sun brings joy to my heart. Why not take time this weekend to enjoy God's goodness and the love that we are called to share with each other.</p> <p>God Bless, Father Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

1. **It costs \$0.00 to be a decent human being.**
2. **We don't know what tomorrow may bring. So don't stay mad for too long. Learn to forgive and love with all your heart. Don't worry about the people who don't like you. Enjoy the ones who love you.**
3. **Marriage is like a deck of cards. It starts with hearts and leads to diamonds but soon after makes you wish you had a club and a spade.**
4. **You are so used to your features, you don't know how beautiful you look to a stranger.**
5. **I can't wait to go to bed tonight and stay awake thinking about all the things I can't control.**
6. **Never force anything in your life. Just let it be; if it is meant to be, it will be.**

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Howard Lockhart, Todd Tingley, Miles Eldridge, Lorna O'Brien, Sally Huckins

Stewardship for the week ending June 25th 2017

Envelopes	2504.00
Loose	243.45
Food Bank	25.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	448.65
Total	3221.10

MASS at ST. BRENDAN'S
July 8th at 6:00 PM
In Memory of Joseph E. LeBlanc

Upcoming Events

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

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS - meet each Monday evening at 6:45 p.m. in St. Pius X Parish hall. New members are welcome. For more information, please call Nancy at 647-7036.

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.

Sunday Exposition/Adoration: July 2 at St. Joseph's Church, Loch Lomond, 1-2 Benediction & Confession.

Open Mike/Jam - Thursday night. 7-10 pm at Hampton Senior Resource, Centre-DeMille Court, Hampton. \$3.00 Admission. Canteen. 50/50. If you have any questions, call Len 832-5009.

Confirmation and First Communion Photos may be picked up at the back of the Church.

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!

Strawberry Festival at St. Francis Xavier, 110 Church Avenue, Sussex, on Sunday, July 9, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Adults: \$13; Ages 6 to 12: \$6; Under 6 years of age – FREE. Potato salad, ham, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, strawberry shortcake and layer cake. Plus music by Al Smith. Take Out is also available from our lower hall.

Beyond Belief – Becoming the Mystics and Prophets we are Called to Be. A workshop retreat with author/artist/activist Jan Phillips, SEPTEMBER 18 - 20. Enrollment limited to 15 painting participants. Early registration is recommended.

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Joseph and Terry Gallant

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.

