



Saturday, May 4 - 4:00pm

Elaine Kelliher - requested by her family

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easer

7:00am

Roger Duhaime - requested by Constance & Robert Boivin

10:30am

Matthew Labore - requested by Evelyn Provencher

Monday, May 6 - 8:30am

Lucille Scerbo - requested by Jacquelyn Bochniak

Tuesday, May 7 - 8:30am

Rose O'Neill - requested by Krista And Jim Sullivan

Wednesday, May 8

- NO MASS-

Thursday, May 9 - 8:30am

Pauline & Bert Gagnon, anniversary remembrance requested by Anne & Lucie

Friday, May 10 - 8:30am

Carmen Drouin, birthday remembrance - requested by her husband

Saturday, May 11 - 4:00pm

John Levandowski - requested by Shannon Levandowski

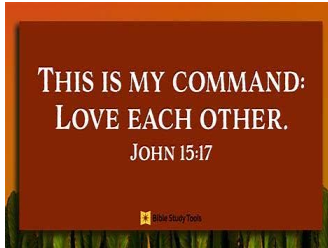
Sunday, May 12 The Ascension Of The Lord

7:00am

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by her family

10:30am

Joan Allard - requested by Michael & Lisa Siraco



"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." (1 John 4:7)



I remember sitting on a subway train when a new passenger got on board and sat next to me. At first, I felt curious and uncomfortable about her self-presentation. She dressed as if she was a life-sized orange popsicle! Everything she wore was orange colored: her suit, her shoes, her earrings, and even her eyeglass frames. Even her make-up looked a bit touched up with an orange glow. I wondered if she was part of a theater company going to her performance, or just plain odd. Then I was shocked when she opened a small pocket-sized bible and began reading it. It was the New Testament, and the passage she was reading was the one about loving God from St. John's epistle (cf. above). The reading speaks about "everyone who loves as being begotten by God and as knowing God." It doesn't say anything about how a person dresses or what they look like. I felt a bit convicted as I wondered why I had for a moment felt some judgment towards her, without even realizing it. It made me see how those of us who profess ourselves to be followers of Jesus get focused on external things about other people. We forget that it's what's inside a person that makes them a good and holy person. We must be careful not to fall into the temptation of the evil one who tries to get us to judge one another by external appearances. Isn't this a major part of the reason why there is so much hatred and violence in the world? People from a certain culture or country will feel superior to others, just because they act differently or look different. In today's Gospel, Jesus says to His disciples: "Remain in my love." Then He even gives a command that we "love one another." Just to put a period at the end of my story of the lady dressed in orange. I came to find out later that she was a seminary teacher who taught Latin; and the reason for her choice of bright orange as her color was to express her deep joy for God's goodness. She wanted to brighten other peoples' lives with this Good News! ~ Fr. John

It is with great gratitude that we say goodbye to Fr. Raymond Gagnon as he returns to his residence in Franklin, NH this week. Fr. John is very grateful for the help he has offered celebrating Masses and hearing Confessions. The parishioners at Blessed Sacrament thank him for his interesting homilies and his wonderful sense of humor that he shared. See you again in November Fr. Ray!! Enjoy your summer!

Fr. John will be attending his Franciscan Community's Provincial Chapter this coming week at their retreat center in Wappingers Falls, NY. A Provincial Chapter is held once every three years. It is a time for all the Franciscan Friars together for prayer and discernment on the direction of their community life and ministries. This chapter will also be a time for elections of new leaders in the community. Fr. John asks that you pray for his community during this tie, that they listen to the guidance of the holy spirit in doing God's Will for the Church. The Chapter goes from May 7th - May 12th. Masses at our parish will be covered by Frs. Theodore and Eric. Please give these priests a Blessed Sacrament welcome for their generous help!

April 27 & 28, 2024		
Weekend Offertory		
Envelopes	\$2,040.00	
Loose	\$ 935.00	
Electronic Offering	\$2,180.00	
Mailed in Offertory:	\$ 260.00	
Total Offertory:	\$5,415.00	
General Fund		Outreach Fund
Candles: \$70.00		St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$257.00
Adoration Chapel: \$21.00		Food Pantry: \$-0-

Please welcome Joanna Brown who will be speaking on behalf of the NH Catholic Appeal at the 7am & 10:30am Sunday Masses. Fr. John will speak in her place on Saturday at he 4pm Mass.

Our parish goal this year is **\$28,402** and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs. Last year, our parish raised **\$30,983** for our shared ministries of the Church in NH. Our parishioners are wonderfully generous

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, 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, Sara Sidner, Levi Coffey, Kim, Gary & Marjorie Johnson, Fr. Richard Simon, Claudette Blais, Gerry Tanguay, Benjamin Mendoza, Sr. and Merlina Ancheta.



Monday, May 6

* Boy Scouts 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, May 7

* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
 * Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 6pm

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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

Join us for breakfast on **Sunday, May 19th!** The Knights of Columbus #5260 and the Social Committee will co-host the breakfast on Pentecost Sunday from 8am-10am.



Menu: Eggs, bacon, sausage, pan fires, baked beans, English muffin, beverage.
 Cost: \$5 per person. Tickets sold at the parish office or at the door.

300 Club: Grand Prize Drawing

- \$500:** #90 Tracey & Stuart Adams
- \$400:** #211 Dan Leclerc
- \$300:** # 42 Kayden & Lorraine Labore
- \$200:** #131 Priscilla DesRochers
- \$100:** # 20 Lise & John Fredette
- \$ 50:** #109 Pat McCarthy
 #201 Leonard Houde
 #291 Lorraine Legasse
 # 71 Matthew Madden
- \$ 20:** #256 Kelly Gagne
 # 29 Joan Mooney
 # 15 Shirley Glidden
 # 50 Susan Byrd
 # 21 Sebastien & Alexandre Feren

Congratulations!

A new club will begin in 2 weeks. Your captains will be contacting you. If you don't have a lucky number & want one, please contact one of the captains.

Captains: Lisa (in the parish office) 622-5445/H: 582-6330, Donna Mullen 669-8344; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173, or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.

Homeless Ministry/Food Pantry Request

We are seeing an increase in the homeless that come for food. We have more people now living in their cars since they can't afford their rent (they are employed). We give out 20+ bags of food a week. The homeless require special foods from the pantry since they are unable to cook food. The pantry is asking for help to supply the following items in the homeless bags:

- canned/sealed packs chicken, meat, tuna
- individual snacks/cookies
- jello/fruit cups
- canned pastas, stews
- Juice boxes/water
- baked beans/chili
- protein drinks
- small jars/individual packets of peanut butter/jelly

If possible, please choose the flip top cans (no need for a can opener) or individual size portions. Items may be left in the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. We could also use more gas cards for those living in their cars. Thank you for your support.



Daily Winners

May 1/\$35: Lily Baker-Swierz

May 2/\$30: Anne Owsowitz

May 3/\$30: Andy Demers

St. Anthony of Padua Church will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary and are inviting former parishioners and friends to join their celebration on Sunday, June 9th after the 11am Mass in their Community Center. Tickets are \$50 per person and will be sold after all Masses April 27/28th and May 4/5th or at the parish office during regular business hours. The catered buffet will include beef, chicken and fish.