



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, December 6 - 4:00pm**

Rose & Henry Routhier - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Beaudin

**Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent  
7:00am**

Lynda King - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

**10:30am**

Harold & Alice Young - requested by the Donohue Family

**6:00pm (special Mass to start the parish retreat)**

Donna Rockholt Tillotson & Donald Rockholt - requested by the Rockholt Family

**Monday, December 8 - 8:30am**

Georgette Lawrence - requested by Don & Priscilla Bournival

**Tuesday, December 9 - 8:30am**

Dorothy Bowe, Birthday Remembrance - requested by Michael & Mary Quinn

**Wednesday, December 10**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday, December 11 - 8:30am**

Angelo Bucchino, Birthday Remembrance - requested by his Family

**Friday, December 12 - 8:30am**

Lauretta Demers - requested by Michael & Lisa Siraco

**Saturday, December 13 - 4:00pm**

Andre Gelinis - requested by his Wife

**Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent**

**7:00am**

Robert Fortin, 7th Anniversary of Death - requested by his Wife

**10:30am**

Theresa Favreau - requested by her Family

### Attention Snow Birds

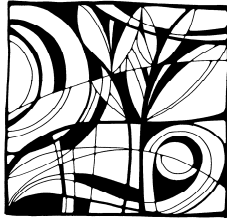
If you are going south for the winter and would like to keep in touch with parish activities, please call Lisa at 622-5445 and we will put you on our bulletin mailing list.



Pray for the Sick

**Let us pray for these special intentions:** For all our parishioners that are homebound and in nursing homes; for all our parishioners, family and friends that are struggling with illness or recovering from surgeries; and for Charlotte Green, Camden Soucy, Ted Begin, Phil S., Kathy Hawkins, Mary Guimond, Joyce Sullivan, Gerry de Repentigny, Dominic Lattuca, Jaxson Field, Virginia Clark, Ginny George, Max Lawrence, Robert Pelkey, Ashleigh Rose, Jackie McGonagel, Patrick Myrdhal, Sr. Lucille Blais, Chloe Carnavale, Peter Lambert, Stephen Gilmartin, Roger Couturier, Maurice Allard, Isaac Brisson, Pat Begin, Jeanne Sylvain, Mary Trovato, Jeanne Kaufman, Sr. Joan Messier, Al Landry, Colin Werner, Jeanne Richards, Edie Fetko, Alice Rattigan and Willie Miles.

*We wait for new heavens*



*and a new earth where  
righteousness  
is at home.*

2 PETER 3:13

John the Baptist rings out his famous proclamation that we hear every advent: *Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.* At this time of the year, we involve ourselves in a lot of preparation for the coming of Christ! For example, some families prepare special sweets. Take an all-time favorite, the candy cane with its distinctive red and white stripes. As we enjoy the special peppermint flavor, remember that the white base represents the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; the red stripes indicate the blood shed by Jesus on the cross for our salvation. The "j" shape reminds us of the name of Jesus, as well as the staff of the Good Shepherd. The candy cane is but one symbol of many special treats that represent Advent and Christmas. What is your favorite symbol that helps you to prepare to get into the advent spirit? Is it the Star of Bethlehem, the angel, Christmas lights? When you look at (or even eat!) your favorite symbol, remind yourself of the joy, the power, and the beauty of the mystery of Christ's incarnation. He became one of us, human, just to let us know how much he loves us. So enjoy the lights, the angels, the lit trees & decorations; just have a special awareness this time of the year, of what the true meaning of advent is, and proclaim it loud and clear! Especially when you are licking the candy cane!!

~ Fr. John



**December Advent Retreat**, given by Fr. Fred Mazarella, ofm, from December 7 - 9. Sunday will begin with Mass at 6:00pm; Monday & Tuesday nights will begin at 7:00pm

His talks will focus on these themes:

**Sunday, Dec. 7th: "Family"**

**Monday, Dec. 8th: "Love in Marriage"**

**Tuesday, Dec. 9th: "Faith & Gratitude"**



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

### Open Hours

**Wednesdays: 3pm Thursdays: 8am**

**Fridays: 5pm Saturdays: 1pm & 2pm**



ADORATION

For more information please call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775. **Come spend some time in Adoration this Advent and focus on the REAL reason for**

### Advent Week 2

Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent "a bit more hope." Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, "Lord, I place my trust in you."

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### Welcome Visitors!

With joyful hearts we welcome you into our house of prayer to celebrate the gift of life and special faith we share. Fr. John, the staff and our parishioners extend our warmest welcome. If you would like to become a member of Blessed Sacrament, please fill out a registration form and submit it to the parish office. Forms are available in the back of the Church or you may stop by the Parish Office on weekdays from 9am-5pm. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions you may have. Welcome!



