



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, December 10 - 8:30am

Angelo Bucchino, anniversary of death - requested by his family

Tuesday, December 11 - 8:30am

Lauretta Demers - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

Wednesday, December 12

NO MASS

Thursday, December 13 - 8:30am

Kevin, Kenneth & Keanne Preval - requested by Eve

Friday, December 14 - 8:30am

Sumner Menken - requested by his wife

Saturday, December 15 - 4:00pm

Pearl Lemire, birthday remembrance - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

7:00am

Stephen Siraco, anniversary of death - requested by Lisa & Michael

10:30am

Robert & Lucienne Jobin - requested by Gloria & Maurice Pilotte



This Saturday we sponsored our annual children's Christmas party. It is always wonderful to have over 100 children watch the live presentation of the Nativity of Christ's birth, and then get the chance to meet Santa Claus and ask for a gift. Many of these children come from poor families that can hardly afford a gift. Again through your generosity, dear parishioners, the joy you bring to their lives as expressed by the excitement on their faces is priceless. After these events the children enjoy a large pizza party with family and friends. Getting back to the live re-enactment of the first Nativity (which our bishop attended last year), we ask the children to volunteer to take the parts of the first people who were there to meet the new-born Savior: Mary, Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, the wise men, and even the neighbors from nearby towns! Of course, after the parts of Mary and Joseph are taken everybody wants to be an angel!!! They look so neat and innocent in their white gowns, with a halo wired around their heads! But if they can't be an angel, the children like being shepherds carrying their staff; and if that doesn't work out, they just as soon choose to be a rich magi. I am always amazed at how quickly and trustingly children volunteer to help us out. There is never a need to ask or even beg for help. The children are right there for us. Jesus always reminded us that we have to see the world with the eyes of children and trust like children in order to enter the Kingdom of heaven. That is why children make up the Kingdom of God, way before the wise and the learned. Last weekend we invited you to offer your time, talent and treasure, by volunteering in a ministry to help the church. Your response was outstanding. We received so many forms in return, which shows that you want to become more involved in the life of our parish. And your role in sharing your gift is extremely important to God. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us that by sharing our gift of time, talent and treasure, we are "preparing the way of the Lord, to make straight his paths." And this is exactly what Advent calls us to be: "baptizers" just like John. For through our own baptism we have volunteered to become "baptizers" along whatever paths our lives take us. So let us take on the work of the Baptizer this Christmas. Let us become heralds like John as we go about our holiday preparations: May every kindness and generosity we extend this Christmas mirror Christ's presence in our midst. Love our neighbor as ourselves; even love our enemies as Jesus says. ~ Fr. John



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.

"This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace." ~ Pope Francis



Let us pray for these special intentions:

For all our parishioners that are home-bound 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.



Please remember in your prayers **Lucette Vallee** 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.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

December 1 & 2, 2018

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,734.18
Loose \$1,515.76
Electronic Offering \$ 725.00
Total Offertory: \$4,974.94

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$62.00
Adoration Chapel: \$30.00
Outreach Fund
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$69.10
Food Pantry: \$90.00

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	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 9

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

Monday, December 10

* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 11

* **Parish Office Closed today**

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, December 12

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

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names D-J

* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

Thursday, December 13

* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Sunday, December 16

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



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.

Calling all Angels & Shepherds!

Children ages 6 and up are invited to be part of our Christmas Eve 4pm Mass procession as an angel or shepherd. Please call Martha Donohue at 627-4868 if you would like your child to participate.



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.

The Knights of Columbus Council 5260, invite you to their Ham dinner on Wednesday, December 12 at 5pm. Cost is \$5 per person. The Council is located at 770 So Porter St., off So. Willow St. (Quirk's Auto). Menu: Ham, salad, mashed potatoes, corn & pumpkin pie. All are welcomed.



300 Club - Week 12 Winners

	#23 David Raglin
	#173 Pat Nettel
	#182 Lorraine Boisvert
	#274 Claire Martineau
	#315 Giselle Fontaine

Congratulations!

Every year Brookside Church hosts a Living Nativity in Stark Park complete with live animals from Miles Smith Farm and an awesome cast of volunteers for a live sharing of the Christmas Story complete with some warmth and hot cocoa! It will finish with the singing of traditional Christmas Carols.

The Living Nativity and Caroling will take place in Stark Park on **Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. in collaboration with Friends of Stark Park.**

Handel's MESSIAH Concert

Handel's *Messiah* (Christmas portion) will be performed on Friday, December 14, 2018, 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell Street (corner of Pine and Lowell Streets), Manchester, NH.

From the Overture to the Hallelujah Chorus, this classic oratorio thrills the soul and constantly builds the exciting emotional impact on the audience. This holiday favorite has become a tradition at the Cathedral. Bring your family and friends to make it your tradition too. The Cathedral is wheelchair accessible. \$15 (suggested donation) at the door.

Pork Pie Dinner

The daughters of Isabella will host a Pork Pie Dinner with homemade dessert from 5-7pm on Saturday, December 8th in the Bishop Bradley Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the door.



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