



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

6:00pm
 For the students and families of the Religious Education Program

Monday, February 27 - 8:30am
 Ralph Messier - requested by Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan

Tuesday, February 28 - 8:30am
 Raoul Therrien - requested by his family

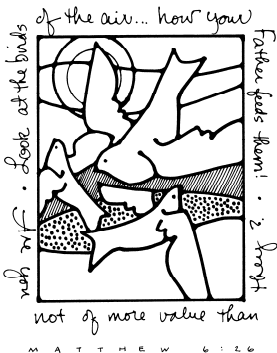
Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday
 8:30am: *Stella Cygan* by Natalie & Larry Welch
 12:15pm: Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 7:00pm: *Norman Paris* by Charlotte & Paul Faustini

Thursday, March 2 - 8:30am
 Francis McBride - requested by Jeanne Richards

Friday, March 3 - 8:30am
 Rachel Royer - requested by Pauline Riley

Saturday, March 4 - 4:00pm
 For the intentions of Irene de Repentigny - requested by Pauline Gagnon

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent
7:00am
 Louis, Anna & Albert Puglisi - requested by Guy Puglisi
10:30am
 Robert Paul - requested by Priscilla & Don Bournival



"How often in the Bible the Lord asks us to welcome migrants and foreigners, reminding us that we too are foreigners!"
 ~ Pope Francis

Prayer Request

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, 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, Mark Siraco and Kathy Hawkins

Well the season of Lent is facing us once again, as we celebrate Ash Wednesday this coming week. Many believers look upon the holy season of Lent as a time of denial and a certain heaviness of spirit. Of course we do begin to give greater attention to the suffering and death of our Lord, and are grateful for His glorious resurrection which we will share in. Yet while we do honor these sacred mysteries in a most serious manner, do we not forget the joyfulness that this season brings us as well? Our Lord has given us a most wonderful gift to share in which we need badly: a time for R & R. That's right, Lent is also a time for rest and relaxation. Just pay attention to today's readings and you will be reminded to embrace this rest given to us by our Father. The first reading from Isaiah compares God to a loving mother who tenderly holds her child in her arms. We all know how calming and restful that image is to all. Then Psalm 62 tells us to Rest in God alone, my soul! For He is my stronghold who protects me from being disturbed. Finally, in the Gospel Jesus directs his anxious disciples to learn from the lilies of the field, which do not work nor spin, yet grow each day without effort into the most beautiful colors possible. The most calming thought that Jesus gives to me is that "Your heavenly Father knows what you need even before you ask." So why do we worry so much? Why are depression, fear and anxiety among the greatest problems we have as a people today? Though we are grateful for the new medicines that help in our healing, why is it that most of us seem to trust medicine more than in a merciful God who loves us and holds us close? I had the great opportunity on Tuesday evening of helping with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a church in Nashua. Hundreds of people came, many shedding tears both of sorrow and gratitude, seeking the tender embrace of God once again – from whom they have been away from for many years! I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit present in their souls, and in mine as well. God moves in us and through us, because our hearts are usually heavy and burdened from the coldness and chill that the world offers. So my advice to you (and to myself) is to welcome Lent this year; enter into the services and programs that are being offered, for God knows what we need even before we ask him. But He loves us to ask; He wants to share His warmth and care very generously. "Rest is God alone, my soul!" Happy Lent to all!! ~ Fr. John



STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: February 18 & 19, 2017

<u>Weekend Offertory</u>		<u>Parish Outreach Fund</u>
Envelopes	\$2,986.00	St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$96.19
Loose	\$1,114.00	Food Pantry: \$50.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 135.00	- in memory of M. Trovato \$175.00
Total Offertory:	\$4,235.00	- in memory of M. Trumble \$50.00
Energy/Fuel Collection: \$1283.17		
		<u>General Fund</u>
Candles: \$43.00		Adoration Chapel: \$120.00

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

300 Club - Week 8:

#45 William Wessling; #177 George Hamel; #238 Claire Dachowski; #240 Jack Carosi; #285 Ann Trudeau.



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.



Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

- * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, March 1

- * Ashes: 8:30am, 12:15pm & 7pm
- * St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
- * Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names A-C
- * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 5

- * NO Religious Ed classes today

Special Contemporary Mass

Students and families from our Religious Ed and Confirmation Class are asked to attend a special Mass on **Sunday, February 26th 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. For more information, please call the parish office at 622-5445



March 1, 2017

We will have 3 Masses this year :

8:30am, 12:15pm and 7pm

Beginning on **March 3rd** and every Friday during Lent, we will have the **Stations of the Cross** at 9am (exception: Good Friday at 3pm).

Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Saturday, March 18 at 5pm.



Volunteers are needed to help with set up and decorating on Friday, March 17 and for the dinner on March 18. If you'd like to help, please call Lisa in the parish office, 622-5445.

Lenten Outreach Program: During Lent, we will collect items for the Food Pantry, specifically the food bags made for the homeless. Each week will focus on a certain need. Items may be left in the back of the church and will be collected on Monday. The first collection will be next weekend, March 4th & 5th.

Week 1, March 4 & 5: Tuna, Canned Meat, Canned Stew, Baked Beans

Week 2, March 11 & 12: protein bars, fruit cups, jello cups, apple sauce

St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

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

Open Hours

Sundays 1pm & 4pm Thursdays: 3pm

Saturdays: 8am & 12pm

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



We are encouraged to increase our prayer during Lent - spending an hour with Jesus in Adoration is a great way to grow in spirit this Lent.



Join us for a night of 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 a variety of hymns. The last event was well attended, don't miss out this time.