



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, September 9 - 4:00pm**

*Tanny George, wedding remembrance - requested by his wife*

**Sunday, September 10 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00am**

*Constance Gagnon - requested by Jeffrey Fetko & Joyce Foskin*

**10:30am**

*Rose Alma & Nicholas Katzan - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Laurent Labore*

**Monday, September 11 - 8:30am**

*Grace Levandowski - requested by Shan-non Levandowski*

**Tuesday, September 12 - 8:30am**

*Cecile Vigneault*

**Wednesday, September 13**

- No Mass -

**Thursday, September 14 - 8:30am**

*Sumner Menken - requested by his wife*

**Friday, September 15 - 8:30pm**

*For the deceased members of the Villemure family - requested by Gloria & Maurice Pilotte*

**Saturday, September 16 - 4:00pm**

*Bert Gagnon, birthday remembrance - requested by his wife Pauline*


**Sunday, September 17 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00am**

*Stephen Siraco, birthday remembrance - requested by Michael & Lisa Siraco*



There is so much going on in our world that we feel we have little or no control over. The weather forecasts warn us of one hurricane after another, each one more powerful than the previous one. The national news broadcasts to us the potential deportation of thousands of young people from our country who were born here, but their parents are illegal immigrants. Each one of us can add personal difficulties to this list of disasters, whether it is family difficulty, health concerns, the need to flee an oppressive country, or financial stress. We may sometimes wonder if God is watching over us, or if the world is merely indifferent to all of our human suffering. But today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Ezekiel clearly assures us that God is in fact watching over us: "You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." you see, God is continuously watching over us through the people He sends into our lives. Parents become "watchmen" for their children, guiding and nurturing them. Friends become "watchmen" for their own friends, reminding them of what is true and good lest they forget. Christians become "watchmen" for one another, witnessing the life and love of Jesus by our good example. The truth is that we are our neighbor's keeper. We can easily forget that we were created as social beings, needing family and communities of care in our lives. The Gospel today reminds us that we as Christians have one of the most powerful weapons at our disposal: the power of prayer. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that "if two of you agree on earth about anything for which you are to pray, it shall be granted to you by my heavenly father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." So when you are at Mass next time, look around you! See all of your neighbors as they join together with you in asking for God's help and protection in our troubled world of today. And know that every prayer counts; God hears them all and He doesn't let your suffering pass Him by! ~ Fr. John





**Let us pray for these special intentions:**  
For all our parishioners that are homebound 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 Larochele, 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, Janice Beaudin, John Moro and Roger Mustone.

**Voluntary Special Collection: Hurricane Harvey**

The USCCB has asked dioceses across the country to take up an emergency collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Bishop Libasci has invited all parishes in the diocese to take up a voluntary special relief collection during the weekend of September 9-10. Funds raised by the collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Please also keep the victims of the storm in your prayers.

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**  
**September 2 & 3, 2017**

<b>Weekend Offertory</b>		<b>General Fund</b>	
Envelopes	\$2,954.17	Candles:	\$68.00
Loose	\$ 799.50	Adoration Chapel:	\$3.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 245.00		
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$3,998.67</b>	<b>Parish Outreach Fund</b>	
		St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:	\$163.00
Catholic University:	\$689.50	Food Pantry:	\$40.00

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

**Online Offerings:** We are changing our online offering vendor in October. If you are currently utilizing this system, you will be contacted in the next few weeks with directions on how to change. If you'd like to use the online system, please visit our website, the online giving button for the new vendor is now active.

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven." ~ 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



**Sunday, September 10**  
 \* Parish Picnic, 12pm, tented area  
**Monday, September 11**  
 \* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall  
**Tuesday, September 12**  
 \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass  
**Wednesday, September 13**  
 \* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm  
 \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names D-J  
 \* Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30pm, friary  
 \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration Chapel  
**Thursday, September 14**  
 \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall  
**Sunday, September 17**  
 \* Religious Ed Grades 1-7, 9am, church



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!

**Message from: Provincial Ministers of the United States of America**

As leaders and members of the Franciscan Order in the United States, we object in strenuous terms to the decision of President Donald Trump to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This decision constitutes a rejection of the 2012 executive order by President Barack Obama that allowed young immigrants, who were brought to the United States by their parents, to seek the opportunity to realize their full potential. President Obama's executive order was not only moral, it also responded to the highest ideals of our nation.

The 780,000 "dreamers" (those who have received deferred action) are good, generous, talented and hard-working individuals. Many of them we know personally in and through our various Franciscan ministries. We have celebrated the DACA program with them as a modern response to the Biblical imperative to "welcome the stranger." Now, after President Trump's decision to end the executive action, we commit ourselves to stand in support of and solidarity with "dreamers."

We urge all members of the communities we serve to condemn this unnecessary and harmful order by President Trump. Furthermore, we call upon all to contact their members of Congress and urge them to pass legislation that will fully welcome "dreamers" to our nation, remove the permanent shadow of their temporary status and make it illegal to deport or harm them. We join the U.S. Catholic Bishops in advocating for the bi-partisan "Dream Act of 2017," H.R.3440 and S. 1615. This legislation can help "dreamers" receive a piece of the security and human dignity they and all people deserve.

Unless a permanent legislative solution is enacted that welcomes and fully incorporates the young men and women "dreamers" who are already a vibrant part of our communities, our society will take yet another step on the path of moral and social decline.

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm  
*Adorers & substitutes are needed. Can you spend and an hour with Jesus?*

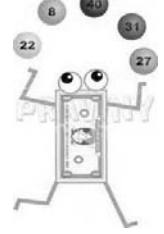


**Open Hours:**  
**Sundays: 1pm Thursdays: 9am**  
**Saturdays: 9am, 12pm & 2 pm**

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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am** with a mandatory parent/student meeting. YFF will begin on **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** with a mandatory parent/student meeting.

**300 Club: Week 14**



#27 Frank Lavoie  
 #74 Sheila Tsoumbanos  
 #95 Pat Barassi  
 #161 Rachel Lambert  
 #301 Ellie & Julia Pilotte  
 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.