

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 2 - 4:00pm**

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by the family

**Sunday, March 3  
7:00am**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John Eastberg - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**10:30am**

Daniel McMillan Sr. - requested by Rose Houle & Katherine McNaughton

**Monday, March 4 - 8:30am**

Jane Horne - requested by her family

**Tuesday, March 5 - 8:30am**

Dolores Ostrowski - requested by Larry & Natalie Welch

**Wednesday, March 6  
8:30am**

**Ash Wednesday**

For those struggling with mental illness & addiction

**12:15pm** Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes

**6:00pm**

Claire Huot - requested by Janice & Roger Beaudin

**Thursday, March 7 - 8:30am**

Healing for victims of abuse

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

Tom Levandowski - requested by Shannon Levandowski

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

Mr. And Mrs. Napoleon Vachon - requested by the family

**Sunday, March 10**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**7:00am**

Germaine Welch - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**10:30am**

Theresa Dufour - requested by Leo & Terry Sylvain



Did you ever count how many times we use “Alleluia” in our worship? Besides using this word which means “praise God” at Mass, both in the readings and in our music, we sometimes even use it to express joy or surprise over something new. The word alleluia comes from the Hebrew in the Old Testament, where we see it used as “hallelujah.” Only later did the Greek-Latin transliteration use the word as “alleluia.” The later usage was more connected to Christ’s Resurrection, and thus we sing it out with joy at Easter. But whether we say “alleluia” or “hallelujah,” it is a magnificent word of praise that carries with it a lot of joyful feeling for God! It also is a deep expression of our faith, in that we are saying that “we believe” in the rising of the dead of Christ and for us. But like any other word that is also very powerful and packed with meaning, “alleluia” can be over-used to the point that those saying or singing it don’t even know what it means or why they are saying it. Many are not impacted by the expression of this powerful word! In the early days of the Church, when the Resurrection of Jesus Christ really was deeply valued, Christians would literally cry out with joy at its expression! But like any other word, with time and the impact of secularization we just mumble it without any feeling at all. And so the Church decided to take out the word “alleluia” during Lent. As you probably realize, starting next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), we stop saying or singing “alleluia” for six weeks until the Easter Vigil. If we stop saying “alleluia” for a while, so thinks the Church, then we will miss it! And when we say it or sing it at the Easter Vigil, that great ancient feeling of joy and faith comes back to us. And so what we are going to do here to show our valuing “alleluia” is what many congregations do. They practice the custom of Burying the Alleluia. On this the last Sunday before Lent begins, we at Blessed Sacrament are going to follow this ancient custom. We will have a ceremony at the end of Mass, during which we will say the prayers of “burial of alleluia” which you will find in the bulletin. And then you will be surprised where we have decided to bury it: any guesses where?  
~ Fr. John



We commend the soul of **Paul Gagnon** into the loving embrace of our God and the eternal peace that only Christ gives. We pray that the hope and promise of Christ’s Resurrection will bring strength and comfort to his loved ones during this time of mourning.

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.  
ECCLESIASTES 3:20

### Ash Wednesday Schedule Wednesday March 6, 2019

Please join us as we begin Lent this Wednesday  
**Masses & Distribution of Ashes: 8:30am & 6:00pm**  
**Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes: 12:15pm**



**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; and for

- Virginia Clark, Maurice Allard, Joe Bennett, Larry Green, Jackie Theodorou, Paul Allard, RFG, Acilda Dachowski, Roger Mustone, Richard Joyce, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Mary Sylvain, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Arthur Proulx, Aiden Weeds, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajieux, Laura Jankowski, Kathy Klamm, Roland Dufour, Corrine Holebrook, Shirley Gazda, Maurice Lavigne, Jean Levasseur, John Young, Grace Colella, David Rattigan, Cheryl Farro, Steve Price, Dorothy Compagna, Rita Pariseau, Bert Beaudette, Bill Blanchard, John Batista & Fr. John Bavaro.

Special Thanks to Bob & Lorene Molloy for gifting the parish with new Collection Baskets. They are beautiful! The old wicker ones were being held together with duct tape! We are grateful for their generosity.

### STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS: February 23 & 24, 2019

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes \$2,428.57  
Loose \$ 703.96  
Electronic Offering \$ 200.00  
**Total Offertory: \$3,352.53**  
Monthly Deficit Collection: \$1695.00

**General Parish Fund**

Candles: \$44.00  
Adoration Chapel: \$50.00  
**Outreach Fund**  
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$57.25  
Food Pantry: \$85.00

**Thank you for your continued support of our Parish  
and our Outreach Programs.**

### PARISH LEADERSHIP

#### PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Colleen Hayward	289-5276
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)	
Karen McAndrew	464-0331
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie	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	
Nick Cort	224-4605
Social Committee	
Donna Guertin	669-5232
Youth Group	
Ellen Donohue	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



#### Sunday, March 3

\* Religious Ed grades K-8, 9am, church hall

#### Monday, March 4

\* My Brother's Keeper, 9am - noon, hall

\* Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

#### Tuesday, March 5

\* Parish Office Closed today

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

#### Wednesday, March 6

\* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm

\* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names A-C

\* ESL classes, 3pm, OLOM house

\* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

#### Thursday, March 7

\* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:30am, OLOM house

\* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

#### Friday, March 8

\* Stations of the Cross after Mass

#### Saturday, March 9

\* First Penance, 8:30am, church

#### Sunday, March 10

\* Religious Ed grades K-8, 9am, church hall

\* Confirmation Retreat 1-3pm, church hall

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Ash Wednesday

**March 9<sup>th</sup>:** First Penance

**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Mandatory Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal

**March 16<sup>th</sup>:** St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation, 10:30am

A few weekends ago, there was a letter from Bishop Libasci inserted into the bulletin. The letter discussed the new faith formation program in the Diocese, **Restore · Renew · Proclaim**. On **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at our 10:30am Mass**, 32 students from our Religious Ed program in grades 3-8 will be Confirmed by Bishop Libasci.

Adoration



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel** Open Daily: 7am-7pm

**Open Hours: Fridays: 4pm Saturdays: 11am**

Call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information. If you can't commit to a permanent hour, please consider giving your name as a substitute to cover an adorer when they go on vacation, are sick or have an appointment.

**The Parish Prayer Line** offers prayers for the intentions requested on the phone to the coordinator who activates the phone-tree of parishioners who pledge their prayers. This is a great ministry that anyone can help with from the comfort of their home and on their time schedule. We encourage our homebound parishioners to help with this ministry, as a way to stay connected to your fellow parishioners. How does it work? Someone will call Gemma, the Prayer Line coordinator, and request prayers for a specific intention. Gemma will then call people that have offered to help pray for these intentions. What a great gift and comfort this is to people requesting the prayers. We all know the power of prayer. If you would like to be part of this ministry or have questions, please call Gemma Houde at 668-3993.



### 300 Club - Week 2



##23 David Raglin; #113 Pat Metivier; #131 Claire Mathieu; #146 Arlene Soucy & #238 Claire Dachowski

Congratulations!!

A new club has begun. Be sure to get your lucky number. Remember, you can't win if you don't play. Cost is \$20 (\$1 a week for 20 weeks). \$50 in prizes given out each week for 20 weeks. \$1800 in prizes awarded in the Grand Drawing. If you'd like to become a member and receive your lucky number, please call Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Terry Sylvain 669-2582 or Lisa at the friary office at 622-5445.



The entire parish community welcomes into our midst our newly baptized:

**Emilyn Marie Houde,**

daughter of Shawna & Jimmy Houde. *"May the Lord give his angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways." Psalm 91:11*

**St. Gianna's Place**, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a benefit banquet on May 1 from 5:30 pm - 9:15 pm at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester, NH. Our guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations are \$60 per person / \$600 per table before March 15, and \$65 per person / \$650 per table thereafter. Make checks payable to St. Gianna's Place and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit [stgiannasplace.org](http://stgiannasplace.org) for details.