

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, March 11 - 8:30am

Mr. Joseph Czapl - requested by Fr. John

Tuesday, March 12 - 8:30am

Paul Gagnon - requested by Linda Lemoine

Wednesday, March 13

No Mass

Thursday, March 14 - 8:30am

Mrs. Jacqueline Martins - requested by Fr. John

Friday, March 15 - 8:30am

For the end of human trafficking

Saturday, March 16 - 4:00pm

Janet Langella - requested by her mother Doris Cote

Sunday, March 17

First Sunday of Lent

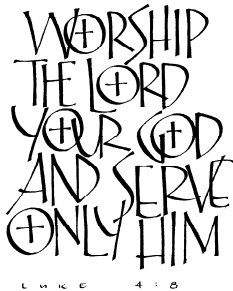
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Aurelien St. Pierre - requested by Priscilla & Gerry Tanguay

10:30am

CONFIRMATION

Frank & Anna Molloy - requested by Bob & Lorene Molloy & Barbar Shaw

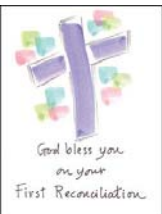


If you are a sports fan maybe you have a similar reaction that I have, when you read about the enormous amounts of money that athletes are being offered in their contracts! Pretty soon we might be hearing about an athlete signing for one billion dollars! When I shared my dismay about this trend with a fellow sports' enthusiast, he shrugged his shoulders and said: "Oh well, Father, what can you do; it's just the way the market is today." While I understand what he was saying, it's the way he said this that troubled me. He seemed to just give in to what's happening in the world today, as if the market determines who gets treated better, and who gets left behind. And there is nothing we as Christians can do about it. But we can do something about this, and thank God we have the season of Lent to prove it. Lent should remind us that with God there are neither winners nor losers, only human beings whose desire is to fill the hungers of our hearts. These hungers are love, esteem, acceptance, belonging, forgiveness, and a meaningful life of service. Money alone cannot secure these things. We hunger and search to get these needs met, but often we search in all the wrong places. Yet God is patient with us, pulling at our heart strings often to get our attention and fill us with His grace and love. St. Paul tells us in the 2nd reading that the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. He later writes that no one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. These words are very encouraging: they are God's words to us! We so often hear of the trouble that very wealthy people have: turning to behaviors that shame their families and communities. This is where our belief that "sin" is the cause. Sin darkens our minds and misdirects our hearts so that we try to meet our hungers in bad ways. We try to replace God with other things. Jesus faced this human challenge head on in today's Gospel. He was hungry and weak for not having eaten for forty days. The devil saw this as an opportunity to attack him. He offers Jesus power and glory and the fulfillment of all his human hungers, if Jesus would only worship him!! But Jesus has his heart set on God's love. So even in his weakened state he catches the devil at his tricks and sees right through him!!! How about us this Lent? Are we hungry for something we are not getting enough of? Turn to Jesus especially in the scripture, and follow his example of loving God first – even in the midst of our own human weaknesses. And God's love will fill all our hungers completely!

~ Fr. John

"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go."

~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta



We congratulate our following students who made their Sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday:

Zander Cunha, Brian Flores, MacKenzie Herrick, Ariana Huertas, Isabelle Huertas, Brooke Kienia, Kayla McWhinnie, Aira Plata, Amelia Sawyer and Anthony Silvia



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 Tajjeux, 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.



Volunteers are needed to help with the **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**. Set-up & decorating will be on Friday, March 15th at 10:00am and to help at the dinner on Saturday, March 16th. If you would like to help, please call Lisa in the parish office or Donna Guertin at 669-5232.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:

March 2 & 3, 2019

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes \$2,868.00

Loose \$ 995.00

Electronic Offering \$1,290.00

Total Offertory: \$5,153.00

Aid To Eastern Europe & Africa: \$583.75

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$80.00

Adoration Chapel: \$52.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$74.57

Food Pantry: \$10.00

- in memory of R. Goulet: \$50.00

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 10

- * Religious Ed grades K-8, 9am, church hall
- * Confirmation Retreat 1-3pm, church hall

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

- * St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm
- * Food Pantry, 1-3pm, Last Names D-J
- * ESL classes, 3pm, OLOM house
- * Soup & Substance, 6:30pm, church hall
- * Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- * Stations of the Cross after Mass

Saturday, March 16

- * St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5pm, church hall

Sunday, March 17

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

Next Sunday, **March 17th** at the 10:30am Mass we will have 33 students Confirmed by Bishop Libasci. We ask that you pray for our young parishioners as they prepare to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith.



*Marvin Alvarez, Michelle Alvarez
Ivan Amaya-Minjares, Dominic Bowman, Maribel Barrientos Pereyra
Ian Bowman, Edu Angel Cecenas
Isabel Cecenas, Ulysses Cecenas
Alexander Curran, Zander Cunha
Caylee Dyer, Hailey Favreau
Jaxson Field, Kellen Field
Brian Flores, Osvaldo Flores
Jovany Ibarra-Ochoa, Matthew Jobin
Joshua Johonnett, Ryan LaTerza
Mason McCarty, Aaron McCrackin
Jacob McCrackin, Skylar Rollins
Clutch Serra, Rouke Serra
Alexa Silvia, Karla Solazar-Cruz
Ann St. Cyr, Jake St. Cyr
Meghan Wade, Kaylyn Wilson*

Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament



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

Open Hours: Sundays: 2pm

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.

Soup & Substance Series Come Home to the Lord Jesus

Join us for an evening of fellowship in the sharing in a simple supper of soup & bread followed by thoughtful and challenging discussion. All are welcomed.

March 13th: Being Away From The Lord - 6:30pm in the church hall.

*Immigration 101: Learning the Plight of Immigrants
- Prayer of Homecoming*



300 Club - Week 3

#35 Pat Gagnon; #49 Desire Luongo; #162 Bill Davis; #185 Donovan Cote & #288 Joyce Savageau

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.



Knights of Columbus Dinner

Wednesday, March 13th, 5pm

The Knights invite you to join them for their monthly dinner. Menu: Baked Haddock with french fries, coleslaw, bread, salad, beverages and brownie w/ice cream topped with chocolate sauce. The cost is \$10 pp. They are located at 770 So. Porter St.

Dear Friends of Blessed Sacrament Parish,

It is with grateful hearts and love, we send our thanks for a wonderful blessed day at the Senior Dinner. We loved seeing you and speaking with many of you. As you could see we are very well and happy. The care here in Windham is excellent.

The notes and cards we received were awesome. The gifts too, which we did not expect, as a thank you. IN fact, the whole celebration was more than words can ever describe. Know that all are in our prayers daily. Please come to see us when you can.

God bless each one of you. Much love, Sr. Anne & Sr. Joan