



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

4:00pm

Mr. & Mrs. George Brown - requested by his family

Sunday, January 1

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:00am

Stella Cygan - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

10:30am

George Young - requested by the Donohue family

Monday, January 2 - 8:30am

For the family of Maurice & Gloria Pilotte

Tuesday, January 3 - 8:30am

Wilfred Vigneault

Wednesday, January 4

NO MASS

Thursday, January 5 - 8:30am

Ralph Messier - requested by Sr. Joan & Sr. Anne

Friday, January 6 - 8:30am

Helen Donohue - requested by the Donohue family

Saturday, January 7 - 4:00pm

Avila & Yvette Duquette - requested by their daughter Elaine

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am

John J. Sullivan - requested by the family

10:30am

John "Jack" Haley Jr. - requested by his mother

THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED



BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL

As we begin the new year of 2017, you can be sure that every human being has a major resolution embedded deep in their heart: "How can I find happiness and meaning in life this year?" Happiness and meaning are just as important as food and water; they nourish the soul as much as the latter nourish the body. We know from experience how much unhappiness and lack of meaning exist around us today. When that happens, you can be sure that the breakdown of family and society is sure to happen. The experts in the field of philosophy offer us the following five tips on how we can find happiness and meaning in our lives: 1) Don't Look for Happiness: aiming at happiness is not a good way to be happy. Instead, aim at something higher, for example, being a faithful friend. Then happiness might sneak up on you. 2) Look Around: keep interested in life; if you cultivate your mind the right way, you'll always have something to fascinate you and will keep boredom away. 3) Look to Virtue: develop the "virtues." They are character traits that incline us to do just that, so strive to be as good a person as you can be. 4) Look Beyond Yourself: aim at projects that go beyond your own private concerns. Help your neighbors, your relatives, the poor. The most healthy people are the ones who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to help others. 5) Look Up: keep a close relationship with God. When we "look up" to Him and see the good things in others' lives rather than focus on the negative, we are sure to find love and connection with others, especially with our God. As we reflect on today's most beautiful feast of our Lady, Mary the Mother of God, we realize that she embraced these five principles quite naturally. She was a faithful servant to God and to her family; she cultivated prayer and kept a deep interest in the life of her son; she developed the virtues of faith, hope and charity; she looked beyond herself to do God's Will even as she sacrificed her son on the cross; she looked up to God through prayer and devotion as we see in her great prayer of the Magnificat. Let's follow Mary's example, because her task as Mother of God and mother of humans has always been to lead her human children to her divine Son. ~ Fr. John



Eucharistic



Adoration

St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

Please, think about sharing one hour with Jesus in Adoration.

Open Hours

Sundays 1pm & 6pm

Tuesdays: 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 5pm & 6pm

Thursdays: 3pm

Saturdays: 12pm

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

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 the parish office, 622-5445, and we will put you on our bulletin mailing list.

"Holy Family of Nazareth, help us all to recognize the sacred nature of the family and its beauty in God's plan for humanity.

~ Pope Francis

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2017

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 2nd**.



Please remember in your prayers **Andre Martel & Roland Glidden** who were called to their rest and the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord. May the Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to their loved ones.

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 Virginia Clark, Robert Pelkey, Patrick Myrdhal, Maurice Allard, Jeanne Kaufman, Jeanne Richards, Jaxson Field, Lucille Bradley, Jerry Lavoie, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Paul Cody, Marcel Larochelle, Nancy Cappallini, Tommy Fontaine, Donna Lifman, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Chloe Carnevale, Jeannine Bouchard, Jane Hargis, Doris Gionet, Paul Allard, Mary Trovato, Richard Tanguay, Porfirio Gamoral, RFG, Pat Begin, Lorraine Labore, Sophia Rimmer, Janice Beaudin, Barbara Joyce, Tom Cloutier, Acilda Dachowski, Jackie Caruso, Chad Cerillo, Scott Zimba, Roger Boisvert and DMR.

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 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
 Terry Sylvain 669-2582
 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
 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, January 1

* NO Religious Ed classes today

Monday, January 2

* Office Closed today
* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, January 3

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, January 4

* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names A-C
* Youth Faith Formation class, 6pm, church hall
* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, January 5

* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, Mercy House
* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

Saturday, January 7

* Secular Franciscans retreat, 9:30am-1pm, hall

Sunday, January 8

* Religious Ed classes , grades 1-7, 9am, church hall

Volunteer Needed

Do you like to clean? The Adoration Chapel is in need of a volunteer to clean the chapel once a week. Tasks include: dusting the altar, statues, pews and chairs; vacuuming inside the chapel and in the foyer; cleaning the restroom. It takes about an hour. Cleaning takes place when the chapel is closed. It can be any night after 7pm or Saturday/Sunday at 6pm. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information or to volunteer.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: December 24 & 25, 2016

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,669.00
 Loose \$2,625.00
 Electronic Offering \$ 155.00
Total Offertory: \$5,449.00

Grand Annual Gift: \$3,274.00

Parish Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$119.24
 Food Pantry: \$ 35.00
 - in memory of A. Pitcher \$ 25.00
 - in memory of B. Fisk \$ 65.00
 - in memory of B. Madden \$200.00
 - in memory of E & H Fisk \$ 40.00

General Fund

Candles: \$70.00
Adoration Chapel: \$7.00

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



300 Club

The 300 Club is a "painless" way for parishioners to support the parish, yet contribute to one of our most valuable fundraisers. Upon joining the club, you will receive a number. Cost is \$20 (\$1 each week for 20 weeks) to retain this number. Each week, for 20 weeks, five \$10 winners are drawn. You are eligible to win every week as long as your club is paid up to date. On the 21st week, the Grand Drawing is held and \$1800 in prizes are awarded to the lucky winners: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, 4-\$50's & 5-\$20's. This club generates \$15,000 annually if we have a full club of 300 parishioners. \$7,500 is given back to you, the club members, and \$7,500 stays with the parish to help pay parish general expenses.

A new club is beginning. To get your lucky number you can 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.



Accessing Medicare Benefits Presentation: January 11, 4-6:30pm, Mt. Carmel

Join Home Health & Hospice Care (HHHC) with partners Mt. Carmel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (MTC) and St. Teresa Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (STT) each month for free educational seminars ranging from caregiver resources and dementia tours to Medicare benefits and home care safety. Each month/topic will be presented by various community experts. In January, join us for a presentation on Accessing Medicare Benefits. Denise Rivard, BA, LPN Senior Community Nurse Liaison for Home Health & Hospice Care will answer your questions about how Medicare works and the benefits you can expect. Sign up today by calling 627-3811. This event is free to the public.

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 11th • 4:00-6:30pm Location: Mt. Carmel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 235 Myrtle Street, Manchester, NH. For more information or to RSVP, please call 627-3811.