



**Saturday, March 9 - 4:00pm**

*Tom Levandowski* - requested by Shannon Levandowski

**Sunday, March 10**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

*Max Lawrence, special healing intentions*

**10:30am**

*For the intentions of Porfirio*

*Felicita Gamonal*

**Monday, March 11 - 8:30am**

*Emma Rose Garon* - requested by

*Priscilla & Bob St. Gelais*

**Tuesday, March 12 - 8:30am**

*Edward Bochniak* - requested by

*Jacqueline Bochniak*

**Wednesday, March 13**

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**Thursday, March 14 - 8:30am**

*Emma Rose Garon* - requested by *Priscilla & Bob St. Gelais*

**Friday, March 15 - 8:30am**

*Joan Allard* - requested by *Natalie & Larry Welch*

**Saturday, March 16 - 4:00pm**

*Jeanne Adams, birthday remembrance* - requested by *Tracey & Stuart Adams*

**Sunday, March 17**

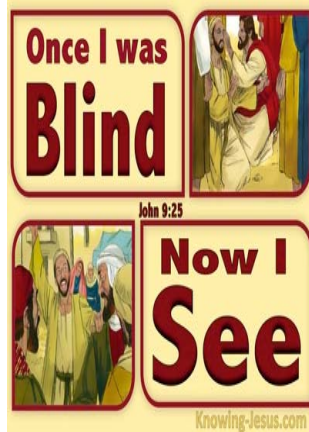
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

*Br. Paul Crawford* - requested by *Lisa & Michael Siraco*

**10:30am**

*Harold, Alice & Lawrence Young* - requested by the *Donohue family*



One of the most powerful experiences I have ever had with respect to blindness was as a hospital chaplain. One day I was riding the hospital elevator in the company of Phil R., a hospital administrator. As Phil and I were sharing some light conversation, I noticed a young man also riding the elevator. He was blind because I remember him using a pole to feel his way onto the elevator. When the elevator arrived at our destination, we got off as did the young man. He immediately came over to Phil and said with full confidence: "Hi Mr. Phil R. How are you?" Phil was amazed and didn't recognize the man. My name is Jimmy J., and when I was a little boy, I studied with you at the School for the Blind." Phil answered: "Oh yes, now I remember you. How did you know it was me right this moment?" The young man responded: "I recognized your voice. You always had a gentle voice, and I will never forget how kindly you treated me and all your students." Later on, Phil said to me how amazing this was since he had taught this man over 25 years prior! In light of today's Gospel, where Jesus encountered the man born blind, something similar happened. The blind man recognized the kindness of Jesus through hearing his voice. Jesus responded with great gentleness and kindness as He then healed the man. The question that arises for me is "Who was really blind and who could truly see?" You see, many people who had physical vision did not truly "see" who Jesus was; they were blind to the reality that He was the Son of God who with a gentle voice would bring light and peace. Among them were the chief priests and Pharisees. Ironically, the man born blind really "saw" Jesus for who He really was: the Messiah and Savior. The blind man had spiritual sight, while those who could physically see, were totally blind to Jesus. So, one of the lessons we can take from this week-end's Gospel is how we can develop spiritual sight and avoid spiritual blindness. Both the blind man and Jimmy J. were able to see with their hearts. What kind of condition are our hearts in? Are we seeing and hearing God's gentle presence in our lives this Lent? ~ Fr. John

Blessed Sacrament & St. Anne-St. Augustin invite parishioners and friends to a special **Memorial Mass for Br. Paul Crawford, OFM Cap**, on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Br. Paul served our two parishes and ministered to the people of Manchester for 33 years and recently passed away in NY. He had a tremendous affect on the many people he came in contact with through his ministry at the parishes and as a strong advocate for social justice. We want to offer people the chance to honor Br. Paul and offer thanksgiving for his dedication to God's work.

**March 2 & 3, 2024**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$1,816.00  
Loose \$ 858.45  
Electronic Offertory \$2,975.00  
Mailed in Offertory: \$1,280.00  
**Total Offertory: \$6,929.45**



**General Fund**

Candles: \$74.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$-0-

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$149.00  
Food Pantry: \$30.00  
- in loving memory of J. Allard: \$160.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish which helps us to live out the Gospel message to love and serve one another. We are also 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. May God continue to bless all of you and our Blessed Sacrament family.

