

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 23 - 4:00pm

Mr. & Mrs. Donat Vachon - requested by Sue & Lee Forest & family

Sunday, February 24

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

Phyllis Czernicki - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

10:30am

Armand Demers - requested by Larry & Lorraine Labore

Monday, February 25 - 8:30am

Healing for victims of abuse

Tuesday, February 26 - 8:30am

For vocations to the priesthood & religious life

Wednesday, February 27

NO MASS

Thursday, February 28 - 8:30am

Raoul Therrien - requested by the family

Friday, March 1 - 8:30am

Rev. Marcel Martel, 40th anniversary of ordination - requested by Juanita McDonough

Saturday, March 2 - 4:00pm

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by the family

Sunday, March 3

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

John Eastberg - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

10:30am

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



A number of parishioners approached me after last weekend's Masses asking for a copy of the following text that I read as part of the homily. So here it is for everyone to have and reflect upon. It is about staying connected with our loved ones who pass on to eternal life. The person speaking in the text is in heaven comforting their loved ones left behind here on earth:

To My Dearest Family:

Some things I'd like to say, but first of all to let you know that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven where I dwell with God above where there are no more tears or sadness. There is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. It's good to have you back again. You were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on."

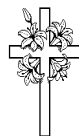
When you are walking down the street and have me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. When you feel that gentle breeze or the wind upon your face, it is me giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace.

And when it's time for you to go from that body to be free, remember you're not going alone. You are coming here to me. And I will always love you from that land way up above. We'll be in touch again soon.

P.S. God sends His love.

We thank the St. Christopher Grief Ministry for having prepared this beautiful text. It is a powerful reminder that when we pray for our loved ones who have died, we connect with them in a very special way. For God in His mercy and kindness has given us eternal life. Thus we live in the Communion of Saints, our loved ones who abide in heaven and we who live on earth. Thank you Jesus for Your gift of eternal life; may we always remember to communicate in prayer with our dear loved ones with whom we long to be together one day!!

~ Fr. John



We commend the soul of **Rita Lussier** 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 her loved ones during this time of mourning.

"Loving God means serving our neighbor without reserve, and trying to forgive without limits." ~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

February 16 & 17, 2019

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,574.19

Loose \$1,045.69

Electronic Offering \$ 560.00

Total Offertory: \$4,179.88

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$47.00

Adoration Chapel: \$16.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$52.00

Food Pantry: \$-0-

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

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.



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, Claire Dachowski, 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 Lavasseur, John Young, Grace Colella, David Rattigan, Cheryl Farro, Steve Pric, Dorothy Compagna, Rita Pariseau, Bert Beaudette and Bill Blanchard.

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	
Diane Steele	669-8825

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

Social Committee Meeting

Do you like to plan parties? Do you love celebrating St. Patrick's Day? Then come and help the Social Committee! Anyone interested in helping to plan our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner is invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 6pm at Our Lady of Mercy House.

The dinner will be on Saturday, March 16th after the 4pm Mass.



Sunday, February 24

- * No Religious Ed classes today
- * Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, church hall

Monday, February 25

- * My Brother's Keeper, 9am - noon, hall
- * Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall

Tuesday, February 26

- * Parish Office Closed today
- * Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, February 27

- * St. Anne's Closet, closed today
- * Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names Q-Z
- * ESL classes, 3pm, OLOM house
- * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

Thursday, February 28

- * Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, church hall
- * Social Committee Meeting, 6pm, OLOM house

Sunday, March 3

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:

March 6th: Ash Wednesday

March 9th: First Penance

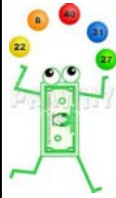
March 10th: Mandatory Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal

March 16th: St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 17th: 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 17th at our 10:30am Mass**, 32 students from our Religious Ed program in grades 3-8 will be Confirmed by Bishop Libasci.

300 Club - Week 1



#68 Adeleine Morello; #151 Silvia Zid; #171 Joseph Paulo Jr.; #196 Jimmy Houde & #326 Connie Benoit

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.

Because of You: Catholic Charities New Hampshire Update

Catholic Charities New Hampshire is proud to share two recent highlights made possible because of your support of our Annual Appeal. First, we acquired The CareGivers, Inc, which provides transportation, groceries and other forms of vital support for home-bound elderly and disabled New Hampshire residents. We look forward to building on these critical services. Secondly, our St. Charles School in Rochester just finished its first semester as a private special education provider, helping students harboring histories of toxic stress, trauma, and intense behavioral and emotional challenges move toward futures based on hope and potential. To learn more about the impact of your gifts to Catholic Charities NH, visit www.cc-nh.org/impact.

"Protecting & Equipping family in the Digital Age"

Sat, March 23, 2019 9:00am - 11:00am or

Sunday, March 24, 2019 6:30pm - 8pm

Ste. Marie Parish, 378 Notre Dame Avenue, Montminy Hall (basement of Church)

Register for March 23: <https://www.protectingfamilies.eventbrite.com>

Register for March 24: <https://www.parentingthedigitalages.eventbrite.com>

Recommended For Parents, Educators and Youth Ministers

This talk by **Fr. Sean Kilcawley, STL** focuses on the important role parents play in the New Evangelization. Parents will learn about the statistics & effects of pornography use and be taught how to have effective conversations with their children about what they may see online. Cost: \$10