

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 14 - 4:00pm

Irene Beaudin - requested by Roger & Janice Beaudin

Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

7:00am

Patrick Joyce - requested by his family

10:30am

Regina Letares - requested by Loren, Kelly & Devin Brunet

Monday, April 16 - 8:30am

John McNeil Sr. - requested by Mary McNeil

Tuesday, April 17 - 8:30am

Elise Vaccarest - requested by her sister Anne

Wednesday, April 18

NO MASS

Thursday, April 19 - 8:30am

Aline Moulin, wedding remembrance - requested by her husband

Friday, April 20 - 8:30am

Marcel Larochelle - requested by Yvette Beauchesne

Saturday, April 21 - 4:00pm

Paul Kelliher, birthday remembrance - requested by his family

Sunday, April 22

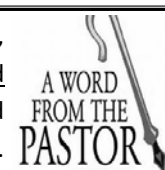
Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:00am

Mary Siraco - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

10:30am

Eva & Charles Rugoletti, in celebration of their 30th Anniversary



Pretty soon people will be working in their gardens, pruning and weeding so that their plants will bear good fruit. That is why springtime is so much looked forward to, for we await the good fruits of the earth to blossom. Our spiritual life in Christ is a life of pruning and weeding as well. During Lent we open ourselves to God who “prunes” us to bear more fruit: compassion, love, forgiveness and kindness. One of the fruits that are essential to Christian life is “mellowness of heart.” Mellowness is not softness, in terms of weakness or cowardice. It is the quality of mercy that our Holy Father Pope Francis calls the “Face of God.” Our holy Father teaches us that God’s face is very merciful which is why He looks so mellow in the many depictions and statues we see. Mellowness also means that He is kind, patient, understanding, and unconditional in His love for us. We must try to develop that same mellowness on our faces, in our love and mercy shown toward others. To give an example of how we can be mellow, I will never forget the story shared a few years ago at one of our faith formation gatherings. A parishioner shared a memory of her family when she was a child sitting at the dinner table with her parents and four brothers. Her mother would have the family place one plate on the table without anybody sitting there. Then she would distribute the family dinner equally to all five children and put an equal amount of food on the empty plate on the table where nobody sat. After supper was over, the family would take that plate to a widower who lived down the corridor. He had just lost his wife and lived alone. This caring family would deliver that extra plate of food to him for his supper, so that he would know that he was not forgotten. What a witness to our risen savior who said in today’s Gospel: “*Touch my wounded hands and feet; see that I am alive and real!*” What a beautiful witness to what Jesus calls us to do: to show our mercy, our mellowness, by loving one another in concrete, practical ways. We may think that being a Christian means praying to Jesus, going to church, and working to change society only. However, without including “mellowness of heart” which means showing God’s mercy on our faces, our Christian life will be incomplete. Let’s let God continue to prune our hearts this Easter to take away the weeds and bad growth and replace it with new flowers!!

~ 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, 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, Aidan Weeds, Bev Dionne, Tim Fisk and Doris Cote.



Please remember in your prayers **Pat Begin** who was called to her eternal rest and the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord. May the Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to her loved ones.

Please join us this **Sunday, April 15** following the 10:30am Mass for our monthly coffee & donuts social. This month’s social will be hosted by the Adoration Chapel Adorers.



STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
April 7 & 8, 2018

<u>Weekend Offertory</u>		<u>General Parish Fund</u>	
Envelopes	\$3,004.18	Candles:	\$54.00
Loose	\$ 997.19	Adoration Chapel:	\$40.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 745.00		
Total Offertory:	\$4,746.37		
<u>Outreach Fund</u>			
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$100.77			
Food Pantry: \$10.00			

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

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

Saint Padre Pio comes to the Diocese of Manchester on Monday, April 30, 2018 (from 8: 00am to 5:30pm) at St. Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell St., Manchester, NH 03104

For information about the public veneration, please call (603) 622-6404.

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the 50th anniversary commemoration of his passing. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 6:0pm by the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester

Upcoming
EVENTS

Sunday, April 15

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

Monday, April 16

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

Tuesday, April 17

- * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, April 18

- * NO St. Anne's Closet today
- * Food Pantry, last names K-P, 1-3pm
- * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

Thursday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 22

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

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.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



We welcome our newest baptized member into our parish family:

Ella Frances Ippolito

daughter of Cody & Amanda. May the Holy Spirit bless their family on this joyous occasion.



Congratulations to **Michael Gaumont** who will receive Adult Confirmation this Sunday at St. Joseph Cathedral.

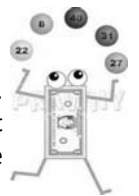
300 Club Grand Prize Drawing

\$500: #200 Rita Haley; \$400: #271 Roger Desilets; \$300: #283 Tom Lavallee; \$200: #188 Michael Moran; \$100: #170 Diane Sufat; \$50: #168 Will Carosi; #221 Larry Labore; #55 Thora Silva; #104 Natalie Welch; \$20: #229 Raymond Labore; #178 Isabelle Delahanty; #39 Tim Fisk, #277 Virginia Clark; #88 Shirley Gazda Congratulations!

A new club is beginning. Don't miss out on your chance to win. This is an quick and easy fundraiser for our parish. If we have a full club (300 people) we raise \$6000.00 of which we give away \$1,000 over 20 weeks (5 winners a week at \$10) and then another \$1800 on the 21st week for the Grand drawing. If you don't have a number and would like one, please see/call one of the captains.

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

* Please note, if Doris Cote is your captain, she is currently not available. Please pay your club by mailing to the parish office (14 Elm St.) or putting it in an envelope marked 300 Club in the collection basket, with your name and club number. Your card will be sent to you in the mail.



The New Saint Raphael Follies & Review, 4th Ed.

A talent show for the not-so-faint-of-heart!

Fri., May 4 (Dress Rehearsal) and Sat., May 5, 2018 at 7 PM at the Koonz Theatre, Dana Center, Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH.

All admissions will be automatically entered into a \$500 Visa Gift Card drawing. There will be silent auction raffles, and the entertainment will, of course, be priceless.

Tickets are just \$10 each and may be purchased at the door the nights of the event, or M-F 9am-4pm at the rectory, 103 Walker Street, Manchester. Please go to www-st-raphael-parish.org or call 603.623.2604 for further information.