



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, September 18 - 8:30am

Paul & Theresa Favreau - requested by the family

Tuesday, September 19 - 8:30am

Aline Moulin, anniversary of death - requested by her husband Frank

Wednesday, September 20

- No Mass -

Thursday, September 21 - 8:30am

Marianna Alfred - requested by Rita & Marcel Pinard

Friday, September 22 - 8:30pm

Mary Houle - requested by Laurie Lawrence

Saturday, September 23 - 4:00pm

OVILA & YVETTE DUQUETTE - requested by their daughter

Sunday, September 24 **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00am

Sumner Menken - requested by his wife

10:30am

Theresa & Roger Godbout - requested by their family



This Sunday we are celebrating "Catechetical Sunday."

We usually assume that this term is related to the children returning to religious education classes to learn about their faith. If that's how we think about it, we are not seeing the whole picture. Because our Church wants us to see that the goal for all of us whether child or adult, is Lifelong Faith Formation. Catechesis is no longer for children only. If we are to be a church of missionary disciples, we all need to enter into the process of deepening our faith. We can do this by continually learning and experiencing what it means to be a Catholic Christian. To be quite honest I am simply amazed how little Catholics know about their faith. Many fall back on what they learned in elementary religious education saying: "But this is what we learned when we were children!" And yet as adults they are not open to learning as adult disciples. For instance, very few understand or care to understand the importance of Baptism in their lives. Baptism is the sacrament that has changed us already; our faith teaches us that through Baptism we "have died with Christ, and now live with Him in a new way!" What is this new way of living that St. Paul is talking about? If we look at the story in today's Gospel, the sin of the servant who was forgiven for his own debts, was that he had no compassion nor patience with his own fellow servant who couldn't pay his debts immediately! He didn't know how to show compassion and patience even though it was shown to him! Jesus is teaching us that compassion and patience lead to forgiveness, even if someone sins against us. But do we Christians know that we have been given these gifts of compassion and patience at Baptism? If we do not use them, maybe it is because we have forgotten how to use them; or even worse, don't even know that we have these gifts! Here is where Faith Formation comes in for all of us, whether child or adult. We are really responsible for developing our faith, for understanding its place in our lives, and for how it makes us better people. Yet when I speak with adults about their understanding of their faith, they very often smile and tell stories about what their religion teacher taught them in kindergarten or the first grade!!! And so this year we have a serious job ahead of all of us: to enter into Lifelong Faith Formation. One of the concrete ways we can begin is to take a moment each time we come into our church, and go over to the Baptismal Font in the sanctuary. Look at that place where Christ claimed you for Himself, and say a prayer of thanks to Jesus; for that font was the beginning of your journey into heaven! Someone once said that they would be shouting Alleluia songs for the power of that font. And adults please teach your children about the power of Baptism; talk about it, and show its affect in your life by being compassionate and patient with all!! ~ 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, Janice Beaudin, John Moro, Roger Mustone and Marguerite Joyce.

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.

"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it." ~ Pope Francis

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
 September 9 & 10, 2017**

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,528.17
 Loose \$ 919.46
 Electronic Offering \$1,417.00
Total Offertory: \$4,864.63

General Fund

Candles: \$101.00
 Adoration Chapel: \$25.00

Parish Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$109.00
 Food Pantry: \$35.00

Hurricane Harvey Relief: \$2,847.00

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 464-0331
 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 17
 * Religious Ed Grades 1-7, 9am, church
Monday, September 18
 * My Brother's Keeper, 9am - Noon, hall
 * Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, hall
Tuesday, September 19
 * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
Wednesday, September 20
 * St. Anne's Closet, Closed today
 * Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names K-P
 * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration Chapel
Thursday, September 21
 * Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall
Sunday, September 24
 * Religious Ed Grades 1-7, 9am, hall
 * Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, hall

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.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Special Collection:

Last weekend's collection for Catholic Charities Hurricane Harvey Relief was amazing. We collected \$2,847.17! Thank you so much for your generosity to help the victims rebuild their lives. God bless you!

Spirit's Alive! Come and join us for scripture sharing and discussion on Mondays at 3pm. The group meets at Our Lady of Mercy House, located in front of the food pantry. For more information, please call Sr. Joan at 622-7138. Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 18.



Prayer Shawl Ministry: Join us as we knit or crochet shawls, anoint them with prayer and meditation, and then give these shawls to persons in need of prayer, comfort, or blessings. When the shawl is presented to someone it is a visible expression of care, concern, and God's love. The group meets at Our Lady of Mercy House, located in front of the food pantry on Thursdays at 9:15am. For more information, please call Sr. Joan at 622-7138. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 21.

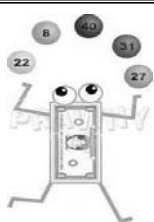
Dear Parishioners:
 First, thank you for all the donations for the Penny Sale and the church table with all the lovely items we have already received. Your generosity to this parish major fundraiser is admirable.

Please note that advertising is necessary. There are flyers to be placed at various other businesses, churches, work places, etc. on the table at the back of the church. You will also find a signup sheet (for donations and for working at the festival). Please fill one out if you haven't yet done so.

Lastly, there are copies of the Grocery Booth stating items that we need for the Wheel. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. Items may be left in the back of the church marked Fall Festival. Here is the list for the first 2 weeks of items to be collected:

September 23 & 24: Breakfast non-perishable goods: peanut butter & jelly, breakfast bars, energy drinks, pancake mix, dry cereal boxes, coffee, teas, cocoa.
September 30 & October 1: paper towels, toilet paper, paper napkins, paper plats, trash bags and zip lock bags, et.

Please call any of the committee members if you have any questions.
 Claire Dachowski Gen. Chair 210-2272
 Terry Sylvain Co-Chair/Volunteers 669-2852
 Sue Robinson Chair Church Table 621-3863
 Danielle Donohue Chair Bake Sale 361-3471



300 Club: Week 15

#61 Norma Charest
 #83 Lorraine & Ernest Bergevin
 #87 Irene Allard
 #153 Gloria Pilotte
 #207 Priscilla Desrochers
 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



Parish Picnic: A big thank you to the Boy Scouts for hosting our parish picnic last Sunday. What a beautiful day. Thank you to all the volunteers and the Knights of Columbus who helped with set up & clean up. Everyone's hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated.