

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 19 - 4:00pm

Beverly Lemire, birthday remembrance - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

Aurore Tanguay - requested by Priscilla & Gerry Tanguay

10:30am

Jean, Paul & Theresa Favreau - requested by the family

Monday, August 21 - 8:30am

Kasey Griffin, anniversary of death - requested by Bob & Priscilla St. Gelais

Tuesday, August 22 - 8:30am

Gilbert Vaal, anniversary of death - requested by Anita & Bob Lemay

Wednesday, August 23

- No Mass -

Thursday, August 24 - 8:30am

Wilfred Vigneault

Friday, August 25 - 8:30pm

Deceased members of the Pilote family

Saturday, August 26 - 4:00pm

Mr. & Mrs. Michael McGrail & family - requested by the family

Sunday, August 27

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

Peter Chiasson - requested by the family

10:30am

Laurent Hache, anniversary of death - requested by Evelyn Ferris

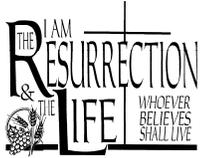


When I was a hospital chaplain, I was paged to visit a patient who was quite ill in the coronary care unit. When I got there, the patient's family was standing around anxiously awaiting to hear from the doctor about the status of their loved one. I introduced myself to this family, which was from another culture; they looked like they might be from India, Pakistan or Nepal. They thanked me for coming and politely said they wouldn't need my services because they had their own prayer ritual that they would use from their religion which was Hinduism. I took that as a way of them asking me to leave; so I wished them well and was turning to leave when the patient's wife followed after me and said: "But chaplain, we would like it very much if you could join in our prayer ritual with us!" I was happily surprised that this family wanted to include me, even though my culture, my race, my religion, was totally different from their own. We all held hands and I listened as they prayed some prayers from their tradition and in their own language. I thanked them for including me, and promised I would pray for their loved one in my own tradition. When I later thought about the experience, seeing how much they wanted me to be with them in prayer, I thought about the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. She came from a very different culture and religion from Jesus and His disciples, but she was desperate as a mother. Her daughter was extremely ill, beset by a demon, and the mother had nobody else to turn to so she sought out Jesus. The disciples of Jesus wanted him to send her away because she was "different." But Jesus did not send her away. He tested her and marveled at her response. Jesus looked beyond gender and race, and saw into the human heart. Each of us has our own community where we feel comfortable. It may be based on skin color, social class, gender, political party or nationality. But these are not of ultimate importance, especially in God's eyes. And as followers of Jesus Christ, these distinctions should not be of ultimate importance to us. This week we experienced the ugly sins of racial hatred and extreme nationalism raise their vicious heads in our country. The Catholic Church condemns both of these as social sins, contrary to the Gospel and to our Church's social teaching. The challenge to you and to me is, can you and I look beyond our own group and marvel at the faith of others? Always remember that in the Mind of God "different" does not mean "deficient." Perhaps today or someday God will send a person into our lives just like the Canaanite woman, in need of our help and acceptance. Will we recognize the offer of grace or will we send that person away? ~ 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, Joanne Rivard Pat Spiewak and Roger Mustone.

Please remember in your prayers **Carole Bell** who was called to her eternal rest and the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord. May the Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to her loved ones.



STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
August 12 & 13, 2017

<u>Weekend Offertory</u>		<u>General Fund</u>	
Envelopes	\$3,163.47	Candles:	\$87.00
Loose	\$1,067.00	Adoration Chapel:	\$10.25
Electronic Offering	\$ 105.00		
Total Offertory:	\$4,335.47	Parish Outreach Fund	
		St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:	\$66.10
Monthly Deficit:	\$1,707.06	Food Pantry:	\$ -0-

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

"In Mary we see that humility is not a virtue of the weak but of the strong who don't have to treat others badly to feel important."
 ~ Pope Francis

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 Elderly Ministry
 Diane Steele 669-8825

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel
 Irene de Repentigny 622-7775
 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
 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



Monday, August 21
 * Boy Scouts; 2pm & 6:30pm, church hall
Tuesday, August 22
 * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
Wednesday, August 23
 * St. Anne's Closet closed today
 * Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names Q - Z
 * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

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 Tuesdays: 2pm
Thursdays: 9am
Saturdays: 9am, 12pm & 2 pm

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

Our annual Summer Picnic will be on **Sunday, September 10th from 12-2pm**. The picnic is free for registered parishioners as a way to welcome everyone back from the summer and kick off our fall ministries. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Lisa in the parish office. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



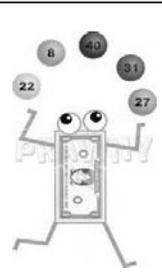
As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Festival on November 4, there is still much to do. The Church table still needs hand-crafted items to sell. Knitted and/or crocheted items (hats, mittens, scarves, baby items) in child and adult sizes are also needed. Other handmade items such as Christmas ornaments, small painted items, or any other crafty items are also welcome. Please contact Sue Robinson at 621-3863 with any questions.

Donations of Penny Sale items are also needed. There are a few letters on the back table if any of you wish to solicit donations from local businesses. You may contact the Parish Office by calling Lisa at 622-5445 if you need more letters to obtain gifts, gift certificates, etc.

Handmade items and/or Penny Sale items may be left in the back of the church (please clearly mark these items for Fall Festival) or dropped off at the rectory anytime between 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

Monies raised at this year's Fall Festival will go toward a new organ for the church. Thank you, as always, for your help with this important fund raiser. We could not do this without your love and dedication to Blessed Sacrament.

More information will be posted soon regarding other aspects of the Festival.



300 Club: Week 11
 #37 Roland & Shirley Glidden
 #103 Sr. Joan Messier
 #113 Pat Metivier
 #264 Moe Labbe
 #296 William Bernier
 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.

"Better Together" We Are One (WAO) Music/Culture Festival brings together the Latino and African descent communities for the largest ethnic cultural festival in New Hampshire. Connecting neighbors through food, music, dance and culture weaves the fabric of community and makes us "better together."

Please join your fellow parishioners and neighbors at this year's **We Are One Music and Culture Festival**, taking place in Veteran's Memorial Park on Saturday, August 19, from 11:00 am--7:00 pm. Please stop by the Diocese of Manchester's table to say hello! For details about the event, visit: www.ujimacollective.mysite.com.

Seeking Classmates for a Class Reunion

Immaculata High School - Class of 1967 is planning a reunion for October 14, 2017. Immaculata was only in existence for 4 years, from 1966 to 1970. It was in the present day McDonough School building at the east end of Lowell St. For details contact Bette Jo Scott at 264-3272