#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 27, 2017



Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Raymond Wallace
Tuesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Pauline Mazerolle
Wednesday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Stephen and Norman Doyle
Thursday, August 31st	7:00 p.m.	Albert Gogan
Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	12:00 p.m.	Tim Driscoll
Saturday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 p.m.	Murielle McGraw
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Paul Basque
Sunday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Doreen and Charles Ferris

#### Weekly Thoughts

#### My Friends,

I am never short for words but my last Mass and Retirement Party has been the highlight of my Priesthood. I was completely overwhelmed by this special day in my life. I am writing this on Wednesday and I am still riding the "high" of the past days.

I was so pleased by the large attendance at Mass and the crowd who came next door for the reception. Everything was beautiful and your kindness to me will never be forgotten.

Allow me to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who made my day so special. I need to single out Marijke Blok in her dual role as Pastoral Council Chair and Parish secretary. She tirelessly worked to organize this final party, keeping me almost completely unaware as to what would be happening. Marijke and Mary Ann Patterson, Sharon O'Neill, Yvonne Theriault, Gerri Sampson and Cynthia Paige coordinated the wonderful reception at the Parish House.

I want, as well, to thank the K of C 8094 and the Honor Guard comprising the Fourth Degree Assembly 1940 who added a nice touch to the Closing Mass.

Thanks to everyone who brought food for the party. There was enough to feed the 5000 as described in the Miracle of the loaves and fish.

Loving music as I do, I was so grateful that the Adult Choir and Mary Rose Daigle enhanced our liturgy. The Adult Choir came to Mass even though they were on their summer break!

I was so moved by all the wonderful tributes given by Deputy Mayor Shirley McAlary, Deputy Chief Glen McCluskey, Fearon Currie, Grand Knight of K of C 8094, Dorene Beale, Denis Morris Community Centre, Yvonne Theriault, President of the CWL, Paul Hebert of the Building Committee, Bob Gaudet, representing all parishioners, and of course Marijke who pulled everything together.

My brothers and sisters-in-law and relatives and friends from other Parishes commented on how beautiful our Parish is – both the building and the people.

Thanks to all who gave me cards and gifts and money, especially for allowing me to transition to retirement with so many fond memories and positive emotions.

Know that St. Rose of Lima will always have a special place in my heart. Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and please say a prayer for me some time.

God Bless, Father Gerry

### **Something to Think About**

- 1) Health Benefits of Singing: 1) Reduces stress. 2) Improves mood. 3) Lowers blood pressure. 4)Improves breathing. 5) Reduces perceived pain. 6) Boosts immune system. 7) Improves sense of rhythm. 8) Promotes learning in children. 9) Forges comforting memories. 10) Promotes communal bonding. 11) Provides comfort. 12) Motivates. 13) Empowers people. 14) Promotes well-being.
- 2) A person can break your heart and damage your pride, but never ever give them the power to break your spirit.
- 3) Kindness is not an act. It is a lifestyle.
- 4) Honk if you love Jesus ... text while driving if you'd like to meet Him.

Stewardship for the week ending August 20, 2017

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Envelopes	3036.10	
Loose	324.90	
Food Bank	125.00	
Pre-Authorized Debit	448.65	
Total	3934.65	

Welcome to the Church Grace Josephine Joyce Daughter of Richard and Christina Joyce Baptized on August 19

## **Upcoming Events**

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

We are now in the process of making up **Eucharistic Ministers' and Counters" schedules** for the fall. Please call the office at 653-6850 if you would like to be added to, or removed from the list. The schedules for **September only** are at the back of the Church now.

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory and the Tomb of St. Kateri Tekakwitha which is at the St. Francis Xavier Mission, Montreal, September 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost per person, includes travel, accommodations (Lord Berri), all entrance and tour fees, snacks/bottle water and BINGO on the bus! Single Room \$650/Double \$450/ Triple \$350/ Quad \$300. More info, call Marlita 444-1643 or email marlitachase@hotmail.com. Payment due upon registration. (8 seats left.)

Thank you to all who brought sweets for last Sunday's celebration for Father Gerry. Your containers and dishes are at the rectory, if you would like to collect them.

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

**FATHER HENRY RAMAGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL BINGO** each Friday in Stella
Maris, Saint John, Church Hall; Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
Early Bird Games at 6:30 p.m. Regular Games begin at 7
p.m. Bingo Packets are \$20 at the door. Hope to see you
there!

**Sunday Exposition/Adoration:** August 27, at St. François de Sales, from 1:30-2:30 with Benediction.

**Coffee Hour** on September 10<sup>th</sup> following the **11AM Mass.** Please come and welcome our new Pastor, Father David Martin.

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**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Albert and Vonnie Dowling celebrate with an **Open House** on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8-11:30 PM at the Assumption Centre, Chapel Street West Saint John.

**Best Wishes only!** 

# Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Paul Basque

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.