



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, November 11 - 4:00pm**  
*The Plourde & Gagnon Families*

**Sunday, November 12**      **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:00am**  
*Deceased members of the Sullivan Family*

**10:30am**  
*Heidi Bergeron, birthday remembrance - requested by her husband and children*

**Monday, November 13 - 8:30am**  
*For the intentions of Fr. Louis Troiano, ofm - requested by Chris & Mary Ann Pank*

**Tuesday, November 14 - 8:30am**  
*In thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered*

**Wednesday, November 15**  
 - NO MASS -

**Thursday, November 16 - 8:30am**  
*John Gadd, Birthday remembrance- requested by a friend*

**Friday, November 17 - 8:30pm**  
*Steven Kalinowski - requested by John Kalinowski*

**Saturday, November 18 - 4:00pm**  
*For the intentions of Pauline & Maurice Lavigne - requested by their children*

**Sunday, November 19**      **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:00am**  
*Jenny Lemay - requested by her family*  
**10:30am**  
*Earl & Hazel Curtis - requested by Rita Haley*



I always felt sorry for the five bridesmaids in today's Gospel who were caught unprepared in having their lamps filled to meet the bridegroom. The result of their lack of readiness was their being called "foolish" and thus they were shut out from entering the wedding feast! We know that Jesus is using this parable as a teaching tool for us that we might stay awake at all times in being prepared and open to God's entrance into our lives. The reason I felt badly for the five bridesmaids is that I could understand their "foolishness" because we all can be foolish at times as well. Isn't it true that we lose our focus on what is really important in life: loving God, family and our neighbor as we love ourselves? We all make mistakes, even big ones called "sins," which we regret doing. I thought God was supposed to be merciful and give us another chance for these our human blunders? But when we look deeper into this parable, what Jesus is teaching us is that though God understands our weaknesses and failings, which we all have at times and does have mercy, what God really looks for is the disposition of our hearts. If our unpreparedness for doing the right thing is due to our human weakness, God will forgive us! But if the real reason is that we don't even care to love or try to love, as poor as our effort may be, then we are in real trouble! And that was the problem with the five bridesmaids in today's Gospel. They could care less about anyone other than themselves. The central teaching of Christ is that we are put on this earth to help the other person, whoever that person might be that God placed in our lives! Isn't that why Jesus got down on his knees at the Last Supper and washed the feet of His disciples? Christian discipleship is all about service to our neighbor. So as we approach the beautiful feast of Christ the King in two weeks, let us make sure that we are always ready and awake to receive our King into our hearts and in our lives. Does it mean we have to be in church every moment? Not so! Does it mean that we have to be perfect and free of human fault? Impossible! What it does mean is we need to recognize that Christ is always with us in body, mind and heart. We need to strive each day to recognize His presence, and His desire to remain in our hearts always to help us. The sign of our success is the fruits of our faith: love of neighbor!!

~ Fr. John

"May a culture of encounter always be promoted that is able to bring down the walls which still divide the world."  
 ~ Pope Francis

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**  
**November 4 & 5, 2017**

<b>Weekend Offertory</b>	<b>General Parish Fund</b>
Envelopes \$3,046.17	Candles: \$95.00
Loose \$1,187.71	Adoration Chapel: \$95.00
Electronic Offering \$1,267.00	
<b>Total Offertory: \$5,500.88</b>	

**Organ Donation: \$2,000**

**Outreach Fund**  
 St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$74.04  
 Food Pantry: \$10.00  
 - in memory of T. Travis: \$330.00

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



Please join us for our monthly coffee & donut social gathering this **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30am Mass. This month's social is being hosted by the Pastoral Council.



**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, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Paul Cody, Marcel Larochelle, Jackie Theodorou, Judy W.; Jeannine Bouchard, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, RFG, Sophia Rimmer, Acilda Dachowski, Chad Cerillo, Roger Boisvert, Jack Provost, Arnold Wright, Pat Begin, Janice Beaudin, John Moro, Roger Mustone, Marguerite Joyce, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall and Claire Dachowski.

**Reminder:** The Boy Scout can recycling bin does not accept tin cans, the recycling agency does not accept them. Just soda/drink cans please. Thank you.

