

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 1

4:00pm

George Young - requested by the Donohue family

6:00pm

The deceased members of our parish

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am

Jeannette Jacques - requested by Gemma & Leonard Houde

10:30am

Martha Nickerson, 10th anniversary of death - requested by her family

Monday, January 3 - 8:30am

John McNeill - requested by his mother

Tuesday, January 4 - 8:30am

Helen Donohue - requested by the Donohue family

Wednesday, January 5

- No Mass -

Thursday, January 6 - 8:30am

Diane Demers - requested by Janice Beaudin

Friday, January 7 - 8:30am

Marcel Larochelle - requested by his wife

Saturday, January 8

4:00pm

Sr. Pauline Lavigne, CSC, birthday remembrance - requested by Pauline & Maurice Lavigne

6:00pm

Paulette Morrissette - requested by her family

Sunday, January 9 Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am

John Sullivan - requested by his family

10:30am

Vincent Ippolito - requested by his wife Vera

Due to the ongoing concerns of Covid-19, Fr. John has decided to **continue the Saturday 6pm Mass for January & February**. We will continue to monitor the pandemic and adjust our Masses as necessary.



St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel
Open: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 6pm
 Seating is limited to just 5 people to ensure 6ft social distance spacing. Each adorer will be instructed on how to sanitize their chair and kneeler when they leave. We have removed all worship aids & rosaries, so please bring your own. Please call Irene, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.



As we begin the new year of 2022, you can be sure that every human being has a major resolution embedded deep in their heart: "How can I find happiness and meaning in life this year?" Happiness and meaning are just as important as food and water: they nourish the soul as much as the later nourish the body. We know from experience how much unhappiness and lack of meaning exist around us today. When that happens, you can be sure that the breakdown of family and society is sure to follow. The experts in the field of philosophy offer us the following five tips on how we can find happiness and meaning in our lives:

- 1) Don't Look for Happiness: aiming at happiness is not a good way to be happy. Instead, aim at something higher, for example, being a faithful friend. Then happiness might sneak up on you.
- 2) Look Around: keep interested in life; if you cultivate your mind the right way, you'll always have some-thing to fascinate you and will keep boredom away.
- 3) Look to Virtue: develop the "virtues." They are character traits that incline us to strive to be as good a person as you can be.
- 4) Look Beyond Yourself: aim at projects that go beyond your own private concerns. Help your neighbors, your relatives, the poor. The healthiest people are proven to be those who volunteer their time, talent, and treasure in helping others.
- 5) Look Up: keep a close relationship with God. When we "look up" to Him by seeing the good things in others' lives rather than focus on the negative, we are sure to find love and connection with others, especially with our God.

As we reflect on today's most beautiful feast of Our Lady, Mary the Mother of God, we realize that she embraced these five principles quite naturally. She was a faithful servant to God and to her family; she cultivated prayer and kept a deep interest in the life of her son; she developed the virtues of faith, hope and charity; she looked beyond herself to do God's will even as she sacrificed her son on the cross; she looked up to God through prayer and devotion as we see in her great prayer of the Magnificat. Let's follow Mary's example, because her task as Mother of God and mother of humans has always been to lead us her children to her divine Son. ~ Fr. John



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. We also pray for: Acilda Dachowski, David Rattigan, Bert Beaudette, Lorraine Turcotte, Lucille Frederique, Rachel Lambert, Michael Bergeron, Paula Cote, Barbara Thurston, Heather Spice, Kevin Devlin, Steve Donohue, Frank Moulin, Karen Vaughen, Alberto Canad, Bob Allard, Pat Barassi, Stacey Young, Ruth Nadol, Mark Shackelford, Karen Langella, Doug & Germaine Foss, Elaine Perusse, Maurice Lavigne, Helen Ulicny, Patricia Tucker, Joyce Dion, Norma Lemire, Dean Avellis, Fred Bergevin, Steve Allard, Len Dickson, Fred Rivard, Pauline Gagnon, Joann Germano, Robin Tancrede, Barry Rogers, Sr. Joan Messier, Sr. Anne Marineau, Wayne Banchard, Dean Chapa, Paul St Jean, Regina McGrail, Gladys Mendoza, Mary McNeil and Phillippe Frederique.

