

**Saturday, August 15 - 4:00pm**

Mr. & Mrs. Michael McGrail & family - requested by the family

Sunday, August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:00am**

Peter Chiasson - requested by the family

10:30am

Joe & Jean Monty - requested by Linda & Michael Racette

Monday, August 17 - 8:30am

Daniel Morin - requested by his wife Maureen Fowler

Tuesday, August 18 - 8:30am

Francoise Choinard - requested by her family

Wednesday, August 19**NO MASS****Thursday, August 20 - 8:30am**

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Guillemette - requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Mignault

Friday, August 21 - 8:30am

Susan Phaneuf - requested by her husband Ed

Saturday, August 22 - 4:00pm

Beverly Lemire - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

Sunday, August 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**7:00am**

Deceased members of the Madden family - requested by Maureen & Matt

10:30am

Yvette & Laurent Hache - requested by Evelyn Ferris

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: Esther Shea, Mark P, Joe Carnevale, David Rattigan, Taylor Wright, Irene Allard, Donna Mullen, Christine Wood, Jaime Dupuis, MTS, Paul St. Jean, BRD, Krissy B., Moe Labbe, RFG, Bill Puglisi, Chloe, Georgia Gancarz, Judy Sullivan, Bob Theodorou, Barbara Zahn, Ray Pascua, Mark Siraco, Merlena & Albert Ancheta, Dave & Sharon Brock, Jonathan Camire Jr., Savannah, Acilda Dachowski, Jeannine Larochelle, Gail Lemieux, Norma Lemire, Claire Smith, Dan, Patricia & Collette O'Connor, Joseph, Audrey Baker, Ken West, Richard Mendolia, Delia Huertas, Michael Sufat, Tylia Racicot, Allan & Kathy Charest, Janice Beaudin, Bella Donoso, Christine Vigneault, Myriam Siraco, Pauline Cote, Susan Czajka, Peter Chiano, Rick Boisjolie, Pauline Lavigne, Jim Sullivan, Brody, Eric Rollins, Thora Silva, Ray Bergeron, Terry Sylvain, Seong Kim, Rita Montpelie, Maurice Allard, Priscilla & Bob St. Gelais, Sandra Hogan, Claudette Blais and Lillian B.



Matthew 15:28
**"O WOMAN,
 GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!
 LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU
 AS YOU WISH."**

And her daughter was healed
 from that hour.

The church celebrated the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary this Saturday. The readings for the Mass both highlighted the feet of Mary and of Christ. Mary is the "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." She is also with child, when the evil one appears as a horrible red dragon. The dragon threatens her that it will devour her newborn son. But the dragon doesn't know who it is dealing with: Christ, the Son of God. And easily according to the 2nd reading, Christ puts the dragon under His feet. The evil dragon became weak, as it didn't consider the joint power of Jesus and Mary to crush it. When we hear these readings, we might not really understand the significance of what they mean for our lives. True, they are poetic and symbolic, but the message is that the devil has no power over us unless we let him. We Catholics forget that Jesus runs the world and enlists the help of His mother, Our Lady, to crush evil. Let's face it. Who can doubt the evil that is present in our world today: hunger, violence, wars, lack of empathy for the poor and homeless. Many have just about given up on governments, because they seem to do nothing to help people—other than to stuff their own pockets. Yes, evil looks like it has taken hold of our world. But evil only has power if we choose to give it that power. The readings on this feast of the Assumption are teaching us that it is only if we give power to evil, does it have power. But if we trust in Jesus and Mary, we will have the courage to confront evil and overcome it. The evil we see can either be personal or structural. Do you remember the story of the *Wizard of Oz*? The Wizard had a scary voice that rattled Dorothy and her team, who wanted to find how to get back home. And when they finally reached the Wizard's place, Dorothy confronted him to have more kindness. Remember how his wall then fell open, showing the Wizard to be a weak, cowardly man. He was a coward, who hid behind walls to scare people. Much like the red dragon we meet in today's reading, who is the weak devil in disguise. So my point is, when you feel afraid of any evil in the world, or in your life, don't run out of fear. Speak to Jesus and Mary through prayer, and surely they will drive the evil away.

~ Fr. John

The retired/infirm **Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province** pray daily for the intentions entrusted to them. If you have a prayer request, please call 617-742-4190, ext. 100 and they will be happy to include your intention in their prayers.