**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
<b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS</b>	
Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick	
Fr. John Bucchino, ofm	622-5445
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	
Music Director & Organist, Adult Choir and Cantors:	
James Butka	540-7638

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, November 12**

- \* Religious Ed classes, grades 1-7, 9am
- \* Parish Coffee following 10:30am Mass

**Monday, November 13**

- \* Spirits Alive!, 3:30pm, OLOM house
- \* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

**Tuesday, November 14**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
- \* Finance Committee, 6:30pm, friary

**Wednesday, November 15**

- \* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names K-P
- \* Youth Faith Formation Class, 6pm, hall
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, November 16**

- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, OLOM house
- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall

**Sunday, November 18**

- \* SFA Bake Sale after Mass

**Sunday, November 19**

- \* Religious Ed classes, grades 1-7, 9am
- \* Parish Coffee following 10:30am Mass
- \* SFA Bake Sale after all Masses

Thank you to our Boy/Cub Scouts Troop/Pack #106 for their hard work collecting food donations throughout the east side of Manchester for our St. Anthony Food Pantry. Our pantry relies heavily on the Scouting for Food drives to supply our pantry for the winter months. We would have a shortage of food if it wasn't for their help. We are grateful to the boys and their families that also helped. We appreciate the support the Scouts continue to give to our parish.

Not only did they collect food on Saturday, they worked hard at the Penny Sale in the kitchen. Thank you!!

**300 Club: Grand Prize Winners:**

**\$500:** #279 Irene de Repentigny; **\$400:** #163 Kathy Hoben; **\$300:** #31 Henri Chalifour; **\$200:** #28 Joan Langdon; **\$100:** #311 Doris Gionet; **\$50:** #283 Tom Lavallee, #26 Irene Gorey, #87 Irene Allard, #93 Priscilla Bournival; **\$20:** #264 Moe Labbe, #125 Jeanne Richard, #300 Donna & Peter Laberge, #127 Marge Joyce, #94 Rita Marshall.

What is the 300 Club? Purchase a ticket for \$20. Each week for 20 weeks, we pick five \$10 winners. Then after 20 weeks, we have a Grand Prize drawing and give out \$1800 in prizes! This is a quick and easy fund raiser for the parish. If we have a full club of 300 numbers, the parish makes \$3200! Please see one of the captains to get your lucky number!!

Captains: Lisa (in the parish office) 622-5445, Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173, Terry Sylvain 669-2582.



The Secular Franciscans will host their annual bake sale after all Masses the weekend of November 18 & 19, just in time for your Thanksgiving gatherings.

Thank you to the committee members, volunteers, scouts who shared their time and talents; and all who donated items for the Penny Sale, craft table, bake sale table, groceries and raffle prizes. We had a great day! Thank you to all who attended and supported the festival. It took everyone to make this day a success. We truly are blessed with wonderful parishioners and friends. We will have a financial report next week.



The goal of the Fall Festival was to raise money towards the new organ. We are well on our way!

Thanksgiving Baskets: Every year our Food Pantry also gives out 300 Thanksgiving baskets to their clients. The baskets are full of everything they need for a traditional holiday meal - including the turkey! We are grateful to the students and faculty at Trinity High School, who contribute baskets of food to help with this big task. We do need help with additional food though. Brown shopping bags with a list of needed items are available in the back of the church if you would like to donate towards the baskets.



**All are invited to SELA (Spirit of Elijah Lay Apostolate) November 15, 2017.** SELA will meet one Wednesday a month at **BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**, in the Main Church. The door is open to the public at 6:30pm and we begin at 7:00. This month, SELA Founder **Jackie Picken** will reflect on the prophetic message given at St. Peter's Basilica in 1975 to the first gathering of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Pope Paul VI. The talk, **"A Time of Glory for My Church"**, will briefly review and follow up on the message given at the September SELA, as part of the 10 Days of Prayer event. For those who haven't been to SELA some important information about our vision and mission will also be presented. Prayer for individual needs is always offered after the prayer meeting. The Lord is doing a glorious thing in our time! Come and see!