



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 17 - 4:00pm**

Suzanne Routhier - requested by Janice & Roger Beaudin

**Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

Minnie Marino - requested by Rose Starr

**10:30am**

Bob Pariseau - requested by Don & Priscilla Bournival

**Monday, March 19 - 8:30am**

Marcel Larochelle - requested by Moe & Joan Allard

**Tuesday, March 20 - 8:30am**

Marcel Larochelle - requested by Dr. & Mrs. George Hamel

**Wednesday, March 21**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, March 22 - 8:30am**

Richard Bordeleau - requested by Yash & Janice Pal

**Friday, March 23 - 8:30pm**

Elizabeth Gilmartin - requested by the family

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

Rudy Vallee - requested by Dan & Debbie Goulet

**Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**7:00am**

Larry Foss - requested by his daughter Cheryl Kula

**10:30am**

Lynda King, birthday remembrance - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco



"If we encounter Jesus and our brothers and sisters every day, our hearts will not dwell in the past or the future. They will live in God's present moment, in peace with everyone."

~ Pope Francis

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:  
March 10 & 11, 2018**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,020.18

Loose \$ 858.55

Electronic Offering \$ 567.00

**Total Offertory: \$4,445.73**

Fuel/Energy Collection: \$1,149.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$ 444.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$104.00

Food Pantry: \$20.00

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

**We welcome Fr. Patrick Glavin as our Celebrant for the 4:00pm and 7:00am Masses this weekend; Fr. John is taking a rest.**

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126)



Did you know that the word "heart" is used over 1,000 times in sacred scripture! The ancients believed that the physical heart was kept beating by the deepest, truest center of a human being: from the heart of mercy! If you remember when Jesus taught the beatitudes, one of the most striking was "*Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God!*" So he is telling us that the folks who show their heart of mercy in this life will see God in the next. "*Be merciful as your heavenly father is merciful.*" At every Mass when the priest says "*Lift up your hearts,*" we answer "*We lift them up to the Lord.*" In other words, we are affirming that we promise to try to live more like God does: loving and showing compassion to our neighbors in need. St. Francis de Sales used to greet someone he would meet in the morning with: "*So how is your heart today?*" What a beautiful greeting! The church teaches us that if we can practice both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, 14 in all, we can strengthen our hearts. One of the corporal works of mercy is to "bury the dead." I know of one catholic school where the religion teacher invites the older children to become pall bearers for homeless veterans who die, since they have no family or friends to bury them. What a great exercise that will help those children develop strong hearts! Another example is a family who always leaves one chair and place mat open for Lenten supper. Food is placed on that plate, and when the full dinner is collected, the family delivers it to a neighbor who is a widow or alone. What a heart-full act of charity. We can see now why Pope Francis emphasizes a merciful heart so often. It is not only about giving something to someone, but also receiving a stronger heart. It is about living the life of God in very practical ways. But we need to start first with paying attention to how God moves our own hearts, for that is where He lives within us. And that is where we will learn how to give to others as well. So maybe a good Lenten practice to follow would be to try what St. Francis de Sales did every day: try asking someone you meet in the morning a very heart-felt question: "*Hi; how is your heart today?*" And as you hear them respond to your heart-full question, feel the health of your heart pulsate with the strength of God's love!! ~ 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, Maurice Allard, Joe Bennett,

Larry Green, Paul Cody, Jackie Theodorou, Jeannine Bouchard, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, RFG, Acilda Dachowski, Arnold Wright, Pat Begin, Janice Beaudin, John Moro, Roger Mustone, Richard Joyce, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Claire Dachowski, Fr. Joe Gallagher, Mary Sylvain, Ginny George, John Young, Leonard Houde, Lise Guillemette, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Nancy Lohnes, Arthur Proulx, Roger Boisvert, Bev Dionne, Jeannine Bouchard, Cathy Hebert and Tim Fisk.

**Liturgical Ministers Meeting: Monday, March 26th, 6:30pm, Church**  
All Liturgical Ministers participating in the Holy Week Liturgies (Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>) are requested to attend this rehearsal and preparation for Holy Week.

**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

*Upcoming*  
EVENTS

**Sunday, March 18**

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

**Monday, March 19**

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

\* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

**Tuesday, March 20**

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

\* Lenten Program, 6pm, church hall

**Wednesday, March 21**

\* St. Anne's Closet closed

\* Food Pantry, last names K-P, 1-3pm

\* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**Thursday, March 22**

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

\* Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall

**Friday, March 23**

\* Stations of the Cross, 9am, church

**Sunday, March 25**

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

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Daily Hours: 7am-7pm

**Open Hours:**

**Mondays: 11am 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.



Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Marvin Alvarez**

**Ian Bowman**

**Aaron McCrackin**

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Communion



**MARCH 20: LENTEN SOUP & SUBSTANCE: RESTORE, RENEW, PROCLAIM.**

An evening of enjoying our parish community together through sharing a simple Lenten supper of soup, then listening to Mary Jane Silva from the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation on the latest about Bishop Libasci's new initiative called the

"Restored Order." He wants to strengthen lifelong faith formation by using the "Restored Order" where Baptism will be followed by Confirmation, and then Holy Eucharist. This is how they did the sacraments in the early Church. The program will begin at 6:30pm. in the church hall. Many of you often ask me why does the Church make changes; here is a great opportunity for you to learn some reasons why! Please come!!!

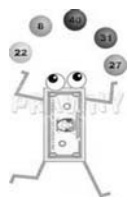
The Sisters of Holy Cross have established the **Sr. Claire Daneau Legacy Fund** in her memory to benefit the children of Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti. The orphanage was founded in 1986 by Sister Claire, a Sister of Holy Cross for 73 years. It is home to over 55 children whose needs are great: clothes, tuition, school supplies, a truck, solar panels, wells for water, etc. You can help gift these children with a future by purchasing a lottery calendar at a cost of \$10 each or six for \$50. A total of \$2,500.00 will be drawn beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. These calendars make great Easter gifts for family, friends, employees and colleagues. **Representatives of the Sisters will have calendars available after each Mass the weekend of March 17 & 18.** Thank you for helping "Claire's Kids".

**CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: "SACRED WORKS IN A SACRED SPACE"**

Karol Carroll, mezzo-soprano, and Sean Parr, tenor, will perform in concert: "Sacred Works in a Sacred Space" on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 145 Lowell Street in Manchester, NH.

The first half of the program features selections from the Baroque and Romantic periods including Bach's *Magnificat & Mass in B minor*, Strauss' *Stabat Mater*, and Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise*, while the second half of the program features classical arrangements of hymns and spirituals, with a selection of *Ave Maria's* by Caccini, Massenet and Saint-Saëns. They will be accompanied by Kathryn Southworth on piano.

The Chapel is handicapped accessible. Suggested donation: \$15.00 at the door.



**300 Club Week 18:**

- #103 Sr. Joan
- #109 Bob Portinari
- #146 Arlene Soucy
- #172 Beatrice Proulx
- #301 Ellie & Julia Pilotte

Congratulations!

Please see one of the captains to get your lucky number!! Only 2 weeks left in this club. Please be sure your club is paid in full to be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing.

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