



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, January 12 - 4:00pm**

John Sullivan - requested by his family

**Sunday, January 13 The Baptism of the Lord**

**7:00am**

Paul Bouchard - requested by Priscilla & Gerry Tanguay

**10:30am**

Vincent Ippolitto - requested by his wife Vera

**Monday, January 14 - 8:30am**

Maureen Giacchino - requested by Fr. John

**Tuesday, January 15 - 8:30am**

Roland Marchand - requested by Gerry & Priscilla

Tanguay

**Wednesday, January 16**

NO MASS

**Thursday, January 17 - 8:30am**

Robert Schlottmann, anniversary of death - requested by his wife

**Friday, January 18 - 8:30am**

Leo Plourde - requested by Pauline Gagnon

**Saturday, January 19 - 4:00pm**

Lorraine Dubisz - requested by her husband Frank

**Sunday, January 20 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

Douglas Reid Sr. - requested by Cecily & Mike Markham

**10:30am**

Roger Boisvert - requested by Normand Cassidy & family



God made the cycles of nature not only for the beauty it provides us, but also to teach us lessons about faith and good living as well. For example, the cycle of rain to earth to sun to sky to clouds back to rain is something we learned about in science class. How wonderful is the rain to provide water for the streams and rivers, which finds its way to fill the ocean. Water also nourishes every creature and seedling along its path. Then the sun takes over by illuminating and warming the ocean, transforming its clear blue water into mist. The mist rises back to the sky and becomes a cloud. And then when full the cloud bursts open and more raindrops fall upon the earth. The ancients believed that this cycle of life-giving water moving from heaven to earth and then back to heaven, represents our spiritual journey on earth. They believed that we are like the raindrops, made from the same "holy stuff" which we call water. Water is life as our first home is in the womb of our mother. Water comes from our "father sky" whom we call God: and then like the water, we journey back to Him after we are nurtured and nourished. In our Catholic faith, we describe this cyclical process as baptism. It is a powerful sacrament we receive through which we enter the church, enrich our lives, and then return back to God our original source. But now even more nourished and strengthened, more beautiful and fulfilled! This dynamic process of baptism, of receiving the life giving waters of holiness, was important for Jesus as well. In today's Gospel we hear of John baptizing Jesus in the river Jordan. When you stop to think of it, here is Jesus who is the God-man receiving this very same sacrament that we receive too. Wow!! It has to be that important, that special. Why is this so? Just go back to today's Gospel from St. Luke. After Jesus gets baptized, the heavens opened as the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus. And a voice from heaven said: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." There it is; the reason baptism is so important. Because it makes us God's child. God has a lot of joy in telling us over and over again: "You are my beloved child." Let us never doubt how special we are to God. And the next time it rains, just think of what the ancients said about us: *we are like the raindrops; made of "holy stuff!"*



~ Fr. John

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Open Daily: 7am-7pm



**Open Hours:**

**Fridays: 4pm & 5pm**

**Saturdays: 11am**

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

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.

**Renewing Our Baptismal Vows**

Lord, You led by example in all that you did, wearing the mantle of humility and suffering where once you were robed in glory and power. On this day when we celebrate your Baptism, let us recall our own baptismal vows, renewing our commitment to repentance, service and love. And may we perpetually labor to fill the space in your kingdom that is uniquely ours. Amen



**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, 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, Shirley Gazda, Maurice Lavigne, Jean Levasseur, John Young, Grace Colella, David Rattigan, Cheryl Farro & Steve Price .

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**

January 5 & 6, 2019

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$3,255.19  
Loose \$1,182.00  
Electronic Offering \$ 805.00  
**Total Offertory: \$5,242.19**

**General Parish Fund**

Candles: \$54.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$127.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$38.03  
Food Pantry: \$59.14  
- in memory of R. Schlottmann, Jr.: \$500.00

**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	
Diane Sufat	625-8665
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, January 13**

\* Religious Ed Grades K-8, church hall

**Monday, January 14**

\* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

**Tuesday, January 15**

\* Parish Office Closed today

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

\* Finance Committee, 6:30pm, friary

**Wednesday, January 16**

\* St. Anne's Closet closed today

\* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last names K-P

\* Liturgical Ministry meeting, 6:30pm hall

\* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

**Thursday, January 17**

\* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, OLOM house

\* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

**Sunday, January 20**

\* Religious Ed Grades K-8, church hall

\* Scouts Cake Auction, 3pm, church hall

**Holy Family, Migrant Family**

**Prayer Service**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**6:30pm St. Anne-St. Augustin Church**

Last year many attended and enjoyed this prayer service that we are sponsoring it again! Come and pray for those affected by our nation's immigration policies and hear music in English, Spanish, Arabic and Indonesian! *All are welcome to a reception following with coffee and apple pie.*

**Ecumenical MLK Choir** to sing at the 2019 **Martin Luther King Day Celebration** on Monday, January 21, from 2-5pm, at Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect Street, in Manchester, NH. All are invited to attend.



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To

register, please contact your parish office **by February 1, 2019**. 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 anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

**Experience the Good, the True and the Beautiful at St. Francis School  
Open House Wednesdays in February**

St. Francis School is one of just forty-six schools in the Country to be named to the National Catholic Education Honor Roll. We provide excellence in academics and moral formation for Preschool (age 3) to Sixth Grade. We are blessed with a 14-acre campus that allows our children to learn about God through the beauty of the natural world. Through our innovative Natural Science program, students snow-shoe, ice-fish, and practice outdoor survival skills. To learn more and to register for an Open House, please visit [StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call (603) 424-3312.

**Official Notice from the Diocese of Manchester**

**regarding the change in status of the**

**Saint Benedict Center and the "Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School:**



Following decisions reached by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Saint Benedict Center, The Saint Benedict Center, Inc., and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Richmond, NH, have been placed under strict canonical prohibitions and obligations. **As a result, under no circumstances may Catholics receive the sacraments of the Church at the Saint Benedict Center or any of its locations, nor should they participate in any activity provided by this group or school, including their summer camp.** Further details can be found on the diocesan website at: [www.catholicnh.org/sbc](http://www.catholicnh.org/sbc).

**St. Andrew Dinner**

An invitation to young men, ages 14-18, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner on February 8, 6:00-8:00pm at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. RSVP to [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.



**300 Club - Week 17 Winners**

- #30 Tim Oczykowski
- #132 Diane & Richard Baillargeon
- #167 Tim Oczykowski
- #202 Arthur DesMeules
- #293 Frank Dubisz

Congratulations!