



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, April 3 - 8:30am

Leo Bedard - requested by Lou, Donna & Ashley Guertin

Tuesday, April 4 - 8:30am

Sumner Menken - requested by his wife Muriel and sons

Wednesday, April 5

No Mass

Thursday, April 6 - 8:30am

Shirley Kosiatek - requested by Mary McNeil

Friday, April 7 - 8:30am

For the intentions of Lorraine Dubisz

Saturday, April 8 - 4:00pm

Peter Moran - requested by the family

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

7:00am

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

10:30am

Dr. Paul Ricciardi - requested by his mother



April 5th, 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.

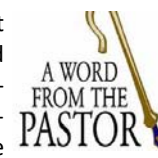
"The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of bringing about the conversion of hearts. ~ Pope Francis



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 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.



One of the most difficult aspects of being human is to let loved ones go. Most often we can think of relatives and friends that have died, and as much as we believe in eternal life we still find it difficult to let them go. This also happens in our relationships with relatives and friends who are still living! Parents have a difficult time letting their children go, to grow up and become more independent. Friends find it difficult to let other friends go, if they have to move to another part of the country, or worse yet if the friendship has run its course and is over. Let's face it: letting go of other people who have meant so much to us is the most difficult human experience we can think of. When I was visiting my brother in Maryland some years ago, we took a cog train ride in the mountains of the western part of the state. A tragic love story was told during the train ride, of a British soldier who fell in love with a beautiful Native-American woman in the early part of our nation. Both of their cultures and their strict fathers would not permit them to be together; because both cultures hated each other. With great sadness the young Native-American, knowing she would never be with her true love, threw herself off of the mountain top, not being able to let go of her love for the British soldier. Realizing what she did, the soldier followed suit as he too followed her and jumped off the mountain, unable to let her go for the rest of his life. It is a sad story, but it speaks to the reality of how attached we human beings get to one another. In today's Gospel, Martha and Mary are totally attached to their brother Lazarus who had died. Though they believed in the resurrection that Jesus promised, they still acted as if their world had collapsed. There was deep grief and even despair over their loss. And how does Jesus the Son of God handle their grief? He tells them: "Untie him, and let him go!" Mary and Martha, even though they say they believe in the resurrection, act as if they will never see their brother again. They want to hold on to his memory; and even want Jesus to bring him back to the way life was before. Jesus reminds them as well as us, that even though sorrow can overwhelm us, He invites us to find comfort in the hope that takes us beyond the cross of death. He calls us to remember that death does not have the final word. While death is the door that closes to life on this earth, it is also the door that opens to the glorious life prepared for us in heaven. So our work is to unbind our deceased loved ones now from our sorrow, as well as unbinding our living loved ones who have left us to live and enjoy life. We all need to get on with living – for God is life and has great things in store for us! "Untie people; let them go!" Let God take care of the rest!

~ Fr. John

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



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, April 2

* Religious Ed grades 1-7, 9am, church hall
* GSOP, 2-6pm, church hall

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
* GSOP, 10am-2:30pm, church hall

Wednesday, April 5

* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names A-C
* Youth Faith Formation Class cancelled
* Lenten program, 6:30pm, church
* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 9

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



Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday – regular weekend Mass schedule
Monday, April 10th: Day of Reconciliation - confessions will be heard during the following times: 11am-1pm and 5-6:30pm
Tuesday, April 11th: Chrism Mass, 6pm, St. Joseph Cathedral
Paschal Triduum April 13th, 14th & 15th - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil: This is *one* three-day liturgy, *one* continuous celebration.
All liturgical services begin at 7:00pm
Sunday, April 16th: Easter Sunday
Masses at 7am & 10:30am.
The Youth Group will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children in Grades 4 and under after the 10:30am Mass. Children are invited bring their Easter Baskets to Mass to have them blessed.

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

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$3,056.00
Loose \$ 935.25
Electronic Offering \$ 135.00
Total Offertory: \$4,126.25

Parish Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$97.97
Food Pantry: \$60.00

General Fund

Candles: \$68.00
Adoration Chapel: \$95.00

Monthly Deficit: \$1,670.25

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

International Night

April 29th, 5pm

Please mark your calendars for our 2nd annual International Night. Come and taste dishes from around the world and learn about different cultures. Last year's was a great success and a lot of fun.



The committee is still looking for representatives for the British and Asian cultures. If you would like to represent your heritage, please call Sr. Marjorie, 622-5445 for details.

The Youth Group will meet on Thursday, April 13th after the Holy Thursday Mass (around 8pm) in the church hall to stuff the Easter eggs. Bring your friends - families also welcomed to help. About 1000 eggs are stuffed with candies and goodies.

The Youth Group will also hold the Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Children Grades 4 and under are invited to come and search for eggs. The eggs will be outside if the weather cooperates, otherwise, in the church hall. Older children are invited to come and help - and score any extra candy. Everyone will meet in the church hall and be given instructions.



300 Club - Week 13:

#51 Lorraine & Frank Dubisz;
#94 Rita Marshall; #162 Bill Davis;
#168 Will Carosi; #201 Leonard Houde



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.

Beautification Committee

Spring is here and it's time to think about our beautiful church grounds. We are looking for volunteers for our Beautification Committee willing to plant, weed and water the various flower beds. Times are flexible according to your schedule. We have all the tools, we just need the hands to help. Please call the parish office if you are interested or want more information.

