

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, September 22 - 4:00pm**

*Joseph Rousselle* - requested by Pauline Meadows

**Sunday, September 23 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

*Germaine Welch, anniversary of death* - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

**10:30am**

*Bridget Madden, birthday remembrance* - requested by Maureen & Matthew Madden

**Monday, September 24 - 8:30am**

*Sumner Menken* - requested by his wife

**Tuesday, September 25 - 8:30am**

*Stephen Gilmartin Sr.* - requested by the family

**Wednesday, September 26**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 27 - 8:30am**

*Paul Sylvain* - requested by Leo & Terry Sylvain

**Friday, September 28 - 8:30am**

*Dominic Siraco, birthday remembrance* - requested by Michael, Lisa & Mark Siraco

**Saturday, September 29 - 4:00pm**

*Joseph Marino* - requested by Rose Staar

**Sunday, September 30 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

*Living & deceased Adoration Chapel Adorers* - requested by Irene de Repentigny

**10:30am**

*Mr. & Mrs. Roger Godbout* - requested by their children

**Today's Challenge:** Even in retirement many priests continue to assist in our parishes by celebrating Mass and helping out our pastors. To recognize and honor their life's commitment, the Church in NH has the Priests Retirement Trust Fund which provides a modest stipend each month for our retired priests. This stipend enables our retired priests to be assured that they can continue to lead a life of dignity. We need your help today to support New Hampshire's retired priests.

**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, Jackie Theodorou, Paul Allard, Richard Tanguay, RFG, Acilda Dachowski, Roger Mustone, Richard Joyce, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Claire Dachowski, Fr. Joe Gurdak, Mary Sylvain, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Arthur Proulx, Aiden Weeds, Bev Dionne, Tim Fisk, Doris Cote, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajieux, Laura Jankowski, Kathy Klamm, Roland Dufour, Corrine Holebrook and Maurice Lavigne.



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The word "Power" conjures up many different meanings. There is physical power, such as we see when a football player tackles another player. Then there is natural power when for example we see the windmills harness the strength of wind for energy-use. There is emotional power when someone speaks with such strong heart-felt conviction that the listener can't help but be moved emotionally as well. But the power that everyone overlooks or doesn't even know exists is spiritual power! Jesus in today's Gospel tries to explain His spiritual power to the disciples. He tells them that He will rise from the dead because of powerful love of God for Him and them. And He is going to tell them that God wants to share this spiritual power with them to help in His mission of salvation for the world. But do you think the disciples were interested in spiritual power? They could care less! The Gospel says that instead of listening to Jesus they begin arguing among themselves which one of them was the greatest!!! In short, they were more into personal power than anything else! Personal power is "ego power" which puts the individual above another one. Now in certain situations this personal power is necessary, in that somebody has to be in charge. But when we seek personal power out of an attitude of wanting to show we are better than others or even above others, we get into much trouble. We can see this happening in our world every day. For example, when parents show favoritism to a certain child, the other siblings become embittered. When a student wants the professor's attention for the sake of showing off their knowledge, the other students become resentful. When a politician speaks like they are telling the full truth while throwing down the character of their opponent. When we clergy try to show that somehow we are holier than thou, we fall into a spirit of clericalism which leads to division. I suppose that we all have these desires and feelings at times, which comes from our original sin. Remember Cain killed his brother Abel out of jealousy so this human tendency has stayed with us an awfully long time. Getting back to the Gospel, when Jesus saw each disciple wanting to be greater than the other, he said: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Then he took a little child and placed it in their midst and said: "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me!" In other words, God's spiritual power comes from the most vulnerable around us! Do we really believe this? ~ Fr. John



"Meek and humble of heart, close to the people, with compassion, with meekness and tenderness. This is Jesus." ~ Pope Francis

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**

**September 15 & 16, 2018**

<u>Weekend Offertory</u>		<u>General Parish Fund</u>
Envelopes	\$2,569.18	Candles: \$80.00
Loose	\$1,162.86	Adoration Chapel: \$22.00
Electronic Offering	\$1,050.00	<u>Outreach Fund</u>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4,782.04</b>	St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$75.35
		Food Pantry: \$20.00

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

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Colleen Hayward	289-5276
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
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	845-1689
Religious Education (Gr. K-8)	
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	845-1689
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

Fr. John and the District 4 Secular Franciscan Fraternities (St Anthony of Padua Manchester, Greccio Derry, St Anthony of Padua Nashua and St Michael & 9 Choirs of Angels Fraternity, Rochester) Invite you to join in the Commemoration of the **Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi to Eternal Life** on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. This beautiful service includes scripture readings and spiritual readings from St. Francis. A light reception will follow.



**Sunday, September 23**

- \* Religious Ed, grades K-8, 9am, hall
- \* Organ Concert, 2pm, church

**Monday, September 24**

- \* Boy Scouts, 6pm, hall

**Tuesday, September 25**

- \* **Parish Office Closed today**
- \* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

**\*Wednesday, September 26**

- \* St. Anne's Closet closed today
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names Q-Z
- \* Born To Rise, 6:30pm, hall
- \* SELA, 6pm, church
- \* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, adoration chapel

**\*Thursday, September 27**

- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30am, OLOM house
- \* Spirits Alive! 1pm, OLOM house
- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

**Sunday, September 30**

- \* Religious Ed, grades K-8, 9am, hall
- \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, hall

Upon consulting our parish leadership teams (the Pastoral Council & Finance Council), I have decided to keep our old convent Mercy House as a viable outreach ministry. Mercy House will no longer be a convent, but will become a Pastoral Life Center which will help us expand our outreach ministries to the poor and needy in our parish and neighborhood. This vision is in line with our Parish Mission Statement. I will keep you informed as to how this new ministry will develop over the months ahead. ~ Fr. John

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Open Daily: 7am-7pm

**Open Hours:**

**Sundays: 2pm    Thursdays: 3pm    Fridays: 5pm**

**Saturdays: 11am & 12pm**

Call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.

