



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 13 - 8:30am
Rose Anna Morrow - requested by the Donohue Family

Tuesday, March 14 - 8:30am
Pierre Beaudet - requested by Maurice & Gloria Pilotte

Wednesday, March 15
No Mass

Thursday, March 16 - 8:30am
Thomas McAndrew Sr. - requested by the McAndrew Family

Friday, March 17 - 8:30am
Paul Jobin - requested by Gloria & Maurice Pilotte

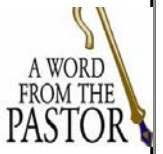
Saturday, March 18 - 4:00pm
Suzanne Routhier - requested by Janice & Roger Beaudin

Sunday, March 19 **Third Sunday of Lent**
7:00am
Aurelien St. Pierre - requested by Priscilla & Gerry Tanguay
10:30am
Henry Cote - requested by Priscilla & Don Bournival



Today's Psalm 33 sets the tone for my message: *...of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.* If you pay attention to the Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday, the Lord's kindness is mentioned three times! Yet with so much crude, mean and hostile messages we hear and see thrown at us in today's world, we might wonder if the psalmist would speak of that same kindness in our time? We know from what Jesus has taught us that God our Father's chief characteristic is His very kindness. In today's Gospel we actually hear God's kindly voice coming down from the clouds: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."* And upon hearing God's kindly voice, the disciples become afraid. Why would they become afraid if God sounds so "kindly?" I think that God's kindness must have confused the disciples. For they expected a harsh voice; a voice that was judgmental and critical. They were totally thrown off guard by God's kindness as confirmed by Jesus' Transfiguration! And are we not also Jesus' disciples who are also called to be kind to one another as well? Do we not realize that a few simple words can generate kindness: "Thank you." "I didn't mean it." "Let me assist you." "I'm sorry." "You first." "I understand." "It's okay." "I forgive you." "Let's go together." "You have my sympathy." "I love you." You see, divine kindness is reflected everywhere if only we are determined to both give and receive it. God wants to shine His light through us when we act kindly towards each other. In today's Gospel Jesus revealed His Divinity to the disciples by being transfigured before them. He wanted to share God's kind gift with them, by giving them a glimpse of the life to come. For in their resurrected bodies they would be shining brightly the loving kindness of God and the glory of his kingdom. All we have to do on earth is to imitate Jesus. When we can show *Little Transfigurations* through small acts of kindness we are spreading God's kingdom on earth. Isn't Lent a great time of the year to become more aware of how we need to grow in performing small acts of kindness? Living our faith is all so very simple if we just know what we are doing. And there are people all around us who are waiting for our kindness: family, friends, the sick and lonely, the poor and homeless, those addicted and in prison. Go and let your light shine today. You will be surprised what God will give you in return. I promise you!

~ Fr. John



"Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return. ." ~ Pope Francis



Let us pray for these special intentions:
For all our parishioners that are home-bound 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, 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, and Lorraine Dubisz.



March 21st, INTERFAITH PEACE VIGIL at 5pm: The Greater Manchester Clergy Association will be leading a peace vigil in downtown Manchester, in support of immigrants & refugees who are suffering due to recent events. It is a spiritual event (not political) using prayer and song asking for God's assistance. A procession will begin at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 106 Lowell St. and the group will walk to City Hall.

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



Sunday, March 12

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

Monday, March 13

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

* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, March 14

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

* GSOP, 10am-12:30pm, church hall

* Pastoral Council, 6:30pm, friary

Wednesday, March 15

* St. Anne's Closet closed today

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names K-P

* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, March 16

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

* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

Saturday, March 18

* St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5:30pm, church hall

Sunday, March 19

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

* Knights of Columbus Thank You reception following the 10:30am Mass, church hall



Appreciation Mass & Reception

Please join us next **Sunday, March 19** for the 10:30am

Mass as we honor the Knights of Columbus, Chapter #5260. The K of C have been extremely generous and supportive of our parish helping physically and financially with many of our social and outreach programs. To show our appreciation, the Knights will be honored at the 10:30am Mass with a special reception after in the church hall.



Please remember in your prayers **Shirley Kosiatek and Claire Lalanne** 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.



RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation)

Last weekend at St. Joseph Cathedral, catechumens and elect from all over the state were presented to Bishop Libasci for the Rite of Election. Our parish is proud to present:

- ◆ Our catechumens: **Richard Hebert and Kyle Millard**
- ◆ Our Candidates: **Yajaria Alverez, Chandler Parker, John Parker & Patrick Vezina**

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: March 4 & 5, 2017

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$3,080.17
 Loose \$ 978.00
 Electronic Offering \$ 135.00
Total Offertory: \$3,935.03

Parish Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$119.50
 Food Pantry: \$ 15.00

General Fund

Candles: \$77.00
 Adoration Chapel: \$174.00

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

300 Club - Week 10:

#92 Vera Ippolitto; #98 Judith Boucher; #114 Eric Leclerc; #162 Bill Davis; #282 Paul & Lorraine Fifield.



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.



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 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.

RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
of Adults



What are the "Scrutinies"?

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, or not celebrated in our parish or congregation at all, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

The Scrutinies will be celebrated at the 10:30am Mass on March 19, 26 and April 2.

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 this weekend.** Thank you for helping "Claire's Kids".

AKA SHOWS in association with St. Anthony of Padua Parish/Paroisse Saint-Antoine present an interactive comedy show & dinner experience: **Joey & Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding**. Join us Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 for an event full of comedy entertainment, dancing, singing, and delicious food! Show starts at 6:00pm. "You'll sing! You'll Dance! You'll Eat! "You'll laugh yourself silly!" Dinner and play will take place in the Community Center located at 172 Belmont St.

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses: March 18 & 19, 25 & 26, April 1 & 2 and will be available at the rectory beginning March 13.

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.



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.

