



# Mass Intentions for the Week

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

*Doris Samson* - requested by Annette & Bob Lemay

**Sunday, December 10**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**7:00am**

*William Madden, Jr.* - requested by Lisa and

Michael Siraco

**10:30am**

*Angelo Bucchino, birthday remembrance* -

requested by his family

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

*Guy Riley, Birthday Remembrance* - requested by

his wife Pauline

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

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Lauretta Demers* - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

**Wednesday, December 13**

- NO MASS -

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

*Sumner Menken* - requested by his wife

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

*Josephine Corriveau, birthday remembrance* - requested by Janet

Carriveau

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

*The deceased members of the Beaudin & Daneault families* - requested by Roger & Janice Beaudin

**Sunday, December 17**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

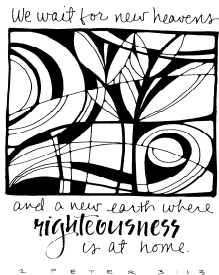
**7:00am**

*Stephen Siraco, 1st anniversary of death* - requested by Lisa & Michael

Siraco

**10:30am**

*Robert & Lucienne Jobin* - requested by Gloria & Maurice Pilotte



There is a television commercial about buying insurance that at first glance seems rather silly, but does illustrate how God helps us to get through the "maze" of life's challenges. In the commercial you see a worried couple who are so anxious and uncertain about buying life insurance, because they fear they won't understand all of the requirements which are written in small print. When they see a real-life maze in front of them which is a symbol of their feelings: overwhelmed with fear, they can't move! Who will help them plow through this big obstacle to their security and happiness? All of a sudden, a very friendly agent from this particular insurance agency appears and comes to their rescue. She assures them that this policy is safe and strong, and they should trust it. To prove her point, she gets into the driver's seat of a tractor and invites them to join her for her attack of the maze. With great confidence she plows the tractor with ease and cuts down all the thick bushes and hedges. They make it through so easily, and the couple feels reassured! Often our spiritual lives go through times of feeling overwhelmed and afraid. We worry about what the future will hold, what the present will bring. And if there are signs that things are not going well, e.g., sickness, disappointment, lack of funds, no housing, being misunderstood, we also wonder who is there to help rescue us? Advent teaches us to hope and have courage because "light has shone in great darkness." And this guiding light is the person of Jesus Christ himself. When we have the courage of getting into the "tractor" (into our plans, our goals, our activities, the "hopes and fears of all the years") and allowing Him to drive through the maze, we become a-mazed how Jesus overcomes these problems with ease. Isaiah, in today's reading of this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, says "Make straight in the wasteland the highway for our God: the rugged land shall be made a plain!" With trust and hope in the Lord we can level the ground and plow through the maze for life's most important journeys. What journey are you on today? The roads may never be smooth, but Advent teaches us that God is with us all the way, and through Jesus He will lead the way for us! ~ Fr. John

"Faith becomes tangible when it finds its expression in love and, especially, in the service of our brothers and sisters in difficulty."

~ Pope Francis

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**

**December 2 & 3, 2017**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,229.17

Loose \$1,508.50

Electronic Offering \$1,412.00

**Total Offertory: \$6,149.67**

**General Parish Fund**

Candles: \$53.00

Adoration Chapel: \$38.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$100.34

Food Pantry: \$10.00

- in memory of T. Travis: \$50.00

- in memory of R. Trumble: \$30.00

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



**St. Theresa of Lisieux**

**Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

*Adorers & substitutes are needed. Can you spend and an hour with Jesus?*

**Open Hours:**

**Thursdays: 3pm, 4pm      Saturdays: 9am, 12pm**

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



ADORATION



**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, Richard Joyce, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Claire Dachowski and Mary Sylvain.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

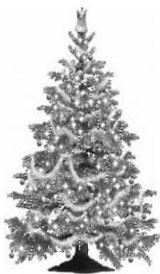
St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Colleen Hayward	935-9949
My Brother's Keeper Sleeping Bags	
Rosemary McNair	647-2797
Shoes For Kids/General Outreach	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)	
Karen McAndrew	464-0331
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Diane Steele	669-8825

**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

**Boy Scouts Troop #106  
Annual Christmas Tree Sales**

Please visit our scouts to purchase your Christmas tree. They are located at the Harley Davidson dealership on John Di-vine Drive. . The hours of operation will be:  
November 24: 9am-9pm  
Weekends: 9am-9pm  
M-F: 3pm-9pm



*Prepare*

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, December 10**

\* Religious Ed grades 1-7, 9am, hall

**Monday, December 11**

\* Spirits Alive!, 3:30pm, OLOM house

\* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

**Tuesday, December 12**

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

\* Restore, Renew & Proclaim, Advent program, 6:30pm, hall

**Wednesday, December 13**

\* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm

\* Food Pantry , 1-3pm Last Names D-J

\* Youth Faith Formation, 6pm, hall

\* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, December 14**

\* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, OLOM

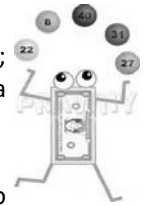
\* Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall

**Sunday, December 17**

\* Religious Ed grades 1-7, 9am, hall

**300 Club Week 4:**

#38 Rana Zoma; #41 Julie Smith; #51 Frank Dubisz; #263 Deanna Boucher and #266 Joan Arel  
Congratulations!



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.

**Envelopes to donate towards the Christmas flowers in memory or honor of a loved one(s) are available in the back of the church.**



The Giving Tree is up in the back of the church. Ornaments include: gift cards (\$5/\$10) to fast food restaurants to use in our homeless ministry; Gas cards (\$10); Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), children's new underwear & socks for St. Anne's closet and Shoes for Kids ministry; Warm socks, gloves, hats and hand warmers for our homeless ministry. Pick your ornament and return to the church anytime from now until Christmas. A box will be in the back to collect items; gift cards may be placed in the collection basket. Thank you for remembering others during this Advent/Christmas season.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm, church hall**

**"Restore, Renew, Proclaim: The Hope That Is Christ"**

Within the context of Advent prayer, the Office of Faith Formation from the Diocese will offer a presentation on the sacraments of initiation, and how these important changes that are coming will impact all parishioners. An explanation of **Restored Order** and its significance for lifelong faith formation will be explored.

**Advent Lessons & Carols**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, church**

Join us for a peaceful and beautiful hour of prayer, using scripture and hymns from the advent season to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of our savior!



**HANDEL'S MESSIAH CONCERT**

Handel's *Messiah* (Christmas portion) will be performed on Friday, December 15, 2017, 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell St.

The Cathedral Choir, Diocesan Festival Chorus, Ensemble ExCathedra and Chamber Orchestra all join forces to present this emotional Christmas experience. From the Overture to the Hallelujah Chorus, this classic oratorio thrills the soul and constantly builds the exciting emotional impact on the audience. This holiday favorite has become a tradition at the Cathedral. Bring your family and friends to make it your tradition too.

The Cathedral is wheelchair accessible. \$15 (suggested donation) at the door; no advanced ticket sales. For additional information, please call 603-622-6404, x31.