



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 1 - 4:00pm**

Gerry Tanguay - requested by Muriel Bouchard

**Sunday, February 2**

**The Presentation Of The Lord**

**7:00am**

Helen Williams - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

**10:30am**

Collette Poirier - requested by her friends

**Monday, February 3 - 8:30am**

Yvan Gauthier - requested by his wife Madeleine Gauthier

**Tuesday, February 4 - 8:30am**

Edward Bochniak - requested by Jacquelyn Bochniak

**Wednesday, February 5 - 8:30am**

- NO MASS TODAY -

**Thursday, February 6 - 8:30am**

For the intentions of Amelia Lawrence

**Friday, February 7 - 8:30am**

Rose O'Neill - requested by Kris & James Sullivan

**Saturday, February 8 - 4:00pm**

Deceased members of the Bochniak & Allan families - requested by Vicki & Rick Carter

**Sunday, February 9**

**Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**7:00am**

Jeanne Sylvain - requested by Pat Bachand

**10:30am**

Helen Donohue & Pauline Young - requested by the Donohue family



On this feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we commemorate how Jesus was to fulfill the prescriptions of the law as a child. Mary and Joseph brought Him to the temple for this ceremony. Today's Gospel states that "The child (Jesus) grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon Him." Isn't it interesting how God entered into the human condition by first becoming a child and then entered His teen years. He could have started off right away as an adult, but there was something special that God saw in childhood. Maybe there's more innocence or more trust at that age. I am always amazed at how honest young people are when confessing their sins. They just come right out and say what they have done. I love hearing them because they are so transparent. Children certainly see things in the world from a unique vantage point. More than once, I have extended my right hand, reaching over to pray the prayers of absolution over a young penitent's head and received a "high five" instead. Now that I think about it, that's probably not a bad way to end the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is a definite occasion to celebrate and pretty much calls for a "high five." Consider the innocence of the average five-year-old in Kindergarten. Ask a class of such little ones: "Who here is an artist?" and all hands shoot up in the air. Ask again: "Who is a singer or a dancer?" Kids will jump to their feet, sing at the top of their lungs and show you their best moves. It comes about later, especially in the teen years, that young people begin to hide their gifts. Ask high schoolers the same questions, hardly anyone would raise their hands while most would lower their eyes in shame. We learn to compare, to be embarrassed or ashamed of showing others what we can do. We learn fear. We get jealous of others. We learn to say: "I'm not good enough, I have nothing to offer." The Good News is that in Heaven, all that is gone and we will be childlike again. We will all be singers, poets and dancers again! Heaven will be anything but boring! We must stop thinking of heaven as a place of "Eternal Rest!" Jesus teaches us that it will be a place of perpetual joy and happiness. Dare to be childlike!

~ 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, Lorraine Turcotte, Sr. Anne Marineau, Jason S., Bert & Georgette Beaudette,

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, Joe Carnevale, Len Dickson, Robyn Tancrede, Irene & Roger Allard, Jonathan Camire, Jr., Desire Lemay, Richard LeBlanc, Bobby Anderson, Doug Flanders, Cindy Cleary, Donna Mullen, Christine Wood, Joseph Belliveau, Doris Goodwin, Dany, Colette O'Connor, Pauline Lavigne, Jaime Dupuis, Claudette Blais, Benjamin Mendoza, Sr., Merlina Ancheta, Elliot Davis, Jacob McKonkey, Finley Patterson, Theresa Harwood, Gladys Mendoza, Robert Lemay, Ray Pascua, Holly Mederios, Greg Flanders, Cecile Belz, Dave & Sharon Brock, Adam Montgomery, Maggie Chiasson, Claire Vigneault, Charlotte Carlin, Norma Lemire, Steve Webster, Alice Demers, June Puglisi, Lucille Lingard Frederique, MTS, Laura, Alfred Caprone, Joan Flurey and Paul St. Jean.



**January 25 & 26, 2025**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes	\$1,690.00
Loose	\$1,260.00
Electronic Offering	\$1,350.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$2,390.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$6,690.00</b>



**General Fund**

Candles: \$107.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$219.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$80.00  
Food Pantry: \$262.5  
- in memory of P. Faustini: \$125.00

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.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry  
 Patrick Gilmartin 770-4262  
 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  
 Scouts of America  
 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



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**  
**NEW HOURS:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 7pm  
 Saturdays: 12-7pm

**LIVESTREAMED 24/7 on our website**

**OPEN HOURS: Saturdays: 9am, 10am, 11am**

*"Lord Spirit, give me a deep realization of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist."*

Anyone can visit Jesus in the Eucharist when our chapel is opened; you don't have to be an assigned adoror. If you've never been to our chapel, we encourage you to come and visit. Our world needs prayers, our hearts need the Eucharist. Can you give yourself to Jesus for one hour? For more information on the Adoration Chapel, please call Lisa at the parish office, 603-622-5445.



**Saturday, February 1**

- \* Adoration Chapel, 12pm - 7pm
- \* Cub Scout Ham & Bean dinner, 5pm

**Sunday, February 2**

- \* Family Faith Formation, 9am, hall

**Monday, February 3**

- \* G & B Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

**Tuesday, February 4**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

**Wednesday, February 5**

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

**Thursday, February 6**

- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9am, hall
- \* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall
- \* Social Committee, 6:30pm, friary

**Saturday, February 8**

- \* Adoration Chapel, 12pm - 7pm

**Sunday, February 9**

- \* Valentine's Dinner, 12pm, hall

**Homeless Ministry/Food Pantry Request**

The homeless require special foods from the pantry since they are unable to cook food. We are asking for help to supply the following items in the homeless bags:

- canned pasta, stews, meats
- individual packaged snacks
- protein drinks
- water - Juice boxes

Please remember we cannot accept re-frigerated foods as we are not able to properly store them. If possible, please choose the flip top cans (no can openers needed) 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. Thank you for your support.

**300 Club: Week 16**

- #50 Susan Byrd
- #63 Joanne Dupuis
- #123 Carol Labbe
- #274 Kevin Marchand
- #293 Frank Dubisz



**Congratulations!**



**Annual Souper Bowl of Caring**

Youth volunteers are needed help with our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Collection on February 8 & 9 after all Masses.

Parishioners are welcome to donate food or money after all Masses that weekend. All donations will stay in the parish at the St. Anthony Food Pantry. This will be combined with the Souper Bowl of Caring that takes place across the nation to gather donations and raise awareness about food insecurity across the country.

*"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."*

It's that time of year again - tax season. If you would like a copy of your donations from 2024, please call the parish office. We can only account for those that utilize the envelope system or online offerings (if you included your name). We can not track loose money or checks. Thank you.

**Catholic Charities NH's Mardi Gras Gala – February 22**

The Mardi Gras Gala, Catholic Charities NH's signature fundraising event of the year, returns to Manchester on February 22! The evening will feature a festive New Orleans experience with authentic Cajun cuisine, entertainment, a live auction with exclusive getaways and sports tickets, and more. Attendees help us continue our mission to follow the footsteps of Jesus, bringing comfort, healing and empowerment to our neighbors most in need. To register or for more information, visit <http://www.cc-nh.org/mardigras> or call Becca at 603-663-0207.