



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, February 24 - 4:00pm**

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by her family

**Sunday, February 25**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

Phyllis Czernicki - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**10:30am**

In honor of Arthur & Irene DesMeules' 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**6:00pm ~ Contemporary Mass**

For the students & families in our Faith Formation programs

**Monday, February 26 - 8:30am**

Raul Therrien - requested by his family

**Tuesday, February 27 - 8:30am**

For the deceased priest and brothers of the Province of the Immaculate Conception

**Wednesday, February 28**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, March 1 - 8:30am**

For the intentions of Angela Dixon— requested by Rose Staar

**Friday, March 2 - 8:30pm**

Lawrence Young - requested by the Donohue family

**Saturday, March 3 - 4:00pm**

Rachel Royer - requested by Pauline Riley

**Sunday, March 4**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

John Eastberg - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

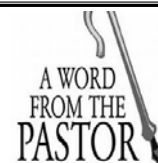
**10:30am**

Robert Paul - requested by Priscilla & Don Bournival



TRANSFIGURATION

Back at the time when St. Francis of Assisi was forming his new way of life, someone noticed that the saint and his followers never made their home in a monastery. He saw how these friars would move from place to place, preaching the Gospel, helping the people in whatever town they stayed and simply made their home either in nature or as someone's guests. He went up to St. Francis and asked him: "Sir, where is your monastery?" Francis joyfully with a wave of his hand indicated that the whole world was his monastery. For he trusted so much in God's Providence and in the Beauty of Creation, that he felt "at home" wherever God would send him and his brothers. Thus began the Franciscan movement in the Church. The first friars had no houses, no money and few possessions; yet they were totally joyful! For they knew they had Christ who was walking with them and watching over them. This reminds me of St. Peter in today's Gospel of the Transfiguration. When he experienced how beautiful God is (through Christ), something lit up inside of him: "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents!" In other words, Peter was willing to make his own home to be wherever Christ was because he felt the deep joy and peace of soul that we all need. And that is our hope as well as we enter into the Season of Lent. For we know that as much as we may enjoy our own homes and houses, nothing can compare to being at-home with Christ! I am not just speaking about waiting until afterlife or heaven; I am speaking about the present moment of our lives. When we rediscover Christ as being before us, Christ being above us, Christ being behind us, and Christ being within us, we have discovered our true home. There will be a deep feeling of joy and trust. No matter what life might throw at us, no obstacle can ever prevent us from feeling that we have finally found what life is all about. In short, we will experience a transfiguration. Lent is a time to reflect on this great gift of God to us; our loving Father who wishes to light up our hearts with joy and peace! ~ Fr. John



## Lenten Reconciliation Service

St. Anthony parish (172 Belmont St.) will host a Diocesan Penance Service on Sunday, March 4 at 2pm. All are invited; multiple priests will be available to hear confessions.

"The message of Jesus is troubling and disturbs us because it challenges worldly religious power and stirs consciences." Pope Francis

### STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

February 17 & 18, 2018

#### Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,583.18  
Loose \$ 706.99  
Electronic Offering \$ 125.00  
**Total Offertory: \$3,415.17**

#### General Parish Fund

Candles: \$110.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$10.00

Energy/Fuel Collection: \$1,251.00

#### Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$126.00

Food Pantry: \$60.00

- in memory of R. Lussier: \$60.00

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



#### 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, Fr. Joe Gallagher, Helen Zachos, Mary Sylvain, Ginny George, Ken Sevigny, John Young, Leonard Houde. Lise Guillemette and Stephen P. Gilmartin

**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

*Upcoming*  
EVENTS

**Sunday, February 25**

- \* NO Religious Ed classes today
- \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, hall
- \* Contemporary Mass for Rel. Ed. , 6pm

**Monday, February 26**

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

**Tuesday, February 27**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

**Wednesday, February 28**

- \* St. Anne's Closet closed today
- \* Food Pantry, last names K-P, 1-9pm
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel
- \* SELA, charismatic prayer service, 7pm

**Thursday, March 1**

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

- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall

**Friday, March 2**

- \* Stations of the Cross, 9am, church

**Sunday, March 4**

- \* Religious Ed grades 1-6, 9am, hall



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

**Open Hours:**

**Thursdays: 3pm**

**Fridays: 5pm      Saturdays: 12pm**

Come and spend an hour with Jesus this Lent! Spending time in adoration is a wonderful Lenten practice. Call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.



The Elliot Hospital is currently looking for Eucharistic Ministers to administer communion to our Catholic patients. You must be a current Eucharistic minister with your parish. If interested please contact Donna Wright, Director of Volunteer Services at 663-2463.



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Tickets will be available next week. The dinner is prepared & hosted by the Boy Scouts for our parish. We do need volunteers to help with setup and serving. Please call the parish office if you would like to help. More information will be posted next weekend.

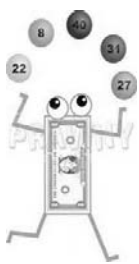
All are invited to **SELA (Spirit of Elijah Lay Apostolate)** on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Parish. The doors open to the public at 6:30pm and we begin at 7:00. This month we welcome Pat Hurd, a leader for many years in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, serving both SELA and the Rivier Prayer Community of Nashua. Pat will share from the inspired writings of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, about the Passion of Our Lord and about the coming of the Kingdom and the Reign of the Divine Will of God on Earth as in Heaven. Praise and worship is led by Dave Therrien's inspired music ministry. Individual prayer is offered at the end by the Lamb's Hands Healing Prayer Ministry. *Come, share in God's love and learn of His Divine Plan to bring us closer than ever this Lent!*

**ANNUAL PRO-LIFE SEMINAR**

The N.H. Knights of Columbus annual pro-life seminar will be held on Sunday 03/25/18 in the church hall at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Our guest speaker is Abigail Young, New England Regional Coordinator of Students for Life. She will be addressing us on the value of chastity in building a culture of life.

The seminar begins at 12 noon with a light luncheon served by the Daughters of Isabella. There will be information tables and representatives from various organizations such as New Hampshire Right to Life, the Marian Family Apostolate, and 40 Days for Life. You will be able to visit all these venues and listen to updates on pro-life activities here in New Hampshire. The overall speaking program begins at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will start at about 2:15. There will be ample time for Q. & A.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Ron Di Stasio to make a reservation by email [rddistasio@comcast.net](mailto:rddistasio@comcast.net); phone is 595-7837. Deadline is Wednesday 03/21. Come and be part of a movement which is working to protect the most vulnerable in society and praising God for the gift of life!!



**300 Club Week 15:**

- #3 Donna Guertin
- #4 Muriel Menken
- #29 Herman Mooney
- #129 Linda Sullivan
- #200 Rita Haley

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.