Living the Faith: "At Christmas, God reveals Himself not as one who is on high in order to dominate, but as the One who stoops down, small and poor, a companion on the road, to serve: this means that in order to resemble Him, the way is that of lowering oneself, of service."
 ~ Pope Francis

PARISH LEADERSHIP

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Beverly Bergeron	769-7816
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	315-7623
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)	
Parish Office	622-5445
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	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	
Ron Latouche	396-5168
Youth Group	
Ellen Vigneault	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

This Week

Monday, January 3

- * Office closed
- * Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Tuesday, January 4

- * Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 6pm

Wednesday, January 5

- * St. Anne's Closet, 11-1pm
- * Food Pantry, 1-3pm

Thursday, January 6

- * Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 6pm
- * Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall



December 24, 25 & 26, 2021



Christmas & Weekend Offertory

Envelopes	\$2,586.00
Loose	\$1,496.20
Electronic Offering	\$1,235.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$1,750.00
Total Offertory:	\$7,067.00

General Parish Fund

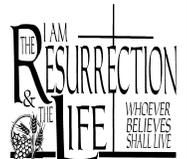
Candles:	\$58.00
Adoration Chapel:	\$-0-
Outreach Fund	
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:	\$128.00
Food Pantry:	\$110.00
- in memory of B. Shaw:	\$300.00
- in memory of K. Sullivan:	\$50.00

Non-Parishioner Christmas Offerings: \$3,500.00
Parishioner end of year donations: \$9,305.00



2021 was full of challenges, yet you, our parishioners and friends of the parish, remained so faithful and generous with your weekly, monthly or yearly offertories. In addition, you were all so generous with extra tithing to our Outreach Ministries, 300 Club participation and our very successful Calendar Raffle. Also, we are very grateful for the weekly food donations we receive both for the food pantry and our homeless ministry. We are humbled and blessed by your generosity. Thank you so very much. May God continue to bless all of you and our Blessed Sacrament family. Your support helps us to live out the Gospel message to love and serve one another. Happy New Year!

We commend the soul of **Barbara Shaw** into the loving embrace of our God and the eternal peace that only Christ gives. Let us pray that the hope and promise of Christ's Resurrection will bring strength and comfort to her loved ones during this time of mourning and deep sorrow.



Giving Tree Update: Thank you to all our parishioners and friends that contributed to the Christmas Giving Tree. **\$4,065.00** in gift cards were given to the homeless/outreach program! The cards were for grocery stores, general merchandise stores, gas, and fast food restaurants. These will benefit our ministries throughout the year. God bless you for your generosity.

On January 1, 2022 Pope Francis calls us to stop, pray, learn about and act for peace by reflecting on his World Day of Peace Message entitled Education, Work and Dialogue Between Generations: Tools For Building Lasting Peace.

In 2022, Pope Francis invites us to consider three challenges:

1. We are invited "to read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith, so that the direction of this change awakens new and old questions with which it is right and necessary to be confronted." In other words, we are called to hear the challenging facts, speak the hard truths, move toward the demanding actions. Denial is not an option for us.

2. Pope Francis seeks to answer questions about education and how it contributes to lasting peace. He addresses how work can "respond more or less to the vital needs of human beings on justice and freedom."

3. This Message also looks at the extent to which generations are in solidarity with each other and whether governments "succeed in setting a horizon of peace." Rooting ourselves in the saving and reconciling love of God, we are invited to ask

ourselves these questions:

- Does work in the world respond to the vital need of humans for justice and freedom?
- Are the generations truly seeking solidarity with each other?
- Do all generations believe in the goodness of the future?
- Do governments succeed in setting a horizon of peace through education and work?

In 2022, let us seek answers to these questions through prayer and take action: action big and small, personal and corporate. Let us trust God and work together to find the