

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, February 18 - 4:00pm**  
*Clement Gosselin* - requested by his family

**Sunday, February 19**      **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:00am**

*Veronica Stoklosa* - requested by her daughters

**10:30am**  
*John Jack Haley Sr.* - requested by his wife

**Monday, February 20 - 8:30am**  
*Armand Demers* - requested by Larry & Lorraine Labore

**Tuesday, February 21 - 8:30am**  
*Jackie Puglisi* - requested by her husband

**Wednesday, February 22**  
**NO MASS**

**Thursday, February 23 - 8:30am**  
*John Skeffington* - requested by his family

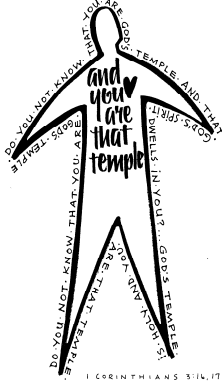
**Friday, February 24 - 8:30am**  
*Collette Roy* - requested by Bill & Geisela Ward

**Saturday, February 25 - 4:00pm**  
*Roger Lacroix* - requested by Jackie Grant

**Sunday, February 26**      **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:00am**

*Phyllis Czernicki, Birthday Remembrance* - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

**10:30am**  
*Eva Peterson* - requested by Priscilla & Don Bournival



Right after the Civil War, the members of President Abraham Lincoln's cabinet wanted him to impose a severe retaliation on the South which lost the war. Lincoln held his ground and informed his cabinet that he would do the opposite: welcome the former enemy of the North into an equal union of brotherhood. When asked why he would do this, Lincoln said: "How else can one change an enemy into a friend other than by calling him your brother?" Lincoln wasn't an overtly religious man, but he knew instinctively the wisdom of the Scriptures which we hear today expressed by Jesus: "You have heard that it was said 'you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...." This is one of the hardest teachings of Jesus for all of us. For we know that it is natural for us to want to retaliate when someone hurts us. Right from when we are children, if someone hits us for example, we strike back and say: "But he hit me first!" I have always tried to follow the example of my founder St. Francis of Assisi, who tried to use the method of "re-frame" when someone hurt him. When for example someone called him a derogatory name (e.g., "Francis, you are an ass/donkey!"), before retaliating against that person he would stop and think to himself: "You know Francis, sometimes you say things and do things just like a donkey!!" And then he would laugh at himself, then give thanks to God that the person who was trying to hurt him was actually helping him laugh at himself! Why was St. Francis thinking this way? Because he was trying to imitate Jesus who was showing us how God reacts when people try to hurt Him. Just think of all the times so many people curse out God, calling Him names, blaming Him for all the problems of the world, then denouncing and denying Him. God turns His hurt into understanding and empathy for the wounded person who is angry and hurt. He never retaliates nor expects pay back from us. Rather, God smiles all the more upon those who are angry or hurt, and offers them hope and healing through His love and forgiveness. Wow! What an incredible love we have from an incredibly loving Father! So we must strive to imitate God's example when someone tries to hurt us. Don't retaliate, just commiserate! That is, have sympathy and compassion for the person who acts like your enemy. Just do a "re-frame" and think of them as a friend!! ~ Fr. John



**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.



"The throwaway culture is not of Jesus. The other is my brother, beyond every barrier of nationality, social extraction or religion."  
 ~ Pope Francis



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 Larochele, Tommy Fontaine, Donna Lifman, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Chloe Carnevale, Jeannine Bouchard, Doris Gionet, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, RFG, Sophia Rimmer, Barbara Joyce, Tom Cloutier, Acilda Dachowski, Jackie Caruso, Chad Cerillo, Roger Boisvert, Noah Grego, Bette Dawson, Jack Provost, Arnold Wright Pat Begin and Kathy Hawkins

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: February 11 & 12, 2017**

**Weekend Offertory**

**Parish Outreach Fund**

Envelopes	\$2,569.17	St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:	\$134.02
Loose	\$ 791.00	Food Pantry:	\$ -0-
Electronic Offering	\$ 365.00	- in memory of M. Tovato	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$3,725.17</b>		

**General Fund**

Candles: \$82.00      Adoration Chapel: \$31.00

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

**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



**Saturday, February 18**

\* Cub Scouts Spaghetti Dinner, 5pm, church hall

**Sunday, February 19**

\* Religious Ed classes, grades 1-7, 9am, church hall  
 \* Seniors Valentines Day Dinner, 12pm, church hall

**Monday, February 20**

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

**Tuesday, February 21**

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

**Wednesday, February 22**

\* NO St. Anne's Closet today  
 \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names Q-Z  
 \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, February 23**

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

**Sunday, February 26**

\* NO Religious Ed classes today  
 \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, church hall  
 \* Contemporary Mass, 6pm

**Special Contemporary Mass**

Students and families from our Religious Ed and Confirmation Class are asked to attend a special Mass on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. This takes the place of class and is part of the curriculum. The last Contemporary Mass we had last fall was well attended and the students enjoyed contemporary liturgy.

Although this Mass is for the Religious Ed program, we encourage other parishioners to attend as well.

**Camp Scholarships**

Again this year Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. Priority will be to those who have never attended Fatima or Bernadette. For more information, please call the parish office at 622-5445



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.

**Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities:**



**Mondays from 9am-11am** to unpack and set up the food to be packaged for that week's give away.

**Tuesdays: 6-8pm:** Help prepare boxes of food to be given out to the clients.

**Wednesdays, 1-3pm:** Help clients carry food to their cars.

**Once every other month for 2 hours:** Become part of the USDA Team that loads and unloads a U-haul truck of food. Must be able to lift up to 50lbs.

**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 located at 9 St. Francis Way in Litchfield.

**Immaculate Conception Prayer Militia Cenacle**

The group meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Chapel of North American Martyrs, Ste. Marie Church, Manchester (enter by side door near Rectory garage)

The evening includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a scriptural Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Prayer is focused on:

- + praying for America and its political leaders
- + praying for our Church and its spiritual leaders
- + praying for peace for all souls

**300 Club - Week 7:**

#5 Mary (Tim) Fisk; #113 Pat Metivier; #118 Rosemary McNair; #148 Maurice Lavigne; #158 Rose Schlottman.



Congratulations!

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.