



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 6 - 8:30am

Bernie Fisk - requested by Joan & Moe Allard

Tuesday, March 7 - 8:30am

Constance Gagnon - requested by Jeffrey Fetko & Joyce Foskin

Wednesday, March 8

No Mass

Thursday, March 9 - 8:30am

Frank Lupien - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

Friday, March 10 - 8:30am

Mary Sheehan - requested by Donna, Lou & Ashley Guertin

Saturday, March 11 - 4:00pm

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by her family

Sunday, March 12

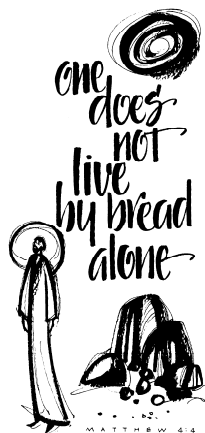
Second Sunday of Lent

7:00am

Germaine Welch, Birthday Remembrance - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

10:30am

Stanley & Rose Kosowicz - requested by their son and family



It is so interesting that the serpent, who represents the evil one, used beautiful delicious looking food to test Adam and Eve. The scripture described the fruit as *pleasing to the eyes, good for food, and desirable for gaining wisdom*. I sympathize with my poor first ancestors, because when I go to the supermarket and see beautiful, tasty looking food that is pleasing to my eyes, I get hungry. My brain stops working and my stomach starts growling; the message I hear when I am tempted by such delectable food is often: *Oh go for it John; eat up; what's a little extra food to fill you up. You only live once! Enjoy yourself and forget all the limits you put on yourself vs. overeating, or eating things that you do not really need!* So any way, Adam and Eve fell to the great looking fruit even though God instructed them not to eat it! I think I would have been tempted to fall as well. The evil one knows our weak points, doesn't he? And he zooms right in to whatever weakness we may have. And truthfully, no human being is free of weakness. It's a proven fact. Except for one exceptional human being: Jesus! He became human while remaining divine. And He took on our fallen human nature, so that we might be raised up again to our original state of holiness. When we read the Gospel today, we see the old devil at it again; using food to tempt Jesus who for sure was hungry because He just finished 40 days of fasting in the desert. He wanted Jesus to change the stones into bread so He could eat. But Jesus turned the trick back on the devil when He said the most important bread was every word that comes from the mouth of God. Do we focus too much on material things, not trusting enough in God providing for us? Then the devil goes to the next level: tempting Jesus to test if God really protects Him. He tells Jesus to throw himself off of a cliff to see if God would send angels to catch Him. Jesus once again puts the devil in his place: *you can't test God, only God can be the tester!* Do we also try to test God when we pray this way: *prove that you love me God; I'm waiting to see if you give me what I ask for and then I will believe!* Finally the devil goes all out feeling a bit frustrated that he can't get Jesus to fall for anything. He now promises Jesus power and glory by showing Him the whole world in one quick view. All Jesus would have to do to get these, says the devil, is to bow down and worship him! I can just hear Jesus laughing at the foolishness of the devil: *Are you for real? Get away, Satan! There is only one alone you shall worship, the Lord your God!* God could even destroy the devil if He wanted to, but God chooses not to because He is not a "destroyer." The point of the Gospel is that Jesus is showing us the way to fight off temptations to wrongdoing, and choosing good actions for ourselves. Be strong vs. the evil one, and trust in the infinite power and presence of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Happy Lent!



~ Fr. John



We welcome our newest baptized members into our parish family: **Thomas Houde**, son of Jimmy & Shawna and **Mason McWhinnie**, son of Paul & Cindy. May the Holy Spirit bless these families on this joyous occasion.

Please give a warm welcome to Bishop John McCormack, D.D. as our celebrant for this Sunday's 10:30am Mass.



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, Kathy Hawkins, Shirley Kosiatek and Lorraine Dubisz.



St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

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.

Open Hours

Sundays 1pm & 4pm Thursdays: 3pm

Fridays: 12pm Saturdays: 9am & 12pm

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

300 Club - Week 9:

#27 Fran Lavoie; #28 Jaon Langdon; #118 Rosemary McNair; #236 Doris Cote; #249 Jack & Riley Notorangelli.



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, March 5

* Religious Ed Grades 1-7, 9am, church hall

Monday, March 6

* Spirits Alive!, 3:30pm, mercy house

* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, March 7

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, March 8

* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names D - J

* Youth Faith Formation classes, 6pm, church hall

* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, March 9

* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, mercy house

* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

Saturday, March 11

* First Reconciliation, 8am

Sunday, March 12

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

"When the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up." ~ Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: February 25 & 26, 2017

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,896.00

Loose \$ 904.03

Electronic Offering \$ 135.00

Total Offertory: \$3,935.03

Monthly Deficit Collection: \$1,422.00

Parish Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$128.86

Food Pantry: \$-0-

General Fund

Candles: \$91.00

Adoration Chapel: \$95.00

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



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 brought to the food pantry on Monday.

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

Week 3, March 18 & 19: canned ravioli, canned pasta, canned soups

Week 4, March 25 & 26: peanut butter & jelly (small jars)

Week 5, April 1 & 2: small drink boxes of juice, non dairy milk

Week 6, April 8 & 9: snack size individual desserts, chips pop tarts, etc.

The Sisters of Holy Cross have established the Claire Daneau Legacy Fund to benefit the children of Mary, Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti. The orphanage was founded by Sister Claire Daneau, an American Sister of Holy Cross. It is home to 56 children. You can help gift these children with a future by purchasing a raffle calendar at a cost of \$10 each or six for \$50. From **April 1 through April 30**, a total of \$2500.00 will be drawn. **Representatives of the Sisters will have raffle calendars available after each Mass the weekend of March 11 and 12.** Thank you for helping "Claire's Kids".

Saint Benedict Academy would like to welcome you to our **OPEN HOUSE!** We would like to welcome any new students in grades pre-k through sixth. It is free for everyone! There are tours running from 9:30am to 11:00am and 1:00pm to 2:30pm on March 31st, 2017. Sign up for the Open House Tours today by visiting stbenedictacademy.org. and click the registration button or you can schedule a private tour of our school by emailing Principal Heather Silveira at hsilveira@stbenedictacademy.org.

Saint Catherine of Siena School, 206 North Street, Manchester

Open House on Thursday, March 9th. Choose one of three times: 9:30, 12:30, and 3:00

We provide a Catholic education which forms our students intellectually, spiritually, and morally. Our School encourages family involvement in the ongoing education of their children. We sponsor creative and safe *Family Fun Nights* and other social events that promote lasting relationships among staff, parents and their children. Register online at: www.scsnh.com

Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

Vianney, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Kathryn Church in Hudson on **Saturday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up.

For tickets and additional information, contact Charlene Maniotis at St. Kathryn Parish Office at 603-882-7793 or charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org or visit www.stkathryns.org.



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. Purchase tickets online at www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com. Limited tickets are available at Blessed Sacrament parish office, please see Lisa.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

As we prepare for Easter, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness. There will be many priests available for confession during these Penance Services

Sunday, March 26th , 2pm

St. Anthony Of Padua
172 Belmont St., Manchester, NH

Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00pm

Immaculate Conception Church,
216 East Dunstable Rd. Nashua, NH.



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 March, join us to learn more about living wills and advance directives. Home Health & Hospice care will present information on these written instructions for end-of-life care, how to make these arrangements, and their importance to you and your family. Sign up today by calling 627-3811. This event is free to the public.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 8th • 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.