Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 13 - 4:00pm
The Morin & Dachowski families - requested by the family

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
7:00am
Richard Tanguay - requested by Priscilla & Gerry Tanguay
10:30am
Roger Boisvert, anniversary of death - requested by his wife & family

Monday, April 15 - 8:30am
Richard Tremblay - requested by Marcel & Rita Pinard

Tuesday, April 16 - 8:30am
John McNeill - requested by Mary McNeil

Wednesday, April 17
No Mass

Thursday, April 18
Holy Thursday
7:00pm
For the intentions of Ed Leduc

Friday, April 19
Good Friday
3:00pm: Stations of the Cross
7:00pm
The Passion of our Lord

Saturday, April 20
Easter Vigil
7:00pm
Paul Kelliher - requested by the family

Sunday, April 21
The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter
7:00am
The deceased members of the Keeffe families - requested by Carol Keefe
Hendries
10:30am
Irene Beaudin - requested by Janice & Roger Beaudin

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.” ~ St. Francis of Assisi

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 Sylvia, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Arthur Proulx, Aiden Weeds, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajeux, 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 Bavar, Patty Abdelkarim, Pauline Gagnon, Anita Morrissette, Barbara Pinard, Sylvia Corrieneau & Jeanne Monty.

There was once a nurse who was dedicated to her work. She also loved God and wondered if she was offering enough to Him by her work. Here are a few words that she wrote in her journal: “I have to remind myself that I am a tiny, insignificant part of God’s great plan for somebody, and that, when I hold that person’s hand before surgery, or clean up after they have been sick in bed, or draw blood with as little pain as possible, I have been a little bit of God.” Her words are a good reminder to all of us that we all have something to offer to God and to others. It may not appear to be special or extraordinary, but when given over to God, it can do great things. In our Gospel today, we see the giving of a donkey to Jesus. It was a very simple gift, but Jesus needed it, so the owner surrendered it to Him. And what became of it? Holy Week began with this kind but simple gift of a donkey! So we give God what we have. And that’s all that matters. God uses our gift, insignificant as it may seem to us. God then makes great things happen because of our generosity. The other example of the giving of a simple gift to the Lord occurred as Jesus was dying on the cross. Many people standing around the cross were yelling and cursing at Him, challenging Him to come down from the cross if He truly was the Son of God. One of the few who showed Jesus reverence and respect was the good thief who was crucified next to Him. His name was Dismas. Even though he believed he had nothing to offer to God, only a wasted life of crime and theft, he called our Lord by his first name: “Jesus,” he said. Nobody else gave Jesus the honor of saying His most Holy Name. And then Dismas added, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He made a simple act of faith and trust without expecting anything in return. And how did Jesus respond to Dismas? “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Not only did the good thief receive an eternal reward for his simple act of kindness; the Church also honored him by canonizing him as St. Dismas. In short, we give God what we have. We ought not to compare our gift to what others may offer. God has made each one of us unique. As we begin this Holy Week, just give Jesus your all and watch how God will bless others!” ~ Fr. John

Envelopes to donate towards the Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one are available in the back of the church and the window sills. Names will be published in the bulletin after Easter.

Do you have extra rosary beads you can share? We are collecting rosary beads for the Adoration Chapel and to be used on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please leave your donated rosaries in the entrance to the chapel or bring them to the parish office. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:
April 6 & 7, 2019

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Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and our Outreach Programs.
On Sunday, April 21st we will hide the community service project. It takes about 30 minutes and is a quick and fun activity. Thursday, April 18th: Good Friday 3:00pm: Stations of the Cross 7:00pm: The Passion of our Lord & Veneration of the Cross Saturday, April 20th: Easter Vigil Mass Sunday, April 21st: Masses at 7am & 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30am Mass
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 $65 per person / $650 per table. Please make checks payable to St. Gianna's Place and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.

Walking the Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, April 19, 2019, 1:30pm
Grace Episcopal Church, 106 Lowell Street, Manchester, NH 03101
All are welcome to join in this opportunity for public prayer on Good Friday. This Stations of the Cross prayer service is a walking tour of Manchester’s Center City neighborhood. Stations represent many of the challenges faced by members of that community, from housing insecurity to access to nutritious food. The service recalls Jesus’ suffering, connecting it to suffering in our own community, which we pray will be redeemed by God’s grace with us as his servants. The walk is approximately two miles.

Journey to Jerusalem: Your Spiritual Pilgrimage in Holy Week
Presented by the 7th and 8th grade students at Holy Family Academy, 281 Cartier St., Manchester, NH April 15th through April 18th 8:45am to 3:30pm (8:45am to 12:30pm on Holy Thursday) Displays include: 3D Map of Israel -- 3D Map of Jerusalem, The Shroud of Turin, The Last 24 Hours, The 7 Last Words Golgotha, 6 Summits of Salvation Mary’s Scrapbook, Life of Christ in the Mysteries of the Rosary and more. This ‘Journey to Jerusalem’ display focusses on the events, people and places of Holy Week. You are invited to make your own Journey this Holy Week at HFA. (603) 644-7247 -- www.holyfamilyacademy.org

The Cathedral Chamber Singers will lead the Office of Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral of St Joseph’s Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 145 Lowell Street (corner of Pine and Lowell Streets), Manchester, NH.
A special form of prayer, originally prayed by the Church on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the service consists of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayers of the Church. It is dramatically marked by the extinguishing of the church’s lights and of the seven candles placed in a candelabrum in the sanctuary. The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is accessible via Lowell Street and is wheelchair accessible. There will be a freewill offering.

Catholic Charities New Hampshire: Greater Manchester Report
Thanks to your support of our Parish Appeal, Catholic Charities New Hampshire is able to respond to the unique needs of community members across Greater Manchester, from newborns and children to adults and the elderly. In the past year, our various programs and services touched 39,057 individuals and families in your region, much of which was made possible through your generous support and prayerful gifts. While everyone has a different story, together, we are walking with them to overcome poverty, despair, and significant, unpredictable life challenges. Visit www.cc-nh.org/impact-central to learn more about the impact of Catholic Charities NH in Greater Manchester.

Joe Bennet will be turning 101 years old on Friday, April 26th!!! Many of you remember Joe, he was a long time usher at the 4pm Mass until he retired a few years ago to the NH Veterans Home. Joe receives the bulletin every week and still supports the parish. We are part of his family. He would be happy to be remembered in your thoughts & prayers. He would be so surprised to receive a card from his fellow parishioners. He would especially love a visit for those who are able to travel. Here’s his address:
Joseph Bennett
New Hampshire Veterans Home
139 Winter St.
Tilton, NH 03276-5415