



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, September 23 - 4:00pm**

*Avila & Yvette Duquette* - requested by their daughter

**Sunday, September 24**      **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

*Sumner Menken* - requested by his wife

**10:30am**

*Theresa & Roger Godbout* - requested by their family

**Monday, September 25 - 8:30am**

*Stephen Gilmartin Sr., anniversary of death* - requested by the family

**Tuesday, September 26 - 8:30am**

*Frank Lupien* - requested by Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan

**Wednesday, September 27**

- No Mass -

**Thursday, September 28 - 8:30am**

*Dominic Siraco, birthday remembrance* - requested by Michael & Lisa Siraco

**Friday, September 29 - 8:30pm**

*Josephine Corriveau, anniversary of death* - requested by Janet Corriveau

**Saturday, September 30 - 4:00pm**

*Donald Burleigh & Randy Billodeau* - requested by Jackie Grant

**Sunday, October 1**      **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

*Germaine Welch* - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

**10:30am**

*Donald Rockholt* - requested by his family



One of my most memorable experiences was starting my day as a hospital chaplain by walking to work before arriving to my office. It would be very early at the break of dawn, with few people and cars around. I enjoyed the quiet. Often I noticed at that early hour how blind people would be practicing how to use their walking stick. Since there were fewer pedestrians walking as well as cars driving into the city at that early hour, it was a perfect time for the blind to feel their way around the streets and sidewalks and feel safe. The goal was to learn to become so comfortable in maneuvering around that hardly anyone else would even notice they were blind! And I also observed how patient and kind the teachers were. These generous souls would get up so early to walk with their students, being patient, as some students would just need a lot more time to get it right, being protective and kind in order to encourage their students to not give up, and their care in keeping them safe. These teachers of the blind remind me a lot of how God is in today's scriptures. We are often "spiritually blind" in that we find it hard to forsake our ways. We often walk the wrong paths and are slow to let go of our "wicked thoughts", and very reluctant to forgive our neighbor. Isaiah teaches us that "Our God is generous in forgiving." In the Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to teach His disciples the generosity of God, as those workers who labored for only one hour received the same wage as those who worked all day. The owner who represents God says to the disgruntled workers (they worked all day): "Are you envious because I am generous to whomever I wish to be?" God is very generous to us and like the teachers of the blind, He waits patiently until we can walk safely – never criticizing nor condemning us. He realizes some of us are slower than others, but He waits for a very long time and gives us chances over and over again. St. Paul says "for me life is Christ!" In other words, God calls us who are His disciples through Baptism to live the life of Christ. We must be patient, kind and especially generous with one another. And generosity is not just about "money"; it's about mercy! And an expression of mercy can be very simple. Speaking of mercy, Teilhard de Chardin, the great Jesuit scholar and teacher once said: "A thought offered that is positive, a helping hand given to someone in need, a simple expression of human love through outreach, the power of a smile or kind word; when we do these a love is released, a momentary goodness, and it joins with the love and creativity and energy released around the world. And all these good thoughts, acts and feelings come together and gather force... we serve to complete God's work of creation. Even by the humblest work of our hands." If your spiritual eyes are open, God will surely send folks into your life that need His mercy and generosity!! ~ Fr. John



**Let us pray for these special intentions:**

For all our parishioners that are home-bound and in nursing homes; for all our parishioners, family and friends that are struggling with illness or recovering from surgeries; and for Virginia Clark,

Robert Pelkey, Patrick Myrdhal, Maurice Allard, Jeanne Kaufman, Lucille Bradley, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Paul Cody, Marcel Larochelle, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Chloe Carnevale, Jeannine Bouchard, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, RFG, Sophia Rimmer, Acilda Dachowski, Chad Cerillo, Roger Boisvert, Jack Provost, Arnold Wright, Pat Begin, Kathy Hawkins, Pat Spiewak, Janice Beaudin, John Moro, Roger Mustone, Marguerite Joyce and Joan Bick.



Please remember in your prayers **Aurore Proulx** who was called to her eternal rest and the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord. May the Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to her loved ones.

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**

**September 16 & 17, 2017**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,241.00  
Loose \$1,050.40  
Electronic Offering \$1,417.00  
**Total Offertory: \$4,864.63**

**General Fund**

Candles: \$73.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$73.00

**Parish Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$113.50  
Food Pantry: \$35.00

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and our Outreach Programs.*

Please join us next **Sunday, October 1** after the 10:30am Mass for a parish coffee/social in the church hall. This month's social will be hosted by the Parish Finance Committee.