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Open: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 6pm

**LIVESTREAMED 24/7 on our website**

Divine Mercy Chaplet livestreamed daily  
at 3am & 3pm

**OPEN HOUR: Thursdays, 11am**



**Come, share an hour with Jesus and leave refreshed and at peace.**

This Lent, try adding more prayer time to your life. What better way than reflecting on the sacrifices of Jesus than at His feet in Eucharistic adoration? If you've never been to the chapel, Lent is a wonderful time to visit. Please call Lisa in the parish office, 603-622-5445 for more information.

#### PARISH LEADERSHIP

#### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Patrick Gilmartin	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	315-7623
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	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
Boy/Cub Scouts	
Ron St. Cyr	622-8182
Finance Committee	
Dee Pouliot	
Parish Prayer Line	
Gemma Houde	668-3993
Pastoral Council	
Tracey Adams	
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	
Roselle Neely	673-9141
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



**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, Lorraine Turcotte, Sr. Anne Marineau, Jason S., Bert & Georgette Beaudette, Jeanne Sylvain, Richard & Tricia Bilodeau, Jon Lupien, Sr. Cecile Provost, David Rattigan, Rick Pank, Josephine Housty, Suellen Callahan, Esther & Charles Shea Jr., Jennifer Erheart, MaryAnn Mosman, Lucille Vigneault, Doris Cote, Joe Carnevale, Len Dickson, Robyn Tancrede, Irene & Roger Allard, Pauline Lavigne, Ron Fortin, Paul Houghton, Arnold Wright, Stephen Gilmartin, Jonathan Camire, Jr., Desire Lemay, Richard LeBlanc, Bobby Anderson, Doug Flanders, Cindy Cleary, Donna Mullen, Christine Wood, Joseph Belliveau, Doris Goodwin, Colette O'Connor, Jaime Dupuis, Casey S, Finley, Cayden, Sara Sidner and Levi Coffee.



#### 300 Club: Week 13

#235 Michael Siraco;  
#278 Michael Racette;  
#283 Tom Lavallee;  
#284 Sr Theresa Fournier; and  
#290 Rita Montpelier  
Congratulations!



*Support Christian families in the  
Bethlehem and Jerusalem area.*



Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on display on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of March after all Masses at St. André Bessette in Laconia, NH. Holy Land Bethlehem Artworks is an organization that provides assistance to over 100 suffering families each week. Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item for your home to be cherished through generations. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago. The population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 1% just within the last ten years. **Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.**



#### Monday, March 11

- \* Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, 9am
- \* Boy Scouts 6:30pm, church hall
- \* Choir practice, 7pm, church

#### Tuesday, March 12

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 6pm
- \* Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30pm, friary

#### Wednesday, March 13

- \* St. Anne's Closet, 10am-12pm
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm

#### Thursday, March 14

- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 6pm
- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9am, Mercy House
- \* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

#### Friday, March 15

- \* Stations of the Cross, 9am

#### Saturday, March 16

- \* St Patrick's Dinner, 5:30pm, hall

We still have some open ad space in our bulletin. The ads support our Food Pantry & Outreach Ministries. If you would like to place an ad in memory/honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings received, please call Lisa in the office for details. If you know of a business that might advertise, please let us know.

# Lent



#### Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus

Learn about the Carmelite devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, based on the vision of St. Therese and the Shroud of Turin, the prayer of St. Therese and the canticle of St. John of the Cross. The prayer expresses the love and admiration for the Sacred Face of Jesus, the star of our lives and the guide to Heaven.

During Lent, our parish will embrace this devotion on Mondays immediately after Mass.

**Hannaford Super Market** on John Devine Drive will be sharing the proceeds of the sale of **Bloomin' 4 Good** floral bouquets with our St. Anthony Food Pantry. Throughout March 2024 the Food Pantry will receive \$1 for every specially marked Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet purchased. When you shop there, be sure to pick up a bouquet to brighten your day or someone you care about, and you'll also help the Food Pantry!

City Year is seeking nominations of 17–25-year-olds to do a year of service in Manchester schools. City Year's a life-changing opportunity for any young person you know who's interested in social justice or community service, or who's good with kids or interested in being a teacher, or who could use a year after high school or college to discern or build skills. The corps members make a big difference through their service and get lots of benefits themselves. To nominate someone, please call the parish office and we'll forward the nomination form to you.