

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 28- 4:00pm

Mr. & Mrs. George Brown - requested by the family

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00am

Bert Gagnon - requested by his wife

10:30am

Peggy McCall - requested by her family

Monday, December 30 - 8:30am

Grace Bucchino- requested by Fr. John

Tuesday, December 31

8:30am

In honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary- requested by Dennis & Janet Caza

6:00pm

Vigil for Mary, Mother of God

For the sick and homebound of our parish

Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

George Young - requested by the Donohue Family

Thursday, January 2 - 8:30am

Aurore Vincent - requested by her husband Fred Bergevin

Friday, January 3 - 8:30am

Marcel Pinard - requested by Irene de Repentigny

Saturday, January 4- 4:00pm

Lynn Ahern - requested by the LaVory family

Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am

Pauline Allard - requested by Donna & Lou Guertin

10:30am

Helen Donohue - requested by the Donohue family



Today's feast reminds us that "Holiness begins at home!" It is so easy and satisfying to serve other people in great need: those in another part of the world; the poor; the hungry and homeless. While it is admirable to serve these folks at our doorsteps because God wants us to care for the poor, we often forget those who are closest: our families. Isn't it true that we become so impatient and irritated at times with our family! We think thoughts such as: "Why do they leave the dresser drawers open?" "Why won't they hang up their jackets?" "Why doesn't anybody volunteer to clean the table after dinner?" "Why are they so irritable around me?" Etc., etc., etc.! Mother Teresa said it best: "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start." This is why Pope John-Paul II called the home the "Domestic Church!" It should be a place of holiness; a place of helping each other develop Christ-like virtues. St. Teresa of the Child Jesus spent hours working in the kitchen, believing this to be her place of encountering Christ – because she worked hard to please her sisters even though at times they could be critical of her. Family life, though challenging at times, is the most beautiful gift we have from God. In that holy place, we learn to love, to grow, to negotiate, to forgive! However, too often in our world today we hear so often of "domestic violence" rather than family as "domestic church!" Forms of abuse of the innocent and vulnerable in the family have become so common that even our future priests have added courses on Ministering To Domestic Violence in their training. More recently, Pope Francis gave families three key phrases to a happier, more peaceful family life: "May I?," "Thank you," and "I'm sorry." Although they are simple words, he said, they are not simple to put into practice. The truth is that if we can start with kindness and understanding toward the most significant people in our lives---our spouses, our children, our siblings, extended family—we foster peace close to home. Only then can that peace begin to ripple outward. Peace on earth begins in our laundry room or at our dinner table, at the heart of our family life. Do you see your "ministry" to your family as Christ's way of calling you to serve him? On this feast of the Holy Family, we pray for each other, for the safety and strength of those we love, and for all those whose family situations are difficult.

~ Fr. John



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Here is the Mass schedule:
Tuesday, December 31st: 6pm
Wednesday, January 1st: 9am



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

Open Hours:
Sundays: 2pm Mondays: 10am
Tuesdays: 5pm Fridays: 11am
Saturdays: 11am & 2pm

We need your help!! If you have never been to our chapel, come and volunteer for an hour. If you can't commit to a set hour, please consider being a substitute. There is always a great need of substitutes to cover sick calls, vacations etc. Call Irene de Repentigny, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775 for more information.



December 21 & 22, 2019

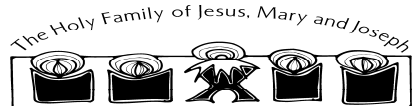
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| Weekend Offertory | General Parish Fund |
| Envelopes \$3,046.14 | Candles: \$60.00 |
| Loose \$ 829.01 | Adoration Chapel: \$89.00 |
| Electronic Offering \$ 450.00 | |
| Total Offertory: \$4,325.15 | Christmas: \$5,201.88 |

Outreach Fund
Food Pantry: \$1,065.00
- in memory of R. Lagno: \$200.00
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$250.75

Stewardship
a way of life

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

Dear Parishioners,
Thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts, prayers and season's greetings. I am very grateful for your generosity and support. May you have a Blessed and Happy 2020! ~ Fr. John