"Let us work together to find concrete solutions to help the poor, refugees, victims of modern forms of slavery, in order to promote peace." ~ Pope Francis

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry  
 Colleen Hayward 935-9949  
 My Brother's Keeper Sleeping Bags  
 Rosemary McNair 647-2797  
 Shoes For Kids/General Outreach  
 Lisa Siraco 622-5445  
 St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)  
 Karen McAndrew 464-0331  
 Parish Elderly Ministry  
 Diane Steele 669-8825

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Adoration Chapel  
 Irene de Repentigny 622-7775  
 Boy/Cub Scouts  
 Ron St. Cyr 622-8182  
 Parish Prayer Line  
 Gemma Houde 668-3993  
 Young Adult Faith Formation/Confirmation  
 Dan & Debbie Goulet (Year 1) 623-5354  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien (Year 2) 315-7623  
 Funeral Ministry  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien 622-5445  
 Liturgical Ministers  
 (Eucharist Lectors, Altar Servers)  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien 622-5445  
 Memorial Meals  
 Gloria Pilotte 623-8173  
 Terry Sylvain 669-2582  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan 622-7138  
 Religious Education (Gr. 1-7)  
 Martha & Steve Donohue 627-4868  
 RCIA  
 Sr. Marjorie Lupien 622-5445  
 Secular Franciscan Order  
 Nick Cort 224-4605  
 Social Committee  
 Donna Guertin 669-5232  
 Spirits Alive!  
 Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan 622-7138  
 Youth Group  
 Ellen Donohue 867-8881

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick  
 Fr. John Bucchino, ofm 622-5445

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Music Director & Organist, Adult Choir and Cantors:  
 James Butka 540-7638



**Sunday, September 24**

- \* Religious Ed Grades 1-7, 9am, hall
- \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, hall

**Monday, September 25**

- \* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

**Tuesday, September 26**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

**Wednesday, September 27**

- \* St. Anne's Closet, Closed today
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names Q-Z
- \* Youth Faith Formation Class, 6pm, hall
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration Chapel

**Thursday, September 28**

- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

**Sunday, September 30**

- \* Religious Ed Grades 1-7, 9am, hall
- \* Parish Coffee, 11:30am, hall
- \* Blessing of Animals, noon, front lawn

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm  
 Adorers & substitutes are needed. Can you spend and an hour with Jesus?



**Open Hours:**

**Sundays: 1pm Thursdays: 9am  
 Saturdays: 9am, 12pm & 2 pm**

For more information please call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775.

**"State of the Parish" Report**

Next weekend, September 30/October 1, Ed Silvia, chairman of the Finance Committee, will give the annual state of the parish report at all Masses. On Sunday after the 10:30am Mass, the Finance Committee will host the parish coffee social and will be available to answer questions.

**Ten Days of Prayer** is a time of fasting, prayer and worship, bringing together the churches of Manchester to seek the Lord together, growing us in the areas of unity, strength, and our desire for Christ. Over the course of the Ten-Days (September 20-29), we will meet at different Churches to pray and worship together, starting every night at 7 pm. Please join us this Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> as Blessed Sacrament will host this interfaith service.



**Feast of St. Francis:** We will have our annual Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 1 at 12noon on the front lawn of the church. All pets are welcomed; please have appropriate leashes/kennels/cages.

The feast of St. Francis is **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. We **WILL** have an 8:30am Mass in honor of St. Francis. This year, the Transitus service will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry at 7pm. Fr. John and his fellow Franciscans invite all of you to attend this beautiful prayer service.

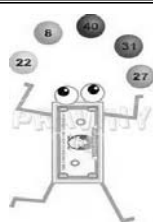
**Feast of St. Theresa:** The Feast of St. Theresa is on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will honor her at the Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass.

**Hurricane Irma Relief Special Collection:** As you are aware, Hurricane Irma has devastated portions of the southeastern United States and parts of the Caribbean, particularly the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. We are aware that this call for assistance comes soon after a similar emergency collection for victims of Hurricane Harvey, but the massive scale of the devastation caused by both storms compels a response to the immediate humanitarian and long-term reconstruction needs of both affected areas. We will have a free will offering during the weekend of September 30 & October 1, 2017.

**Grocery Booth Collection:** please see the flyer of the items we need for the Grocery Wheel. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Items may be left in the back of the church marked Fall Festival. Here is the list for the next 2 weeks of items to be collected:



- September 30 & October 1:** paper towels, toilet paper, paper napkins, paper plats, trash bags and zip lock bags, et.
- October 7 & 8:** Lunch and dinner non-perishable canned goods of any kind, pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, beans, macaroni & cheese, etc.



**300 Club: Week 15**  
 #14 Don Bournival  
 #82 Pauline Gagnon  
 #163 Kathy Hoben  
 #215 Kathy Defreitas  
 #276 Cheryl Kula  
 Congratulations!

To get your lucky number please stop by or call Lisa in the parish office (622-5445), or call one of the captains: Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173 or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.