**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Colleen Hayward (volunteers)	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	497-2770
Parish Nurse Program	663-8004
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Diane Steele	669-8825

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

Adoration Chapel	
Irene de Repentigny	622-7775
Beautification Committee	
Fr. John	622-5445
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
Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan	622-7138
Religious Education (Gr. 1-7)	
Martha & Steve Donohue	627-4868
Respect Life	622-5445
RCIA	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Secular Franciscan Order	
Tom Cloutier	644-8788
Social Committee	
Donna Guertin	669-5232
Spirits Alive!	
Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan	622-7138
Youth Group	
Ellen Donohue	867-8881

**FUNDRAISING**

300 Club	622-5445
Bulletin Ads	622-5445

**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

**Boy Scout Troop 106 Annual Christmas Trees & Wreaths** are available for purchase in the parking lot of the Harley Davidson dealership on John Divine Dr. Help support our troop by purchasing your tree and/or wreath from them. **All trees are fresh and from NH.** The trees are going fast—don't wait!

**Hours: Monday-Friday, 10am-9pm;  
Saturday & Sunday 9am-9pm.**



**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: November 29 & 30, 2014**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes	\$1,213.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$1,583.00</b>

Monthly Deficit: \$4985.15

**General Fund**

Adoration Chapel:	\$5.10
Candles:	\$22.00
<b>Parish Outreach Fund</b>	
Food Pantry:	\$150.00
- in memory of L. Paradis:	\$20.00
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:	\$197.08
- Children's Christmas:	\$1400.14
- Thanksgiving Dinner:	\$355.00
- In memory of J. Lemay:	\$50.00

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

We are filled with gratitude for all the support, both financial and from volunteers, we received this Thanksgiving. With the help of our parishioners and friends we were able to prepare over 330 Baskets! Not all the baskets were picked up, but, the extra food will help carry us through the next month. Thank you to all the parishioners who brought food for the baskets. Thank you also to the Honor Society at Memorial High School for their donations—as well as their monthly food collection and to the students and faculty at Trinity High School for their donation of 300 baskets. Thank you also to Primex employees for their donations.

We also greatly appreciate the many volunteers who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner. We had a great turn-out on Wednesday to set up and decorate the hall. It looked beautiful! On Thanksgiving Day, the volunteers worked very hard ensuring everyone that came had all they could eat and enjoyed themselves. Due to the previous day's snowstorm that caused many people to lose power, we had people unable to cook the turkeys for the dinner. People stepped up to help get the turkeys here to be cooked and others came and donated their turkey. 187 people came to the dinner. We even had a special visit from the Bishop! The volunteers in the kitchen and those who served did a fabulous job. Thank you! We are truly blessed and grateful!

**Sunday, December 7**

- \* Religious Education, 9am, Church Hall
- \* RCIA, 9:15am, Friary basement
- \* Advent Retreat, Mass at 6pm, followed by presentation in Church Hall

**Monday, December 8**

- \* Spirits Alive! 6:30pm, Our Lady Of Mercy House
- \* Advent Retreat, 7pm, Church Hall

**Tuesday, December 9**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
- \* Advent Retreat, 7pm, Church Hall

**Wednesday, December 10**

- \* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm, Last Names M-Z
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names M-Z
- \* Parish Nurse, 1:30-3pm, Church Hall

**Thursday, December 11**

- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry,
- \* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, Church Hall

**Friday, December 12**

- \* Youth Group Gathering, 6-9pm, Church Hall

**Saturday, December 13**

- \* Children's Outreach Christmas Party, 11:30-1pm

**Sunday, December 14**

- \* Religious Education, 9am, Church Hall
- \* RCIA, 9:15am, Friary basement



**COMING UP!**

## **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

We have several outreach opportunities to share with you this Christmas as we always remember those less fortunate and in need. Our parishioners are always so generous. We hope these suggestions will be helpful

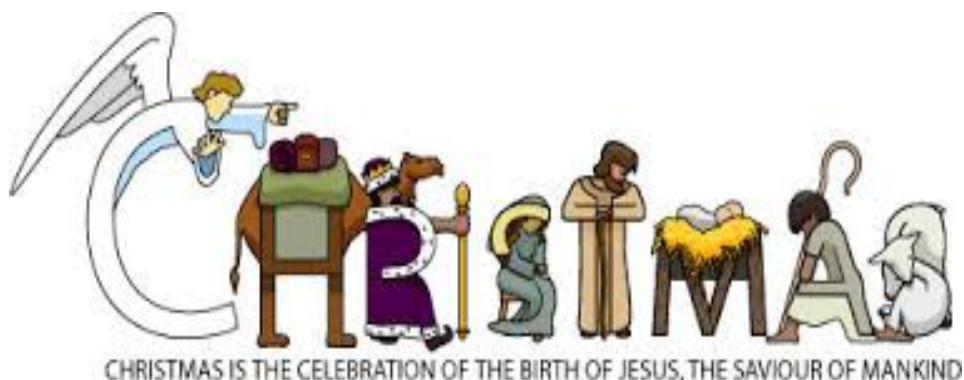
### **Christmas Giving Tree:**

The Giving Tree is located in the back of the Church. Each ornament has a suggested "gift" for you to donate. Take the ornament of your choice. The Giving Tree supports our Outreach ministries throughout the year. The ornaments suggest the following:

