

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 15 - 4:00pm

Janet Langella - requested by her mother Doris

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday of Lent

7:00am

Aurelien St. Pierre - requested by Priscilla & Gerry Tanguay

10:30am

CONFIRMATION

Frank & Anna Molloy - requested by Bob & Lorene Molloy & Barbar Shaw

Monday, March 18 - 8:30am

Paul Gagnon - requested by Don & Priscilla Bournival

Tuesday, March 19 - 8:30am Feast of St. Joseph

For the special intentions of Michael & Christine

Wednesday, March 20

No Mass

Thursday, March 21 - 8:30am

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Friday, March 22 - 8:30am

Elizabeth Gilmartin - requested by Mary McNeill

Saturday, March 23 - 4:00pm

Bert & Anita Morin - requested by the Dachowski family

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday of Lent

7:00am

Lynda King, birthday remembrance - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

10:30am

Paul Gagnon - requested by Doris Cote



Have you ever been in a difficult situation and felt quite alone and isolated? Maybe it was difficult to talk to anybody, even those closest to you because you thought that no one would understand your fears. Then all of a sudden, someone came along, someone you least expected, and shared a smile or kind word that gave you a ray of light in the midst of your darkness. You can be sure that God is the one who sends that unexpected visitor as your ray of light. I remember that I was unexpectedly chosen by God to be a ray of light to someone in deep distress. This was a patient who needed emergency surgery but was frightened out of her mind. She was afraid that if she had the anesthesia, she would never wake up again! Yet she needed the surgery to survive. I, as the chaplain, just happened to be walking by which caught her attention. She said to the surgeon that the only way she would undergo the surgery was if the chaplain (me!) held her hand during the procedure. Though an unusual request, the doctor agreed to it. I gowned up with the surgeon and his assistants and held the woman's hand while praying for her throughout the procedure. Thank goodness, all went well. The point of this story is that I never expected to do this, nor did the surgeon ever expect to have me present, nor did the patient ever expect me to be "just walking by." You see, God does this all the time: he uses people to be rays of light to help one another when we least expect it. In today's Gospel about the Transfiguration, Jesus gives the 3 disciples Peter, James and John, a powerful ray of light when they most needed it. For they were faint-hearted and discouraged about the fate of Jesus and their own future! He kept teaching them about His final journey to the cross. And they knew that if they chose to remain with Him, they would have crosses to bear as well. From their viewpoint, this didn't seem like a very hopeful future. So Jesus knew that they needed a ray of light to take them out of their doldrums and give them hope! He showed them two prophets from the past, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in their glory to witness to them how God's light always conquers darkness. For they were proof that life conquers death. And now Jesus was showing the three a "preview of coming attractions": His Transfiguration! This Sunday God has sent 32 "rays of light" to us at Blessed Sacrament Parish. These children will be making their Confirmation, a sign of the strengthening of their faith in the Holy Spirit. May the light of their faces shine brightly and give each of us hope in all the wonderful things that God has in store for those who believe! ~ Fr. John

St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel

Open Daily: 7am-7pm

Open Hours: Sundays: 2pm Saturdays: 11am

We are called to prayer during Lent. If you have never been to our chapel, volunteer for an hour this Lent. If you can't commit to a set hour, please consider being a substitute. There is always a great need of substitutes to cover sick calls, vacations etc.

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

"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty." ~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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, 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, Dorothy Compagna, Rita Pariseau, Bert Beaudette, Bill Blanchard, John Batista & Fr. John Bavaro.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

March 9 & 10, 2019

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes	\$2,180.19
Loose	\$ 764.00
Electronic Offering	\$1,105.00
Total Offertory:	\$5,0419.19
Fuel/Energy Collection:	\$872.00

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$63.00
Adoration Chapel: \$26.00
Outreach Fund
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:\$38.95

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	
Sr. Marjorie	622-5445

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, March 17

* NO Religious Ed today

Monday, March 18

* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, March 19

* Parish Office Closed today
 * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass
 * Finance Committee, 6:30pm, friary

Wednesday, March 20

* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
 * Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names D-J
 * ESL classes, 3pm, OLOM house
 * Liturgy Committee, 6:30pm, friary
 * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

Thursday, March 21

* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, OLOM house
 * Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Friday, March 22

* Stations of the Cross after Mass

Saturday, March 23

* Pinewood Derby, 9am-3pm, church hall

Sunday, March 24

* Religious Ed grades K-8, 9am, church hall

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Knights of Columbus Pro Life Seminar

Sunday, March 31st, 12-4pm, St. Joseph Cathedral

The guest speaker will be Brother Knight Dennis Pedley from St. Gianna's Place in Londonderry.

St. Gianna's Place offers transitional housing and life training skills for women facing crisis pregnancies. A safe and nurturing environment is offered for their babies. Spiritual and emotional support is given. In addition, representatives from several pro-life organizations will be there with information/display tables. Some of those in attendance will be New Hampshire Right to Life, 40 Days for Life, Cornerstone, and Natural Family Planning, along with pregnancy care centers.

It all begins at 12:00 p.m. with a free will offering luncheon hosted by the Daughters of Isabella. The Speaking program begins about 12:45p.m. when you will hear from some of the agencies present. There will be a break before the guest speaker's presentation to afford time to visit the information tables. This is an opportunity to enrich, educate and motivate yourselves in the different ways in which you can help build a culture of life in New Hampshire. Registration deadline is Wednesday 03/27/19.

Please contact Ron Di Stasio- email rddistasio@comcast.net or phone 595-7837.

St. Gianna's Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a benefit banquet on May 1 from 5:30 pm - 9:15 pm at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester, NH. Our guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations are \$60 per person / \$600 per table before March 15, and \$65 per person / \$650 per table thereafter. Make checks payable to St. Gianna's Place and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.

Interfaith Women of NH Event

March 28, 2019

INTERFAITH WOMEN of NH is pleased to invite all women to our next event, a book discussion of "The Prophet" by Khalil Gibran, facilitated by Selma Naccach-Hoff, English Department Head at Manchester Central High school. Come explore the universal themes and influences of this enduring poetic work and their relevance in the 21st century. The event will be held at First Congregational Church, 508 Union St. in Manchester. Check-in starts at 6:15 pm and the program begins at 6:45 pm. Plan to join us afterward for conversation and refreshments. Please RSVP (this really helps us to plan) to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-233-7760. Visit us online at interfaithwomennh.org.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

The Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Friary

The Liturgical Committee will meet this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the friary.

300 Club - Week 4



#148 Maurice Lavigne; #153 Gloria Pilotte; #229 Raymond Labore; #253 David Vigneault & #318 Jackie Livsey

Congratulations!!

A new club has begun. Be sure to get your lucky number. Remember, you can't win if you don't play. Cost is \$20 (\$1 a week for 20 weeks). \$50 in prizes given out each week for 20 weeks. \$1800 in prizes awarded in the Grand Drawing. If you'd like to become a member and receive your lucky number, please call Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Terry Sylvain 669-2582 or Lisa at the friary office at 622-5445.