August 8 & 9, 2026**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$1,595.00
 Loose \$ 948.00
 Electronic Offertory \$1,332.00
 Mailed in Offertory: \$ 955.00
Total Offertory: \$4,830.00

Sharing With My Parish: \$1,085.00**General Fund**

Adoration Chapel: \$-0-
 Candles: \$83.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$ 25.00
 Food Pantry: \$ -0-

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
Shoes For Kids/General Outreach	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)	
Parish Office	622-5445

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
Scouts of America	
Ron St. Cyr	622-8182
Finance Committee	
Bill Handy	
Parish Prayer Line	
Gemma Houde	668-3993
Pastoral Council	
Tracey Adams	
Funeral Ministry	622-5445
Liturgical Ministers	
(Eucharist Lectors, Altar Servers)	622-5445
Memorial Meals	
Gloria Pilotte	623-8173
Terry Sylvain	669-2582
Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Diane Sufat	622-5445
Religious Education (Gr. K-8)	
Martha & Steve Donohue	627-4868
OCIA	622-5445
Secular Franciscan Order	
John Proulx, OFS	232-0588
Youth Group	
Ellen Vigneault	867-8881
Ezer Spiritual Ministry	
Charlotte Pratte	622-0595

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

CHAPEL HOURS: Tuesdays, Thursdays,

Fridays & Saturdays

9am - 7pm

LIVESTREAMED 24/7 on our website

OPEN HOUR: THURSDAYS 1pm; FRIDAYS: 1pm

If you're interested in becoming an adoror, please call Lisa in the office. If you can't commit to every week, but would like to cover as a substitute, that would be very helpful. We always need subs to cover sick calls/vacations, etc.

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. You will feel great peace while sitting in the chapel.

"Lord Spirit, give me a deep realization of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist." St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us".



This Week

Saturday, August 15

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

Tuesday, August 18

* Devotion to St. Anthony after Mass

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

Wednesday, August 19

* St. Anne's Closet, closed today

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm

* GSOP, 6-8pm, hall

Thursday, August 20

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

Friday, August 21

* Office Closed

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

Saturday, August 22

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

* GSOP, 5:30-8pm, hall

Sunday, August 23

* Fundraising Breakfast, 8am-Noon, hall

300 Club: Week 7

#19 Michael Vigneault

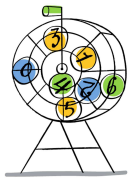
#23 David Raglin

#25 Terry Sylvain

#127 Marge Joyce

#209 Ronnie Schlender

Congratulations!



Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for our parish. It's a fun and easy way to help the parish. A new club has begun. Numbers

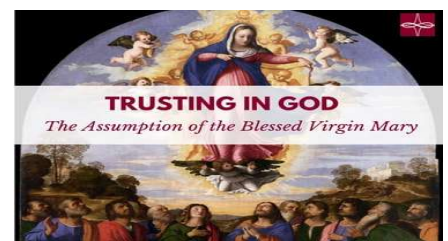


We're not rushing summer, but we want to make you aware of some fall dates to save on your calendar. Join us for these events:

- * **Sunday, September 13:** our Parish Picnic
- * **Saturday, October 3:** our 2nd annual Chili Cook-Off
- * **Saturday, October 17:** the Fall Festival and Penny Sale

These will all be fun, family and friend events.

Also, in the next few weeks we will begin registration for our Faith Formation classes for grades K-7.



Plans are under way for our **Fall Festival on October 17th**. It takes the whole parish to make this a successful event.

Help The Fall Festival "Spin the Wheel"

For August we are collecting "dinner items" for our Spin the Wheel for Groceries game.

MONTH OF AUGUST COLLECTION:

Items Needed: rice, pasta, canned sauces, beans and vegetables. These are non-perishable things which have **BEST BY dates after November 1, 2026.**

There is a container in the back of the church to place these items. Thank you, we appreciate your support!

We are also accepting prizes for the Penny Sale. These would be new items, not used. Next weekend, we will begin selling raffle tickets for the Super Money Raffle, \$1,000 Grand Prize. We are asking each family to take an envelope of tickets (5 books in each envelope) and try to sell them to neighbors and friends. The Fall Festival is our largest fundraiser. We need your help reaching out to the greater Manchester area to draw people to our fair. For this to be successful, we need the support of more than just our church family. Plus, this is a fun event to invite people to attend. There really is something for everyone! We will be posting more and more information about our festival as we gear up for a great event! Thank you for your support!