

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, March 31 - 7:00pm Easter Vigil**
 For the Silvia & Robert Families - requested by Ed & Jackie Silvia
- Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
7:00am
 Francis Czernicki - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch
10:30am
 Paul Ricciardi - requested by his mother
- Monday, April 2 - 8:30am**
 Rpbert Savoie - requested by Pauline Gagnon & Pauline Cote
- Tuesday, April 3 - 8:30am**
 Marcel Larochelle - requested by Mary Repentigny
- Wednesday, April 4**
NO MASS
- Thursday, April 5 - 8:30am**
 Summer Menken - requested by his wife Muriel
- Friday, April 6 - 8:30am**
 Claude Berube - requested by Muriel & Rita Pinard
- Saturday, April 7 - 4:00pm**
 Peter Moran, anniversary of death - requested by his family
- Sunday, April 8 Divine Mercy Sunday**
7:00am
 Lawrence Welch - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch
10:30am
 Roland Cote, anniversary of death - requested by his wife Doris



I know that my Redeemer Lives Alleluia

As I am reflecting on this Holy Week, I am struck by the deep level of prayerfulness I experience among our parishioners. Let me share some personal experiences. During the consecration at Mass, for example, I always sense your deep silence as a sign of your reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist. Also, each day as I notice the steady flow of cars bringing you to our Adoration Chapel to spend some time in quiet prayer with the Lord, I feel comforted for all of us and for the people for whom we pray. Finally I find myself also admiring the great love and perseverance of you, our Food Pantry volunteers, by your patience and devotion in serving Jesus among the poor and homeless. All of these and many more daily experiences of your faith and spirituality remind me of today's Gospel, where the followers of Jesus found the empty tomb after Jesus was buried. They were bewildered at first by how the heavy stone (boulder) blocking Jesus' tomb could have been rolled back – for it was impossible for any human beings to push it aside. It was apparent that Jesus' promise to rise from the dead was actually true!!! He was Risen, Alleluia!! But now the deeper lesson they had to learn was that the stone was rolled back not so Jesus could get out, but so that they could get in and be assured that His tomb of death would remain empty forever. And they learned this through their prayerfulness! So my dear parishioners, if you find that you have any "large boulders" in your heart, preventing you from escaping fear, resentment, despair or depression, do not lose hope!! Through your prayers, allow the Risen Jesus to roll back these boulders to invite you into meeting Him once again: for He now resides in your heart!! He has given us the promise of life eternal, and will walk with us each day to guide and sustain us through life's journey.



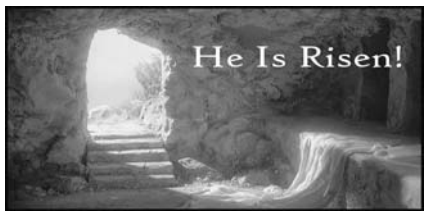
I want to wish all of you a most Happy Easter, ask for your prayers, and let you know that I pray for each one of you every single day!!!
 ~ Fr. John



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, John Moro, Roger Mustone, Richard Joyce, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Claire Dachowski, Fr. Joe Gallagher, Mary Sylvain, Ginny George, John Young, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Nancy Lohnes, Arthur Proulx, Roger Boisvert, Aiden Weeds, Bev Dionne, Jeannine Bouchard, Cathy Hebert, Tim Fisk and Doris Cote.

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.." ~ Pope Francis

Wishing all of you and your families the blessings of Easter peace and joy.



Eucharistic Adoration
St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel
 Daily Hours: 7am-7pm
Open Hours:
Thursdays: 3pm Fridays: 5pm Saturdays: 12pm
 Call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.
 "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." Alphonsus Liguori

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
March 24 & 25, 2018

Weekend Offertory		General Parish Fund	
Envelopes	\$2,989.18	Candles:	\$153.00
Loose	\$1,244.00	Adoration Chapel:	\$55.80
Electronic Offering	\$ 125.00	Organ Donation:	\$50.00
Total Offertory:	\$4,358.18	Monthly Deficit Collection:	\$1,850.90 - in memory of Lorraine Dubisz
Outreach Fund			
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:		\$94.55	
Food Pantry:		\$50.00	
~ in memory of Theresa Bergeron: \$50.00			

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, April 1

- * NO Religious Ed classes today
- * Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30am Mass

Monday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 3

- * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
- * GSOP, 10:30am-12:30pm, hall

***Wednesday, April 4**

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

Thursday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 8

- * Religious Ed grades 1-7, 9am, hall
- * Divine Mercy Sunday, 3pm, church

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Youth Group invites all children grades 3 and younger to search for Easter eggs following the 10:30am Easter Mass. Children will gather in the church hall for instructions. Youth in grades 4 and up are invited to help (there are usually some "sweet rewards" for their help too).



Thank you to Boy Scouts, their parents and the volunteers for their hard work providing our parish with a delicious St. Patrick's Day dinner. Everyone who attended enjoyed the meal and even purchased leftovers to bring home! We are grateful to all for sharing of their time and talents with the parish.



St Francis of Assisi Penny Sale at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 265 So. Main St. in Manchester
Friday, April 13: 5:00 - 8:00pm; **Saturday, April 14:** 8:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, April 15: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Hundreds of prizes and special raffles; 50/50 drawings, Bigger is Better, Baskets of Cheer, instant winner games and more.
Grand Prize Raffle: 1st \$1000 - 2nd \$500 - 3rd \$250
FRIDAY DINNER 5:00pm: Goldenrod Chicken Tenders, with Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Drink and Dessert Adults: \$8 in advance or \$10 at door; kids under twelve: \$4 in advance or \$6 at door
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Snack Bar (Continental Breakfast/ Lunch), baked goods; Full breakfast buffet on Sunday: \$6

St. Andrew Dinners

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. These evenings will take place on Fridays from 6-8 pm at different locations around our state and for different age groups. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

The next dinner is for male high school students, ages 14-18 on April 27th.

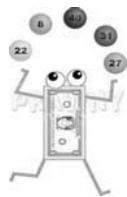
Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Diocese of Manchester will be recognizing this month in a number of ways. Please make note of the following upcoming, important dates:

Friday, April 6 - Wear Blue Day

Thursday, April 19 - Mass to Pray for the Healing of Those Affected by Child Abuse

Great childhoods begin with all of us! Show your stance against child abuse and belief that every child deserves a great childhood by wearing blue. Take photos and send to rbastek@rcbm.org for inclusion in diocesan social media.



300 Club Week 20:

- #10 Dee Pouliot
- #27 Fran Lavoie
- #281 Lynn & Bob Brecknock
- #238 Claire Dachowski
- #270 Diane Davis

Congratulations!

This was the last drawing for this club. Due to Easter, the Grand Prize drawing will take place on April 8th after the 10:30am Mass.

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