



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, August 28 - 8:30am

Frank Lupien - requested by Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan

Tuesday, August 29 - 8:30am

Joan Gullen - requested by a friend

Wednesday, August 30

- No Mass -

Thursday, August 31 - 8:30am

Cecile Couturier - requested by Rita & Marcel Pinard

Friday, September 1 - 8:30pm

Violet Starita - requested by Laurie Lawrence

Saturday, September 2 - 4:00pm

Rene Beaudin - requested by Roger & Janice Beaudin

Sunday, September 3 **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am

Derek Bilodeau - requested by the family

10:30am

Al Grenert - requested by Donna, Lou & Ashley Guertin



"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth..." (Psalm 138). These words from this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm echo the feelings that we should hold deeply in our hearts. They are feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving to our God who is so kind and merciful. We need to show our deep gratitude to God for His gifts to us. Meister Eckhart, the Christian mystic, said that if the only prayer we ever prayed our whole life was "Thank you," that would be sufficient. Gratefulness helps us to develop our spirit and know when we have enough. This is a big problem in our culture today: we don't know when we have enough! We throw away food and other products on a whim; we take for granted family and friends who love and care for us; we disregard the beauty of nature by not appreciating the colors and fragrances of mother earth. And so we need to practice thanksgiving before meals, upon rising, when going to sleep. We need to make this a discipline of prayer that becomes a part of our daily life. For how can we not give thanks? In the not too distant future, God willing, at Blessed Sacrament Church we will have a new organ to help us give voice to our gratitude at Mass. Anticipating the success of our Annual Fall Festival in early November, we are hoping to raise sufficient funds to purchase a new organ which will help us to express our own deep feelings of thanksgiving to God for His goodness in our lives. We are fortunate at our parish in that many of our parishioners sing at Mass, joining their voices in prayer through song. In fact I am so proud when many visitors who attend our church tell me how thoroughly surprised they are to hear so large a number of people singing here. For some reason the Catholic Church in our country has not sufficiently taught Catholics that we are only partially attending Mass if we don't join in song since Mass is a communal act of worship. My hope is that a new organ with its many new, beautiful sounds and possibilities should help all of us to add our voice of praise to our loving God. God does not expect perfection, only that we show up and participate! ~ 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, Kathy Hawkins, Pat Spiewak and Roger Mustone.

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STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

August 19 & 20, 2017

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$3,083.17

Loose \$1,066.25

Electronic Offering \$ 105.00

Total Offertory: \$4,254.42

General Fund

Candles: \$70.00

Adoration Chapel: \$2.00

Parish Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$86.00

Food Pantry: \$10.00

NH Missionaries Abroad: \$421.00

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

Ministry schedules for the month of September are available online at our website or hard copies are available in the back of the church.

"Humanity needs hope in order to live and needs the Holy Spirit in order to hope." ~ 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 28

* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, August 29

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, August 30

* St. Anne's Closet closed today

* Food Pantry, closed today

* 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.

The Youth Group (grades 5 + up) are invited to bake pies and desserts for our Parish Picnic. The group will meet in the church hall on **Friday, September 8 from 7-9pm**. This is the first Youth Group gathering of the fall and a great chance to reconnect with everyone. Bring a friend with you and test your baking skills! Please call Ellen Donohue (867-8881) if you are able to come and help.

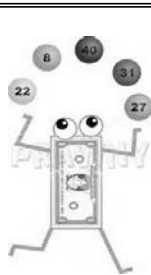


As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Festival on November 4, there is still much to do. The Church table still needs handcrafted items to sell. Knitted and/or crocheted items (hats, mittens, scarves, baby items) in child and adult sizes are also needed. Other handmade items such as Christmas ornaments, 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.



300 Club: Week 12

#27 Fran Lavoie
 #84 Doris Blanchette
 #257 Sr. Anne Marineau
 #299 Joan Connolly
 #320 Ellen Donohue
 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.

The Food Pantry is in need of help with food. With the closing of Sam's Club we have lost a large amount of donations. The Food Bank is also short on food, even for purchase. For the next few weeks, if possible, would you kindly help by donating the following items:



- * canned ravioli/pasta (flip tops)
- * individual fruit cups/desserts
- * small serving sizes of peanut butter/jelly
- * canned beans
- * canned soups (flip tops)
- * small cans or envelopes of tuna/chicken

Items may be left in the back of the church and marked Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

Religious Ed/Youth Faith Formation: Registration packets for our Religious Ed and Youth Faith Formation classes have just been mailed. If you do not receive a packet, please call the parish office. Classes for Grades 1-7 begin on **September 17th at 9am** with a mandatory parent/student meeting. YFF will begin on **September 13th at 6pm** with a mandatory parent/student meeting.