- ◆ Gift certificates/cards to grocery stores – (\$10, \$20 or \$25 denominations)  
The cards are used to help people with requests for diapers, toilet paper, milk, prescription help, detergent, things the Food Pantry isn't able to supply.
- ◆ Gift certificates/cards to general merchandise stores (Walmart, Target)  
The cards are used to help with clothing requests, diapers or when we need to purchase shoes & socks as part of our Shoes for Kids program. (\$10, \$20 or \$25 denominations)
- ◆ Gift certificates/cards to Dunkin Donuts & fast food restaurants - \$5 denomination  
We use these for the homeless, especially in the winter, to help them get some hot food and escape the cold weather for a little while.
- ◆ New warm weather clothing for the homeless  
Warm Socks, gloves, hats, hand warmers
- ◆ St. Anne's Children's Closet  
Diapers sizes 3, 4 & 5; warm socks and underwear (new)

### **Children's Outreach Christmas Party**

We will have our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party for the children that are clients of our St. Anne's Closet and for those children who are homeless and/or living in shelters in Manchester. The party is Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Children from newborn-12 are invited to an afternoon of games, crafts, lunch and receive a small gift. Fr. John has the children act out the story of Christmas. We purchase the gifts for the children from money donated to our Outreach fund. All children in the same age group will receive the same gift. This is to help eliminate confusion and inappropriate aged gifts. If you would like to donate to help towards the gifts, please put it in an envelope marked Children's Christmas party. The Parish Youth Group will help wrap presents and decorate the hall on December 12<sup>th</sup> and serve as hosts at the party.



### 300 Club: Week 2

#12 Andy & Diane Demers; #37 Roland & Shirley Glidden; #46 Lorraine Smith; #228 Mary Lou Gilmartin and #245 Joan Allard

#### **Congratulations!**

A new club is beginning, be sure to get your lucky number. Just \$20 for 20 weeks! It's an easy and fun way to raise money for the parish. Please see one of the Captains for your lucky number or call the parish office.

**Captains:** Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Lisa Siraco 622-5445 (Parish Office); or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.

### Youth Group Gatherings

All students in Grades 5 and up are invited to come and help with the Children's Outreach Christmas party. There are 2 opportunities, come to one, come to both—bring a friend to help too!

**Friday, December 12, 6-9pm:** Deck the Halls & Trim the Tree.... Come and decorate the hall, wrap presents, prepare the games/craft stations for Saturday's party. Enjoy all sorts of snacks and watch a Christmas movie at the same time!

#### **Saturday, December 13, 10:30am - 2pm**

\* Help with a Game Station

~ Pin the nose on Rudolph, Snowball throw, etc.

\* Serve the families lunch

\* Sing Christmas Carols

\* Help with a Craft/Ornaments

\* Help pass out Christmas Gifts

### ANNUAL COLLECTION HELPS NH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ADDRESS RETIREMENT SHORTFALL

The 27th national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held December 13-14 in the Diocese of Manchester. The annual, parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington and benefits more than 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We will have a 2nd Collection for them next weekend. Envelopes are available in the back of the church.

Next weekend, Sr. Amy Hoey, RSM will speak at all Masses and share how this collection will help them and other Religious orders, like the Franciscans, Holy Cross, Capuchins and more.

### A Catholic Protocol for Christmas

*Each Christmas Catholics lament the secularization of Christmas. And rightly so! Christmas in the USA is gradually turning into a secular holiday; a celebration of winter, a celebration of lights, Santa Claus, and Rudolph. All of the above can certainly be part of Christmas but they are not the "reason for the season". Jesus is the "reason for the season"! Christmas is the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is the feast of the Incarnation; a celebration of the Word becoming flesh and being born of the Virgin Mary. At Christmas we remember that God took on our human condition in the person of Jesus the Christ.*

We Catholics will contribute to the secularization of Christmas if we don not keep Christmas as a religious festival. We would offer the following suggestions to ensure the religious and Christian identity of Christmas:

- ◆ Place a crèche in your home. A simple display of the Christ child and his mother will keep the family focused on Jesus' birthday. Have the children help.
- ◆ Use the greeting: "Merry Christmas" to your family and friends. The greeting: Happy Holidays eliminates the work Christ and secularizes the greeting. Happy Holidays may be an appropriate greeting to your non-Christian friends.
- ◆ Send Christmas cards that portray the religious character of Christmas. Cards with pictures of puppies and kittens in Christmas stockings hanging on the mantle may be cute but they do not promote the religious character of the Christmas season.
- ◆ Enjoy the beauty of the season with your family and friends and do not get caught up in the commercial frenzy of the shops and malls. Keep things simple!
- ◆ Be sure to go to Mass with your family on Christmas. The custom of attending the Midnight Mass is a beautiful one that we must continue.

