

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 15th, 2017

Something to Think About

This past Thursday, I preached the following homily on the Gospel of the day: Luke 11:5-13

“He will give him whatever he needs because of his persistence...”

There are so many needs in our world today, that at times can drain us of any optimism. Just look at the pressure of life: 12,000 Sears’s employees without jobs; students writing midterm exams, people with health issues; and of course merging of parishes. There is a temptation to doubt the existence of God loves care or the power of prayer to change anything. I see this attitude in a growing group that no longer is with us at Mass. Why? Is it because their prayers were not answered? Did they give up...? “What’s the sense...it did not fix my problem”. However, you know and I know that prayer is always answered, but sometimes not in the way that we want it to be. It is these answers to our prayers that challenge us to grow...that is if we’re open to it.

Although prayer may not instantly change the problems of the world today or own personal problems I have discovered that in my own life, persistent prayer opens up a fear-filled hearts and minds to light and hope. Hope allows us to believe that change is possible when we allow God’s grace to expand our acts of love and mercy into something far greater that we could do on our own. Using the example of today’s gospel about the persistent neighbor may we never stop knocking on our Lord’s door or give up asking for His grace!

~ Fr. David

SATURDAY

4:00 PM St Rose: This is an evening Mass which takes in a large group of parishioners (150). Mass that will be available to those living on the upper Westside (or for St. Augustine/Matthew parishioners who are already in the city for shopping, dinner, etc).

5:30 PM St. Augustine: This Mass will accommodate the people who have children and/or young teens in sports (this has been suggested in the past that there is no Mass for this group). This offers an alternative to the 4 PM Mass.

SUNDAY

9:00 AM St. Rose: This particular Mass gets a very good response. With that in mind, this would be a great Mass for those looking for an early Mass time, and for young families who are awake at this time.

11:00 AM St. Matthew: This has become a popular “Family Mass,” with a great cross-section of people. However, there is a strong presence of younger families, with the active participation of our youth. As well, there is a beautiful senior choir at this liturgy. They offer both ‘traditional’ and ‘contemporary’ selections and are always looking for additional members.

As you will see by this revised **Mass Schedule, each Parish has had to sacrifice ONE Mass.** This schedule still allow for **FOUR MASSES** within a twenty kilometre radius. Fr. David

Thursday October 19th	12:10 Noon	Special Intention (MBM)
Saturday October 21st	4:00 p.m.	The Taylor Family
Sunday, October 22nd	9:00 a.m.	Rose and Harold Graham
Sunday October 22nd	11:00 a.m.	Gerry LeBlanc

Remembering Our Dead

In the charity of your prayers, please remember: **Diane Desjardins, Arthur Leonard, Genevieve Anglin, Margaret Alliston, Lawrence Dutcher, Arnold Derks, Dorothy "Helen" Ryan.**
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

THIS WEEKEND!

Join us on Sunday October 15 from 12:00 to 1:30pm at St. Matthew's for a BBQ, games, face painting, and entertainment. Frantically Atlantic will be performing authentic Celtic/East Coast style music, including an interactive portion for children. Rain or shine! Hope to see you there!

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Father John Mooney

If you wish to place a sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the Office at 653-6850.

Stewardship for the week ending October 1st, 2017

Envelopes	2644.75
Loose	331.55
Pre-Authorized Debit	448.65
Food Bank	40.00
Total	3464.95

Religious Education

Religious education classes will resume Monday, October 16. The class time will be 6:30-7:30 at St. Rose School for grades 1-8. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a teacher or an assistant, please contact Andrea McGrath at 672-4733, mcgrathm@nbnet.nb.ca or call the Rectory and leave your name, phone number and what grade you would be willing to help with. If you are new to the program or have contact information that has changed from last year, please contact Andrea to register.

PARISH MEETING: Sunday October 22nd at 7:00 PM, at the Church, to discuss possibilities, such as hopes, dreams and visions for our parish community. Bring your ideas! **All are welcome!**

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: The next breakfast will be held on October 15 at the Assumption Centre from 9 AM to 1:00 PM. Adults \$7 and Children \$3. Proceeds will go to the West Side Cooperative Preschool and the Girl Guides of Saint John. Thank you for your support – we look forward to seeing you!

The **K of C Council 8094** will be offering **rides to Doctors' appointments** again this year, for those seniors who find it a financial burden to hire a taxi. For more information call Ed Sullivan @ 672-5286.

Knights of Columbus 8094 is welcoming **new members**. If you are interested, please call Bob Bartlett at 653-0625. Information is also available at the back of the Church.

Annual Fall Roast Beef Supper at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sussex on Sunday, October 29th, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take Out also available from the lower hall from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: Adults – \$13; 6 to 12 years of age – \$6; Preschoolers Free. Craft and Preserve Table, Raffle Draw and 50/50. Plus entertainment in the Church with Al Smith before and after your meal.

Measha Brueggergosman *Home for the Holidays* at Saint John High School Auditorium Friday December 15, 2017 7:30 PM. Cathedral Heritage Foundation presents New Brunswick's own Juno Award winning superstar at a benefit concert for the Cathedral Restoration Project. **Advance tickets \$30 available ON SALE NOW at Harbour Station Box Office 800-267-2800 or www.harbourstation.ca \$35 at the door.** *Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception and Les Religieuses NDSC.*

Halloween Trunk or Treat! Please join the Saint John Catholic community in a fun for all Halloween event on Sunday, October 29, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Dress up as your favourite Saint or Religious, decorate your car trunk, and come join the tricks and treats! For details and to RSVP please contact Melody (607-5418 or beers.melody@gmail.com).

STELLA MARIS PRESENTS Heavenly Harmonies featuring local quartets Rising Tide and Nova Quattro. This event will be held at Stella Maris Church, Saint John on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is a freewill offering.

Saturday, October 28: Gentle Path Counselling Halloween Dance and Costume Contest Fundraiser, Saint John Trade & Convention Centre, 8pm-1am. \$35 per person. Dancing, Costume Contest, Door Prizes, Photo Booth, Silent Auction, Free Munchies, and more. Come join the fun and help us fund free counselling services to those who cannot afford them. Tickets available on Eventbrite or by calling 652-7284.

ROAST BEEF DINNER: October 15 at 5:00 pm. St. Bridget's Community Hall, Chapel Grove, Summerville, NB. \$15.00/adults and \$8.00/children 12 & under. To reserve your seat and order takeouts, please call Joanne White at 763-2436.

October 17, 2017 **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** will be celebrated at 12:15 in King's Square, Saint John. Come and Stand up Against Poverty.