

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 2 - 4:00pm

Tanny George & John Valliere, anniversary of death - requested by Ginny George

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

7:00am

Leo & Shirley Ladieu - requested by Debbie & Dan Goulet

10:30am

Paul & Theresa Favreau - requested by Paul Favreau Jr.

Monday, December 4 - 8:30am

Pearl Lemire, 16th anniversary of death - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

Tuesday, December 5 - 8:30am

Leona Kalinowski - requested by her son

Wednesday, December 6

- NO MASS -

Thursday, December 7

8:30am

Beth Moulin, anniversary of death - requested by Frank Moulin

7:00pm

The deceased members of the Routhier & Sayer families - requested by Roger & Janice Beaudin

Friday, December 8 - 8:30pm

Lillian Proulx, birthday remembrance - requested by her husband

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 & Michael Siraco

10:30am

Angelo Bucchino, birthday remembrance - requested by his family



Friday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of obligation. The vigil Mass will be on Thursday at 7pm. Mass will be at 8:30am on Friday.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
November 25 & 26, 2017

Weekend Offertory	General Parish Fund
Envelopes \$2,471.17	Candles: \$54.00
Loose \$ 941.00	Adoration Chapel: \$32.00
Electronic Offering \$ 187.00	Organ Donations:
Total Offertory: \$3,599.17	Knights of Columbus: \$5,000.00
	- in memory of K.Hawkins: \$500
Monthly Deficit Collection: \$2061.65	
	Outreach Fund
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$173.36	
Food Pantry: \$1,110.00 (Knights of Columbus, \$1000.00)	
- Thanksgiving Baskets/Dinner: \$215.00	

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



"He is coming!"

Here we are once again celebrating that peaceful and hopeful time of the church's year: Advent! The word "advent" means coming. During the four week advent season we prepare for the coming of Jesus by remembering His birth at Bethlehem (past), anticipating His coming in glory (future) and by celebrating His coming to us in word and sacrament (present). The church has appointed scriptures for advent that tell of God's coming in Christ. Because God wanted to sanctify human flesh and blood, He sent His son Jesus as a human being to show us how we are seen in God's eyes: as His beloved sons and daughters! We are all called to live a life of personal holiness. Sometimes we admit that we do not live our lives in the way that God would like us to; showing compassion and mercy to others, reaching out to those in need and offering forgiveness to those who are not the kindest people around. But God is patient with us; He gives us the time and space to work on our own faults and shortcomings. We need to fix our gaze on the advent wreath near the altar because it symbolizes God's patience with us. The evergreen reminds us that God has an everlasting relationship with us and is the continuous source of new life. The colors of the four candles represent the themes of advent: kingship, repentance and joy. The candles also remind us that the incarnation has transformed the darkness of hatred and evil into the light of joy and love. It would be wonderful if everyone had an advent wreath at home, so that each evening the family could gather around together during this joyous, but sometimes frenzied season of celebration. If you find yourself getting too caught-up in the pressures of this season, just come to church and pause and reflect on the advent wreath. Say a prayer for inner peace and take a long look at the new advent banners hanging in the sanctuary: the angels are blowing the trumpets of joy and anticipation announcing the good news of Christ's coming to us again and again!! And remember, their role is our role as well: be well, be relaxed and be joyful. Advent and Christmas is not about us: it's all about His being born in our hearts once again!

~ Fr. John



Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 9, 2017

11:00am-1pm Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

The children (0-12years) of the parish are invited to a Christmas celebration, the "REASON FOR THE SEASON". The Youth Group hosts the day filled with games, crafts and Fr. John telling the Christmas Story with the children reenacting it. Lunch will be served. Oh, and of course, we will have a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Registration forms are available in the back of the church. Please RSVP by December 4.



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 Laroche, 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, 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
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

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 Divine Drive. The first shipment of trees will arrive fresh from the northern country next week. Visit them to purchase your tree and wreaths. The hours of operation will be:
 November 24: 9am-9pm
 Weekends: 9am-9pm
 Monday - Fridays: 3pm-9pm

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 3

- * Religious Ed grades 1-7, 9am, hall
- * Parish Coffee, 11:30am, hall
- * Scouts, 1-3pm, hall

Monday, December 4

- * My Brother's Keeper, 9am-Noon, hall
- * Spirits Alive!, 3:30pm, OLOM house
- * Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Tuesday, December 5

- * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, December 6

- * St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
- * Food Pantry, 1-3pm Last Names A-C
- * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, December 7

- * Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9:15am, OLOM
- * Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall
- * Vigil Mass, 7pm

Friday, December 8

- * Youth Group, 6-9pm, hall

Saturday, December 9

- * Children's Christmas Party, 11-1pm, hall

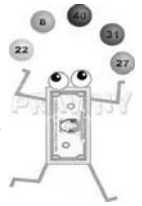
Sunday, December 10

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

300 Club Week 3:

#9 Lorene Molloy; #39 Tim Fisk; #97 Gerry Tanguay; #207 Priscilla Desrochers and #239 Kristin & Ricky Labore, Jr.

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.

Eucharistic



St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

Adorers & substitutes are needed.
 Can you spend 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.

St. Francis of Assisi in Litchfield invites you to an Advent Mission **"My Heart Is Bethlehem"** with Mary Parker. Join us as we explore the concept of having and growing a personal relationship with God, creating our own Bethlehem in our hearts.

Wednesday, Dec 6th: 7:00-8:00pm

Thursday, Dec 7th: 7:00-8:00pm

Friday, Dec 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00pm

followed by Mission 8:00-9:00pm



Advent Reconciliation Service

Multiple priests will be available for confessions at the Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 3rd 2017, 2pm at St. Anthony of Padua, 172 Belmont St., Manchester, NH.

"The love of Christ is like a "spiritual GPS" that guides us unerringly towards God and towards the heart of our neighbor. " ~ Pope Francis

People have requested the names of the people that won the Super Money Raffle.

- \$1000: Stacey Lebel
 - \$500: Joan Connolly
 - \$250: Diane Harrington
- Congratulations!



Please join us this Sunday, December 3rd for our monthly coffee & donuts social. This month's social will be hosted by the Memorial Meal Ministry.



Calling All Elves - Youth Group Ministry

The Youth Group (grades 5+) will meet on **Friday, December 8th** from 6-9pm to decorate the hall and wrap presents for the Children's Christmas party. They will meet again on **Saturday, December 9th** at 10:30am to host the party, playing games with the children, creating craft projects and serving lunch. They will also be Santa's helpers and pass out the children's gifts. Please call Ellen at 867-8881 or Lisa 622-5445 to let us know if you will be able to help.

