

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, July 29 - 4:00pm**

Rita Lacroix - requested by Jackie Grant

**Sunday, July 30**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

Yvette Hache, anniversary of death - requested by Evelyn Ferris

**10:30am**

Anthony Ricciardi - requested by his wife Raffaella

**Monday, July 31 - 8:30am**

Walter McDonough - requested by the McAndrew family

**Tuesday, August 1 - 8:30am**

Deceased member of the Jobin family - requested by Gloria & Maurice Pilotte

**Wednesday, August 2**

- No Mass -

**Thursday, August 3 - 8:30am**

Paul Roy - requested by Sr. Claudette & Sr. Estelle

**Friday, August 4 - 8:30pm**

Thomas J. Donohue - requested by the Donohue family

**Saturday, August 5 - 4:00pm**

Ovila & Yvette Duquette - requested by their daughter

**Sunday, August 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

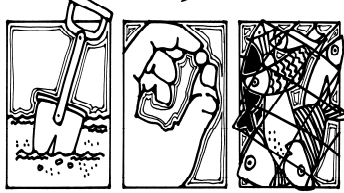
**7:00am**

Bernice King, anniversary of death - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**10:30am**

Angelo Bucchino Sr., anniversary of death - requested by his family

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...



Matthew 13:44-52



I was at the beach two weeks ago, and noticed a number of people slowly pushing metal detector-scanners over the sand. They were diligently searching for any treasures that were buried there. It is amazing how many items such as coins, jewelry, and other valuable artifacts are lost all the time by beach-goers while at the beach. And so I continued to watch how carefully the “scanners” moved their detectors over the sand – inch by inch and at a very slow pace. I suppose because they didn’t want to miss finding something of great value. I could imagine them spending their whole day at the beach doing this, because they believed so much in finding a treasure. Isn’t it amazing how much people will make such sacrifices if they know they have a good chance of finding something so valuable? But how about us, who are encouraged by our Lord to search for “spiritual” valuables? Do we apply the same amount of patience and energy in our searching for spiritual treasure? In today’s Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples that “the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again for future insurance!” He also refers to the kingdom as being “like finding a pearl of great price which makes a person go and sell all that he has!” These images along with the hard work of the beach-scanners made me wonder what is the spiritual treasure in our lives that we need to place much importance to, so that we are willing to give up everything to find and preserve it? Is it health and long life? Is it riches beyond belief? Is it in knowing that our enemies have been brought to justice, and we can feel vindicated? The book of Kings teaches us that the most valuable spiritual treasure that anyone can find in their life is a wise and understanding heart! But how many people do we know take time to search the “sands of life” to seek this treasure? When I perform marriage ceremonies or do blessings, I always try to remind the couple that the greatest treasure they can find together is an “understanding heart” for each other. An understanding heart is one that is able to put aside one’s own needs and listen deeply to what is in the other person’s heart. True understanding of heart can be also called “empathy.” Empathy is the capacity to enter into the other person’s experience as much as we can and bring compassion to the other while putting aside our own needs. One of the practical skills that develops an “understanding heart” is listening to what the other is saying without interrupting them as they speak. I experience so many people from so many walks of life continuously interrupting the other person before they can finish their thought: couples, friends, family members, parishioners, clergy, etc. Let us practice true listening and ask the Lord for the greatest gift we can receive: an understanding and wise heart!!

~ Fr. John



**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, Lucille Bradley, Jerry Lavoie, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Paul Cody, Marcel Larochelle, Tommy Fontaine, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Chloe Carnevale, Jeannine Bouchard, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, RFG, Sophia Rimmer, Barbara Joyce, Tom Cloutier, Acilda Dachowski, Chad Cerillo, Roger Boisvert, Jack Provost, Arnold Wright, Pat Begin, Mark Siraco, Kathy Hawkins, Janice Beaudin and Joanne Rivard.

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

Adorers & substitutes are needed. Can you spend and an hour with Jesus?



**Open Hours: Sundays: 1pm Thursdays: 9am Saturdays: 9am, 12pm & 2 pm**

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

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**

July 22 & 23, 2017

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$2,718.17  
Loose \$1,272.25  
Electronic Offering \$ 105.00  
**Total Offertory: \$4,095.42**

**General Fund**

Candles: \$51.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$81.00

**Parish Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$85.00  
Food Pantry: \$77.00

*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



**Tuesday, July 25**

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

**Wednesday, July 26**

\* St. Anne's Closet open 1-3pm  
 \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names A-C  
 \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness ~ Pope Francis



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a **Special Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or beyond anniversary, please contact Lisa in the parish office **by September 15, 2017**. We will need your **last names, first names and mailing address**. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. **There is no need for the couple to RSVP.**

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Help encourage understanding hearts in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER!**

**Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester & Southern NH**

The free comprehensive training course will equip participants with the necessary skills to provide support to terminally ill individuals and their caregivers.

- \* *Hospice Philosophy*
- \* *Compassion through Active Listening*
- \* *Grief and Bereavement*
- \* *Medical and Legal Aspects*
- \* *And Much More*

Training will be held on Wednesdays September 20, 27 October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 8, 2017 (With Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> reserved as a makeup date if needed) from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Training will be held at VNA Hospice 1070 Holt Ave, Manchester. Registration is required: Call 663-4008 or Email: [sjstras@elliott-hs.org](mailto:sjstras@elliott-hs.org)

**300 Club: Week 7**



- #49 Desire Luongo
- #81 Gerald Manning
- #139 Rachel Hamel
- #153 Gloria Pilotte
- #155 Ron Paul

Congratulations!

To get your lucky number please 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.

MATTHEW 5:7

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**THE JOY OF MERCY**

When: Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:30pm & Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 9 St. Francis Way, Litchfield, NH

Presented by Mary Parker

Do you want more joy in your life? Jesus told us how to experience abundant joy. "I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, so your joy will overflow!" John 15:11, 17:13

How can you experience this abundant Joy every day regardless of your circumstances? Jesus is inviting you, "Come & See." Is your self-image based on your life experiences, on what you can and cannot do, or is it based on who is loving you into existence at this moment? Begin a New Life Filled with Joy! Mark your calendar now to not miss this grace-filled event. Please call or email the Parish office at (603) 424-3456, [kathie.floyd@stfrancisofassisi.net](mailto:kathie.floyd@stfrancisofassisi.net) to pre-register so we will have enough handouts for all participants. Free will donation appreciated.