



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 6 - 4:00pm

Therese Goulet - requested by Dan & Debbie Goulet

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am

John J. Sullivan - requested by the family

10:30am

Lorraine LeSage - requested by Don & Priscilla Bournival

Monday, January 8 - 8:30am

The Baptism of the Lord

For the intentions of the grandchildren of Maurice and Gloria Pilotte

Tuesday, January 9 - 8:30am

Doris Gionet - requested by Muriel Menken



Wednesday, January 10

- NO MASS -

Thursday, January 11 - 8:30am

DeeDee O'Rourke - requested by Mary Sullivan

Friday, January 12 - 8:30pm

Anne Hieronymus - requested by the Mendell family

Saturday, January 13 - 4:00pm

The Forest family - requested by Sue & Lee Forest

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

Jane Hargis - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

10:30am

Helen Donohue - requested by the Donohue Family

Catholic calendars are available in the back of the church. Limited quantity, so please, just one per family. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
December 30 & 31, 2017**

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,922.17
Loose \$1,038.00
Electronic Offering \$ 105.00
Total Offertory: \$4,065.17

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$89.00
Adoration Chapel: \$33.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$80.00
- Teens/Shoes for Kids: \$1,000.00
Food Pantry: \$-0-

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

"God became a child to be closer to the men and women of every time, and to show us His infinite tenderness." ~ Pope Francis

Please join us **Sunday, January 7th** for our monthly coffee & donuts social. This month's social will be hosted by the Spirits Alive! & Prayer Shawl Ministries.



This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany, when Jesus manifests himself to the magi symbolizing his coming to save the whole world. Who says God isn't busy? It reminds me of the time when I saw a little girl of about 7 praying intensely as she knelt in front of the Blessed Sacrament in church. With head bowed low, and a look of worry on her little face, she knelt there still as one could be. So I went over to see if she was alright. When I asked what she was praying for she answered: *"Oh, I'm praying for God; because He's got such a hard job!"* What a beautiful response from an innocent child. I am sure that the Good Lord received this child's prayer with great delight!!! But the truth is God doesn't really need our prayers for Him. And He doesn't really view His job as "hard." For the scriptures teach us that His work is one of love, and His effort to help us gives Him great delight and joy! Just look at all of these great feasts we are celebrating during the Christmas season within the context of God's love. They tell us that God is having a wonderful time. He is like the happy grandfather who delights just in watching his grandchildren play at the foot of his comfortable chair! And the grandchildren have such deep trust and don't need to worry about anything, as long as "Papa" is there watching over them. This is the lesson that the Magi needed to learn today as they made their arduous trip from the East to visit the new born babe in Bethlehem. They thought that religion had to be "hard." So they travelled afar and brought very expensive gifts to show their respect for the new born King. But they had seen the little baby Jesus, they totally relaxed. They simply left their gifts (and their burdens) at the feet of the baby. Now relieved, they left with a sense of trust in life and moved forward with ease. For they realized, this King didn't need their gifts: He was the real gift-giver. And he gave them freedom from the burdens of life with his simple love. Like the Magi, can we leave our gifts of trust and our burdens at the feet of Jesus, and not worry that we have to please Him? Can we believe that God enjoys watching over us, just like our grandfather enjoys us with a big smile? ~ 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, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Paul Cody, 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.

St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel
Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

Open Hours:

Mondays: 9am **Thursdays: 3pm**
Fridays: 5pm **Saturdays: 12pm**



Come and spend an hour with Jesus this Christmas season.
Please call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.


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

 Did you know that the Diocese of Manchester has a Code of Conduct? This Code of Conduct, known as **Serving Christ, Serving Others**, applies to all Church personnel. "Church personnel" not only refers to priests, deacons, and religious men and women, it also includes all those who regularly work or volunteer at diocesan parishes, schools and camps. The *Serving Christ, Serving Others* Code of Conduct is available at www.catholicnh.org/Code. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Steve Donohue at 627-4868.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 7

- * Religious Ed classes, grades 1-7, 9am
- * Parish Coffee, 11:30am, church hall

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

- * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
- * Pastoral Council, 6:30pm, friary

Wednesday, January 10

- * St. Anne's Closet, 1-pm
- * Food Pantry, 1-3pm Last Names D-J
- * Knight of Columbus dinner, 5pm, hall
- * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 14

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



Parish Transformation Conference: From Maintenance to Mission

Keynote speaker: Father James Mallon, author of the bestselling book "Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission".

February 15, 2018

Immaculate Conception Parish

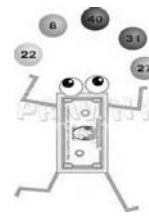
216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua NH 03062

Come and hear Father James Mallon, the author of "Divine Renovation", talk about his solution to parish transformation at a conference at Immaculate Conception in Nashua NH. Father Mallon's ideas are infectious and they are working in Canada and spreading to the US. This daylong conference will inspire and give you insight into how to implement his game plan. The cost is \$45 or \$40 for groups of 5 or more and there will be no tickets available at the door. See the link below to pay for tickets online.

Couples Retreat: HIS NEEDS, HER NEEDS January 13, 2018 St. Peter Church, Auburn, NH \$30 per couple includes all day seminar and lunch for two. Space is limited to first 25 couples- register early and reserve your spot! For more information contact Scott or Martha at ScottnMartha@comcast.net This program is presented by Vita Nova, an association of lay people whose mission is to evangelize and to enrich the spiritual lives of the people of the Diocese of Manchester. Registration begins at 8:30am and the program runs from 9am to 3:30pm. VITA NOVA: Married Couples Day of Enrichment REGISTER ONLINE: VitaNova.org

Open House

Holy Family Academy is holding an Open House on **Wednesday, February 7th, 2018** from 4:00pm to 5:30pm for prospective students, parents, and anyone interested in learning about the Academy. Holy Family Academy is an affordable Catholic school teaching grades 7-12 in the classical tradition. Holy Family is located at 281 Cartier Street Manchester, NH 03102. For more information, please visit the website at call 644-7247 or www.holyfamilyacademy.org.



300 Club Week 8:

#35 Paul Gagnon; #61 Norma Charest; #131 Claire Mathieu; #208 Maggie Chiasson and #232 Paul Brecknock

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.



2017 Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to all who participated and gave so generously to our Christmas Giving Tree. We had a tremendous response for the request for diapers, socks & underwear for St. Anne's Closet and for the hand warmers, socks, gloves and hats for the homeless ministry. They have been much needed in this bitter cold. We also collected \$1,455 in gift cards (gas/fast food/grocery) to be used for emergency assistance and the homeless ministry. Thank you for your generosity!!!