



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 28 - 4:00pm**

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Moran & Family - requested by the family

**Sunday, January 29**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

Bill O'Brien, 5th Anniversary of Death - requested by his wife

**10:30am**

Margaret Behenna - requested by Peggy Defren

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

Daniel Evirs - requested by his family

**Tuesday, January 31 - 8:30am**

Leandro & Catherine Lopez, Wedding Anniversary Celebration

**Wednesday, February 1**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, February 2 - 8:30am**

Helen Williams - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**Friday, February 3 - 8:30am**

Deceased members of the Timmerman & Volk families

**Saturday, February 4 - 4:00pm**

Bert Gagnon - requested by his wife Pauline

**Sunday, February 5**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

Lauretta Demers, Birthday Remembrance - requested by Diane Provost

**10:30am**

Vincent Ippolito - requested by his wife Vera



"...God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing..." (1 Corinthians 1:28)



One of the most important needs that all of us share is the need for belonging. Every human being wants to belong to a family, to a group of friends, to a church community, to a nation. For God made us social beings. As the great poet John Donne said: "No man is an island unto himself; each one is part of the main (land)." When a person's need for belonging is not met, they can feel rejected and they can feel less than human. I am sure you can remember playing with friends in the school yard and desperately wanting to be chosen to be part of a team. And when a child isn't chosen, they can feel rejected, lonely and depressed. It makes a great impact on their self-image. God sees all of this and sent his son Jesus to bring reconciliation to all people. This means that God wants people to get along with each other; to be kind and helpful and to build up each other's spirits. And so we hear in today's Gospel Jesus teaching the beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are they who mourn; blessed are the meek; blessed are they who hunger & thirst for righteousness; blessed are the peacemakers; blessed are those who are insulted and persecuted falsely for the kingdom." Jesus is teaching us by his example that this is our work as his followers as well. It is the work of reconciliation. There are many people in our lives, perhaps even in our families, who seem to be on the "outside" of things. They may feel ignored, discounted, dismissed. They feel that they count for nothing. Our Lord wants us to search for those people, the "lost sheep" of society, and to find them and make friends with them. We do that well at Blessed Sacrament parish. Our mission statement tells all that they are welcome to partake of our life and our services in the ways that we can befriend them. Maybe each of us needs to look over Jesus' beatitudes with a little more reflection and ask ourselves, "Which beatitude is hardest for me to follow now in my life?"

~ Fr. John



**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 Laroche, Tommy Fontaine, Donna Lifman, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Chloe Carnevale, Jeannine Bouchard, Doris Gionet, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, Porfirio Gamoral, RFG, Sophia Rimmer, Barbara Joyce, Tom Cloutier, Acilda Dachowski, Jackie Caruso, Chad Cerillo, Roger Boisvert, Noah Grego, DMR, Bette Dawson and Jack Provost.

"Be not afraid, for I am with you". Let us communicate hope and trust in our time! ~ Pope Francis

**Christmas Giving Tree**

We collected **\$2,565** in gift cards to be used for emergency aid (gas cards/diapers/groceries, etc.) or to fast food restaurants to support our homeless ministry. Wow! Thank you for your generosity and support. We are very grateful.



**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: January 21 & 22, 2017**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,085.00  
 Loose \$ 979.71  
 Electronic Offering \$ 175.00  
**Total Offertory: \$4,239.71**

**Parish Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$62.50  
 Food Pantry: \$40.00  
 - in memory of M. Travato \$175.00  
 - in memory of M. Trumble \$50.00

**General Fund**

Candles: \$103.00  
 Adoration Chapel: \$ 40.00

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



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

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

**Open Hours**

**Sundays 1pm**

**Tuesdays: 2pm & 5pm**

**Thursdays: 3pm**

**Saturdays: 12pm & 6pm**

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

**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 29**

- \* Religious Ed classes , grades 1-7, 9am, church hall
- \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, church hall

**Monday, January 30**

- \* Spirits Alive!, 3:30pm, mercy house
- \* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

**Tuesday, January 31**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

**Wednesday, February 1**

- \* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names A-C
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, February 2**

- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, mercy house
- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

**Saturday, February 4**

- \* Souper Bowl of Caring collection after Mass

**Sunday, February 5**

- \* Souper Bowl of Caring collection after Mass
- \* Religious Ed classes , grades 1-7, 9am, church hall
- \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, church hall



The Youth Group will conduct their annual **Souper Bowl of Caring** collection on February 4 & 5.

Bring your donations to tackle hunger and poverty in our community.

Let's change the game! Together we can turn the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring. Students in Grades 5 and up will collect can goods and donations for our Food Pantry after each Mass.

On Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:00pm, the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir (ABBCC) will perform at The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell St (Corner of Pine and Lowell Streets.) This highly acclaimed choir will have the audience on their feet, swinging and swaying to their incredible renditions of old Gospel music and stimulating spirituals such as *Every Praise* and *He's An On Time God*. The Cathedral is wheelchair accessible. Cost: \$10 (suggested donation) at the door; no advanced ticket sales. For additional information, please call 603-622-6404, X31.

**Catholic Charities 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Gala**

Join us at our 12th annual Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the Grapone Conference Center in Concord. The Mardi Gras Gala raised over \$107,000 last year, supporting services that provide pathways out of poverty.

Mardi Gras is a Louisiana-themed event that celebrates the culture of New Orleans. Festive decorations transport guests to the French Quarter where they participate in the silent auction, games of chance, and are treated to Cajun and Creole inspired cuisine, live music, dancing and entertainment. For more information, contact **Rosemary Hendrick** at **603.663.0249**

**St. Francis of Assisi School Winter Open House: Wednesday, February 22**

Drop-in during the day to shadow classes, tour our school and meet with our Principal! St. Francis School provides the very best in academics and moral formation for Preschool - Sixth Grade. We are blessed with a 14-acre campus where all of our students learn to snowshoe and enjoy 2 daily recesses. To register for our Open House, please visit [StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call (603) 424-3312. St. Francis of Assisi is locat-



**300 Club - Week 4:**

- #118 Rosemary McNair;
- #136 Sue Lang; #161 Rachel Lambert; #227 Joseph & Patricia Gallagher & #299 Joan Connolly

A new club has begun. 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.

**Visiting Priest**

Next weekend, February 3-5, we will welcome back Fr. Norman Simoneau who will be celebrating Masses with us as Fr. John will be away. Fr. Simoneau loves this parish and is always so happy to cover for Fr. John when he needs help.

**National Catholic Schools Week** is January 29 - February 4, and schools in the Diocese of Manchester will all take part in the celebration. Follow us on Facebook, where we'll be sharing highlights from the week, or visit one of our schools to join in! Visit our website <http://events.catholicnh.org/schools>

We will have a collection for Catholic Schools the weekend of February 4 & 5.

## **TRIP TO IRELAND**

Why not take a trip to Ireland from **September 24 to October 5, 2017**? We will be visiting the following destinations: Dublin, Kildare, Strokestown House, Knock, Connemara, Galway, Aran Islands, Rathbaun Farm, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Foynes, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford, Avoca, and Glendalough. Two information nights are scheduled: **January 30** at St. Catherine of Siena, Manchester at 7 p.m., and **February 5** at Immaculate Conception, Nashua at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in a brochure, please call St. Catherine Rectory Office.



Save the Date! Beer and Hymns-Mardi Gras Style on **Tuesday, February 28** from 7-9pm at the Shaskeen on Elm Street. Back by popular demand, parishioners and friends will gather at the Shaskeen and share in fellowship while singing hymns. Watch for more details.

**LIFT Worship Night** - Immaculate Conception Parish at 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH invites you to an inspiring night of worship on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 7-9pm** with speaker Fr. Matt Williams. **Free and open to all ages.** For more information visit: <http://www.iccnashuanh.org/news/lift> or contact Fatima Walsh at 603-888-0321, x266 [fatima@iccnashuanh.org](mailto:fatima@iccnashuanh.org) .

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org)

### **Never Fear...**

**February 10-12, 2017**

Registration Deadline February 3, 2017

Karen Conrow

How much time do we spend in worry and fear about various aspects of our lives? They’re such pervasive human traits, yet, in Scripture, God continually reminds us – to “be not afraid.” Come join us for a weekend of reflection on some of these numerous Scripture passages. Let’s allow time for God to speak to us and help us begin to reframe how we look at our worries and concerns. There will be ample time for quiet contemplation and stillness. Cost: \$150 (includes \$40 registration fee).

Karen Conrow, Texas native and New Hampshire transplant, has organized and led retreats since 1998, including many ACTS Retreats (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) in south Texas. She also worked for seven years at ACTS Missions, the non-profit that helps launch the ACTS Retreat Movement in parishes across the U.S. and around the world. In her roles as both a retreat facilitator and spiritual director, she finds tremendous joy in being present to individuals as they share the movement of God in their lives. Karen lives in New Hampshire’s beautiful Monadnock region with her husband and daughter.

### **Contemplative Weekend**

**February 17-19, 2017**

Come away for a while and BE STILL! A precious time of silence to be alone with your God. Cost: \$140 (includes \$30 registration)

For further information or for reservations call 603-878-2346 or [olhope1@yahoo.com](mailto:olhope1@yahoo.com).

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer

400 Temple Road

New Ipswich, NH 03071

***Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy***, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo DeFilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Manchester on **Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ’s Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for Students. **For additional information**, contact Mary Quinn at 603-472-5975 or [mmcdonnell139@comcast.net](mailto:mmcdonnell139@comcast.net). Purchase tickets online at [www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com](http://www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com).

