



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 1 - 4:00pm

Deceased members of the Routhier & Sayer families - requested by Roger & Janice Beaudin

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

7:00am

Paul Marchand - requested by Gerry & Priscila Tanguay

10:30am

Rose & Stanley Kosowicz - requested by the family

Monday, December 3 - 8:30am

Imelda Walas, 100th birthday remembrance - requested by her daughter

Tuesday, December 4 - 8:30am

Pearl Lemire, anniversary of death - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

Wednesday, December 5

NO MASS

Thursday, December 6 - 9:00am

For the intentions of Lily Staar

Friday, December 7 - 8:30am

Beth Moulin, anniversary of death - requested by Frank Moulin

Saturday, December 8 - 4:00pm

Guy Riley, birthday remembrance - requested by his wife

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

7:00am

Deceased members of the Beaudin & Daneault families - requested by Roger & Janice Beaudin

10:30am

Bill Madden, birthday remembrance - requested by Maureen & Matt Madden



“Show us, Lord your love...” (Psalm 85). “Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth...” (Psalm 25).

As we reflect on these two segments of today’s Psalms for the 1st Sunday of Advent, you will notice that I underlined the verbs that are contained in these segments. I did this on purpose to bring to our attention that when we say these prayers we are more than “asking” God for these things: make known to me; teach me; guide me. We are literally begging Him to do them; to teach us how to be better disciples of Jesus; to help us increase and abound in our love for one another. I wonder if when we actually pray them aloud, do really feel that we want to learn and gain greater guidance from the Lord? Or do we usually come to Mass half-asleep and just say them without full attention and a sincere desire to grow in our faith? Advent is that time of the Church’s year that helps us to put ourselves more in the learner’s role. We try to listen more closely to Scripture, take more time for prayer during these four weeks in preparation for the Nativity, and plan to slow down our busy schedules to recall what this Holy Season is truly about. Now I know this sounds very beautiful and we all say we want to do these things: pray more during Advent, read more Scripture, and slow down from all the business. Yet if I were to take a poll in our parish how many actually do this, I doubt very many of us would raise our hands. So this Advent I am hoping that we can join together and focus on a process that is more practical. That is, we can ask and beg God to make clear to us and to give us His guidance as to what He wants each of us to do every day for our parish and lives. I will do this with the help of a tool put together by our parish leadership teams: The new PARISH REGISTRATION FORM. We have updated our old form with a focus on our parish spirituality and areas of interest. These are concrete ways we can actually help each other see how the Lord wishes us to conduct ourselves as parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. My hope and prayer is that you cooperate with this process and gain the most spiritual benefit from doing this together. The word “together” is a key word, because the Lord loves it when people gather together in faith to do His work. Happy Advent and I hope we can help each grow in God’s love each day!

~ Fr. John

advent
Prepare ✓ Return → Rejoice ✦ Awake!



Please join us for an Advent program, ***The Spirituality of Aging*** on Tuesday December 4th at 6:30pm. Sr. Janice Turner, RSM, will be the presenter. You will find it well worth your hour. All are welcomed.

300 Club - Week 11 Winners

#51 Frank Dubisz; #82 Pauline Gagnon; #104 Natalie Welch; #164 Priscilla Desrochers and #200 Rita Haley

Congratulations!



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, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajieux, Laura Jankowski, Kathy Klamm, Roland Dufour, Corrine Holebrook, Harry Mein, Shirley Gazda, Maurice Lavigne, Jean Levasseur and Noël Rinaldi.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

November 24 & 25, 2018

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,493.18
Loose \$ 997.00
Electronic Offering \$ 290.00
Total Offertory: \$3,780.18

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$86.00
Adoration Chapel: \$32.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$20.30
Food Pantry: \$150.00
- Thanksgiving Dinner: \$105.00

Monthly Deficit: \$1,596.61

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	622-5445
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
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



Sunday, December 2

* Religious Ed classes K-8, 9am, hall

Monday, December 3

* My Brother's Keeper, 9am - Noon, hall

* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 4

* **Parish Office Closed today**

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

* GSOP, 10am - Noon, hall

Wednesday, December 5

* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names A-C

* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

Thursday, December 6

* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Saturday, December 8

* Children's Christmas party, 11am—1pm, hall

Sunday, December 9

* Religious Ed classes K-8, 9am, hall



St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

Open Daily: 7am-7pm

Open Hours:

Sundays: 7am & 2pm Fridays: 5pm

Saturdays: 11am & 12pm

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

What better way to prepare for Christmas than making time for Adoration this Advent! Substitutes Needed!!

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.

Boy Scouts Troop #106 Tree Sales

The Boy Scouts annual Tree Sales will take place at Manchester Harley Davidson on John Divine Drive beginning Friday, November 23rd from 10am - 9pm. They will be open daily until all the trees are sold. Please support our scouts by purchasing your tree and/or wreath from them.

Born To Rise Youth Ministry



Serving God By Serving Others

will meet on Friday, December 7th to decorate the hall and wrap gifts for the children's Christmas party on Saturday. Christmas movies and plenty of snack will be available. On Saturday, December 8th, the Youth Ministry will host the party.

All youths in grades 5 and up are invited to host. Bring a friend to join in the fun. Please call Ellen Donohue (867-8881) to let her know you will be there.



Children's Christmas Party

We are inviting the children of the parish, ages 1-12, to join us for our annual Children's Outreach Christmas party on December 8th from 11am-1pm. The children will enjoy games, crafts, a pizza lunch and will be able to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Fr. John will read the story of Christmas and have the children act it out. It ends with each child receiving a present. Please call Lisa in the parish office by December 5th to register your child. They must be pre-registered, no walk-ins (we buy presents based on the age of the child).



The Giving Tree is up in the back of the church. Ornaments have suggestions for gift cards, warm goods, etc. to be used in our Outreach ministry. Please feel free to take an ornament and return it before Christmas. Items may be left in the back of the church. Gift cards should be placed in the collection basket.

JESUS aCROSS the Border - Monthly Gathering - Christmas Concert December 15, 2018 Immaculate Conception Church (216 Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH) 7:30pm - 12:00am Social Event: Christmas Carol Karaoke hosted by Thrive Young Adults Group

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our King, through our Christmas Event! We invite people of ALL AGES and religions for an evening of worship with a Christmas Concert, dynamic speaker, and exciting social gathering. At 7:30pm our night kicks off with our Christmas Concert. Mandy Powers of New England's legendary B-Street Bomber joins us again, along with some new, unbelievably talented special guests: Sammie Moore and the Here on Earth Worship Band! If you enjoyed it last year, you will not be disappointed this year! Following the concert, dynamic priest and Assistant Vocations Director for Manchester, NH, Fr. Von DeRosia, will give a talk titled "Who Would Imagine a King?" This talk will lead into a time of Adoration and Praise & Worship. Finishing the night off, local young adult group, Thrive Young Adults, will get the party going with some Christmas Carol Karaoke, pizza, and hot chocolate!