**Substitutes Needed!!** On average there can be 10-12 hours a week in need of one time coverage. If you can't commit to a permanent hour, please consider giving your name as a substitute to cover an adorer when they go on vacation, are sick or have an appointment. Can you spare one hour for Jesus? Please call Irene for details.



**300 Club - Week 1**

#15 Shirley Glidden; #77 Teresa Bailey; #110 Charlotte & Paul Faustini; #111 Frank Moulin and #313 Alice Smith      Congratulations!

A new club has begun, don't miss out on your chance to win! Purchase a number for \$20. For the next 20 weeks, we will pick out five \$10 winners. On the 21st week at the Grand Drawing, \$1800 in prizes are given out. This is a quick and easy fundraiser for the parish. If we have a full club of 300, the parish raises \$6000. Of that, we give out \$1000 is weekly winner (\$50 per week/20 weeks). You can't win if you don't play! Please see one of our Captains for your lucky number.

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

**Born To Rise:** Introducing the new Youth Group. Born To Rise ministry will mix socials, spirituality and community service for pre-teens and teenagers. The ministry will meet twice a month. The first meeting of this new ministry will be on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. This month's "meeting" will be GAME NIGHT - and of course, snacks! Come and learn more about this new and exciting ministry. Bring a friend - or 2! For more information, please call Ellen Donohue at 867-8881.



**Paper Recycling Bins**

We are having the paper recycling bins removed. They were originally brought in as a fundraiser for the parish, however, we the company has been sold several times and we have not received any proceeds for a while. We also have a hard time to have them emptied leading to many calls with complaints.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY PAPER IN THE BINS.**

This will not effect the Boy Scouts can recycling bin. They are still collecting can.

Thank you for your help and support.

**All are invited to SELA (Spirit of Elijah Lay Apostolate) Charismatic Prayer Meeting**, Wednesday, September 26, at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Doors open to the public for prayer of the Rosary at 6:30pm and the prayer meeting begins at 7:00. *Need a ride?* Contact Robin at 603-858-3610. This month we are excited to have **Mary Parker**, a woman of God, filled the Holy Spirit, love, wisdom and understanding. She opens the Scriptures to open hearts, drawing them to God's love in a deep, life-changing way. Hear her talk and "You will be Renewed by the Transforming of Your Mind" – Romans 12:2. Individual prayer is offered afterward, by the Lamb's Hands Healing Prayer Ministry. Come, let us be renewed and transformed in His truth and love!

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary of **5, 25, or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. Couples are encouraged to invite select family members to share in the joyous occasion. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018, 2:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact the parish office (622-5445) **by September 18, 2018**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries will be asked to register next year for a spring celebration. To all married couples celebrating 5, 25, or 50 years, congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



### Second Annual Vigil for the Church and the Fallen Away

Fr. Andrew Nelson, Pastor of St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Mary Parishes invites you to attend a 48 hour vigil Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup> to pray for the Church and for those who have Fallen Away from the Church- at Holy Trinity Church, 404 High Street, Somersworth, NH. The Vigil begins with Mass on Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Following the opening Mass, and throughout the 48-hour vigil, you will be invited to light candles for family members, friends, and all those who have left the faith. The candles will burn in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the entire vigil, as we place prayers for our loved ones before the Lord. Holy Trinity Church will remain open as the thousands of candles burn before the Lord while volunteers keep a continual vigil until a closing Mass is celebrated on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Confessions, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, and other devotions will be offered throughout the Vigil. Please visit [www.stignatius-stmary.org](http://www.stignatius-stmary.org) for more details, and please consider taking part in this special time of prayer for the Church, and for our beloved sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and all those who are away.



**Volunteers Needed!** The **Food Pantry** is in need of volunteers to help with specific tasks. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays from 1-3 to input clients information into the system and make id cards for them. Basic computer skills needed. Drivers with trucks are also needed on Tuesdays, from 9-11am to pick up food at the NH Food Bank and bring it to our pantry. Some lifting is needed. If you are able to help or want more information, please call Colleen at 935-9949.

**St. Anne's Closet Volunteers Needed!** Karen McAndrew who has run the closet for years, is now living in Deering and can no longer come to take care of the closet. We need volunteers to keep this ministry going. Volunteers are needed for the first 2 Wednesdays of the month from 1-3. Duties would include sorting through donations, checking clients in/out and keeping the area clean. If interested, please call the Karen McAndrew at 464-0331 or Lisa in the parish office.

### Puzzle pieces purchased by:

John Tsoumbanos in memory of Emily Brooks  
 Dee & Denis Vigneault in memory of Lauretta Demers  
 The McGauley family in honor of Theresa & Roland Dufour  
 Roger and Pauline Hebert in memory of Susanne & Mark Hebert  
 Susan Robinson in memory of Colin Werner



Wow! We are so grateful for the enthusiastic response to the puzzle! The puzzle was 500 pieces. The goal was to sell a piece for \$10 to raise \$5000 towards the balance of the organ. We exceeded that goal! Please join us to celebrate at the Organ Concert on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will announce the totals of all the fundraisers at that time. Thank you for generosity and support so that we could purchase this wonderful instrument. Please come to the concert and hear what beautiful music this instrument and the talented musicians will provide! All different kinds of music will be played to show off the organ.