PARISH LEADERSHIP

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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| St. Anthony Food Pantry | |
| Parish Office | 622-5445 |
| 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) | |
| Parish Office | 622-5445 |
| Parish Elderly Ministry | |
| Sr. Marjorie Lupien | 622-5445 |

PARISH MINISTRIES

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| 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 | |
| Ron Latouche | 396-5168 |
| Social Committee | |
| Donna Guertin | 669-5232 |
| Youth Group | |
| Ellen Vigneault | 867-8881 |

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

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| Baptism, Marriage, Sacrament of the Sick | |
| Fr. John Bucchino, ofm | 622-5445 |

MUSIC MINISTRY

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| Music Director & Organist, Adult Choir and Cantors: | |
| James Butka | 540-7638 |

A Circle Of Love

It is fitting that so close after the celebration of Christ's birth we rejoice in the Holy Family that God provided His Son on earth. Just as each of us is given in care to earthly parents, so Jesus was given to Mary and Joseph that they might love and care for Him, supporting Him as He grew to fulfill God's plans for redemption. Raised in the loving circle of Mary's arms, sheltered from harm by Joseph's strong arms, Jesus became the man that would change the world. Let us thank God today for the Holy Family and pray that our own families will reflect that same love and protection shown by Mary and Joseph.

God our Father, Your son Jesus shared with Mary and Joseph the life of an earthly home. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, bless our homes as well. Make them places of love, joy and peace. Teach us to help and care for one another as Jesus' family did. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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, Steve Price, Jackie Theodorou, Acilda Dachowski, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Arthur Proulx, Aiden Weeds, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajieux, Laura Jankowski, Kathy Klamm, Roland Dufour, S.P.P., Jean Levasseur, John Young, Grace Colella, David Rattigan, Cheryl Farro, Dorothy Compagna, Bert Beaudette, Fr. John Bavaro, Patty Abdelkarim, Pauline Gagnon, Barbara Pinard, Sylvia Corriveau, Richard Kuhlmann, Jeanne Monty, Mark Luongo, Donna Tobey, Sr. Cecile Tremblay, Damien Gill, Louise G.C., Muriel Labore, Andre Laventure, Barbara Dubisz, Doris Cote, Joanne Worthen, Jacob Lamoureux, Peter Silvia, Jack Defren, Robert Morrisette, Claire Mathieu, Alyssa Mulhern and Daniel Derepentigny.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, December 29**
* Secular Franciscans, 12-3pm, hall
- Monday, December 30**
* No Boy Scouts, tonight
- Tuesday, December 31**
* Parish Office Closed today
* 6pm Mass
- Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day**
* Mass, 9am
* Office Closed today
- Thursday, January 2**
* No Cub Scouts tonight
- Sunday, January 5**
* Faith Formation grades K-8, 9am, hall

Thank you to all the volunteers, liturgical ministers and music ministry for their hard work in preparing the Christmas liturgies. The church looked beautiful, and all the Masses were special. Thank you to all of you that attended and participated in the Masses.

We hope you all had a joyous Christmas and that the New Year will bring God's choicest blessings to you and your families.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Living the Faith: "May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May He soften our often stony and self-centered hearts, and make them channels of His love. On this joyful day, may He bring His tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world." ~ Pope Francis



Fr. John and the Knights of Columbus will host an Italian dinner on **Wednesday, January 8th**. Mark your calendar to save the date so you won't miss it. Details will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

300 Club

A new club is starting, don't miss out on your chance to participate. The 300 Club is an easy & fun fundraiser for the parish. You purchase a lucky number for \$20. For the next 20 weeks, we pick 5 winning numbers (that's \$1 a week!). Those 5 winners receive \$10 each. At the end of the 20 weeks, we give away \$1,800 in prizes! If we have a full club of 300 numbers, we raise \$3,200 for the parish and give away \$2,800 in winnings. Don't miss your chance - you can't win if you don't play! Please see a captain or call the parish office to get your lucky number.

Captains:

We welcome two new Captains: Donna Mullen 669-8344 & Diane Provost, 622-9484. Other Captains: Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Terry Sylvain 669-2582 and Lisa Siraco at the friary office at 622-5445.

Doris Cote has retired. If Doris was your Captain, you should have received your ticket and a letter in the mail introducing your new Captain. If not, please call Lisa at the Parish Office.