



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 25 - 4:00pm**

*Lynda King, Birthday Remembrance* - requested by Michael & Lisa Siraco

**Sunday, March 26**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

*Francis Czernicki* - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**10:30am**

*Frank & Anna Molloy* - requested by Bob & Lorene Molloy

**Monday, March 27 - 8:30am**

*Maurice Raffaele* - requested by Joan Langdon

**Tuesday, March 28 - 8:30am**

*Lillian Proulx* - requested by Muriel Menken

**Wednesday, March 29**

No Mass

**Thursday, March 30 - 8:30am**

*Tom Levandowski* - requested by his wife & family

**Friday, March 31 - 8:30am**

*Alice Germano* - Moe & Joan Allard

**Saturday, April 1 - 4:00pm**

*Gerry de Repentigny* - requested by Pauline Gagnon

**Sunday, April 2**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

*Larry Foss* - requested by his daughter Cheryl Kula

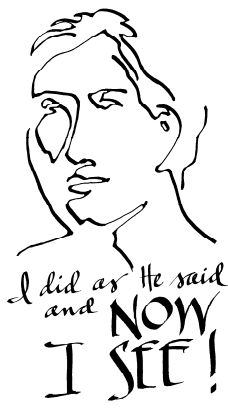
**10:30am**

*George & Roger Michaud* - requested by their sister Do

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm (in the church) LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER:**

Deacon Michael Markham. He will speak about how a Lenten spirituality (almsgiving, prayer, fasting) can flow over into some actions in our daily lives.

"It is vital that we sow the seeds of goodness in order to cultivate justice, foster accord, and sustain integration, without growing weary." ~ Pope Francis



J O H N 9:11

**Laetare Sunday**

This Sunday is called "Laetare" Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice!" We rejoice because we are half-way through lent, and closer to Easter Sunday. We rejoice because we have been faithful in denying ourselves something for God and have been successful; we rejoice because even if we haven't been successful we know that God loves us anyway – so we can laugh a bit at ourselves as we echo our favorite sports team: "Maybe next year!"; we rejoice because spring is here; we rejoice because the days are getting longer. If we have trouble feeling a sense of joy because of some challenge in our life, today's scripture directs us to ask God for what we need: eyes of wonder! In today's Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind from birth. Nobody will believe that he is really healed, even his parents have doubts. But what does he care what other people think. He has experienced Jesus Christ personally and so his faith in Jesus leads him into a deeper relationship with him. He almost doesn't even care about his physical sight as much as he cares for belief in Jesus. Faith has given him new eyes: eyes of wonder. And so Jesus rewards his faith with not only physical sight, but also with eyes of wonder. With this new spiritual sight, the blind man now cured will see all of life with amazement! What a gift from God. We don't know what happened to him after his encounter with Jesus ended, but we can be sure that he never closed his newly opened eyes of his heart to wonder unfolding around him. Now he would understand Rabbi Abraham Joshua Herschel who said: "Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted...to be spiritual is to be amazed." When we believe in Jesus, our problems aren't even that worrisome anymore to us; they almost don't matter. For we now only want more closeness to Jesus, so that we can see life as he does: with amazement! So let this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of lent, Laetare Sunday, prompt you and I to rejoice in the amazing gifts of life, family, and the beauty around us in nature and in people!



~ Fr. John

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: March 18 & 19, 2017**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,274.00  
Loose \$ 450.25  
Electronic Offering \$ 135.00  
**Total Offertory: \$3,859.25**

**Parish Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$133.00  
Food Pantry: \$ 52.00  
- in memory of S. Kosiatek \$ 25.00

**General Fund**

Candles: \$43.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$81.00

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



**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 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, 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



**Sunday, March 26**

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

**Monday, March 27**

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

**Tuesday, March 28**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
- \* GSOP, 10am-12:30pm, church hall
- \* Pastoral Council, 6:30pm, friary

**Wednesday, March 29**

- \* St. Anne's Closet closed today
- \* Food Pantry
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, March 30**

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

**Sunday, April 2**

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



**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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2pm**

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

**Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00pm**

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

Thank you to the Boy Scouts and all the volunteers that helped with the St. Patrick's Dinner. The hall looked festive, the food was delicious and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



**Dropping off Donations**

Although we appreciate people's generosity and willingness to help; we are having problems with people leaving bags of donations outside of St. Anne's Closet & the church hall. Please do not drop off bags and leave outside. Bags left outside invite rodents and insects, not to mention passerbys opening and sifting through the bags. Instead, please call the office to make arrangements to drop off **Children's Clothing only**, no adult clothing or household items. Any bags left outside will be placed in the dumpster. We will not accept them. If you have items other than children's clothes to donate, please bring them to Families in Transition on 2nd Street or on Saturdays to the Make Over Ministry on Elm St. behind Paul's Executive Car Care. Thank you for your cooperation.

I am in awe and humbled by the generosity of the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish. We raised \$1824.00 for the orphanage in Haiti!!! This includes the sale of the calendars as well as outright donations from some.

You have a wonderful parish and I was happy to be with you this weekend. May God bless you and your parish as you continue to reach out to those less fortunate.

Gratefully,  
 Anne Schmidt & Sisters of the Holy Cross

**300 Club - Week 12:**

#3 Donna Guertin; #95 39 Tim Fisk; #72 Doris Marr; #102 Beverly Dionne; #122 Louis, Audrey & Joey Pilotte



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 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.