

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 27 - 4:00pm**  
Grace Bucchino, birthday remembrance - requested by Fr. John

**Sunday, April 28** **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**7:00am**  
Bernice King - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

**10:30am**  
Alfred Carnevale - requested by the Sylvain family

**Monday, April 29 - 8:30am**  
For those struggling with mental illness and addiction

**Tuesday, April 30 - 8:30am**  
For the intentions of Vincent Arnone - requested by Ken West

**Wednesday, May 1**  
No Mass

**Thursday, May 2 - 8:30am**  
Edward Vieira - requested by his wife & family

**Friday, May 3 - 8:30am**  
Normand Martel - requested by Paul & Charlotte Faustini

**Saturday, May 4 - 4:00pm**  
Jean Labore - requested by Larry & Lorraine Labore

**Sunday, May 5** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
**7:00am**  
Theresa Dufour - requested by Michael & Lisa Siraco  
**10:30am**  
Cecile Labore - requested by Lorraine & Larry Labore



*I want to thank all of you for your prayers, kind gifts, and greeting cards, sent to me for Easter. Your participation in the Holy Week Liturgy was outstanding. May the Risen Savior bless and keep you always. ~ Fr. John*

“Christ is risen, and with Him our creative hope arises to face the problems of our day, because we know we are not alone”  
~ Pope Francis

**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, John Batista, Fr. John Bavaro, Patty Abdelkarim, Pauline Gagnon, Barbara Pinard, Sylvia Corriveau, Richard Kuhlmann & Jeanne Monty.



The most assuring words that people can offer to each other are words that we often take lightly: "I'll always be there for you!" Whether said in marriage, in close friendship, or in community relationships, these words not only bring a smile to our faces but a strong sense of peace as well. Every human person needs to know that someone will always be thinking of them, even if that person lives far away! To know that another human being cares for us so much and is thinking of us daily, makes life feel not only secure but joyful as well. Yet we also know that being human as we are, our promise to always be there for each other sometimes gets broken. We either make a mis-step or forget to follow through with our promise because we become too worried and anxious about our own lives. And when that happens, the peace that we have shared leaves us and worry takes over. That's why forgiveness is so important a Christian virtue. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The church places it immediately after Easter Sunday because it wants us to remember the promise of the Risen Savior to His disciples (us): "I will be with you until the end of time!" Wow!! We know that time is eternal in God's plan for us – so that means that Jesus is going to walk us into eternal life in a peaceful and joyful way! Even if we are not perfect and haven't done all we could have or should have, God never goes back on His promise: "I will be with you until the end of time!" And Jesus doesn't ever withhold His promise! That's why the psalmist in today's responsorial can sing with confidence: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting!" In our daily living, God just asks of us to embrace Jesus' example: "As the Father has sent me (to you), so I send you (to others);" "Receive the good news;" "whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." One of the most amazing gifts that Jesus has given to us is the gift of showing mercy. Too many Catholics think that only the priest is empowered to forgive sins in the confessional. They don't believe in their own power to forgive another person in the name of Jesus our Risen Savior. But we all have that power! When we share forgiveness with one another, we are really reminding ourselves to be grateful for God's love and mercy. What then will follow is a peace that only Christ can give! May you always witness God's Divine Mercy to one another: it is our ticket to heaven!  
~ Fr. John



**Prayer for Mercy**

O God, The shelter of the poor, the strength of the exhausted, and the comforter of the grieving, we entrust to your mercy the unfortunate and needy wherever they may be. You alone know how long and how much they have suffered.

Look down, Father of mercies, at those unhappy families suffering from war and violence from hunger and disease, and other cruel trials. Spare them O Lord, for it is truly a time for mercy. St Peter Canisius

STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:	
April 20 & 21, 2019	
<b>Weekend Offertory</b>	<b>General Parish Fund</b>
Envelopes \$3,987.19	Candles: \$55.00
Loose \$2,177.75	Adoration Chapel: \$27.00
Electronic Offering \$ 400.00	<b>Outreach Fund</b>
<b>Total Offertory: \$6,564.94</b>	St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$100.50
	Food Pantry: \$-0-
Holy Land/Good Friday: \$857.19	
<b>Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and our Outreach Programs.</b>	

**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

**Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, April 28**

- \* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, church hall
- \* Divine Mercy Service, 2-4pm, church

**Monday, April 29**

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

**Tuesday, April 30**

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

**Wednesday, May 1**


- \* 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, May 2**

- \* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

**Saturday, May 4**

- \* Taco Dinner, 5pm, church hall

**300 Club - Week 10**  

 #108 Louise Spinelle ; #159 Sarah Brecknock; #171 Joseph Paulo Jr.; #186 Bea Proulx #290 Anna Paige Carosi  
 Congratulations!!  
 Captains: Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Terry Sylvain 669-2582 or Lisa at the friary office at 622-

**Taco Night**

The Cub Scouts invite you to their Taco Night Dinner on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the church hall. The cost is \$7 dollars for adults; \$5 dollars for seniors and children under 5. Come and celebrate Cinco di Mayo with the Scouts and support them in this fundraiser.



**Adoration**

of the Blessed Sacrament



**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

Open Daily: 7am-7pm

**Open Hours:**

**Sundays: 2pm      Saturdays: 11am & 2pm**

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.

One day St. Teresa of Avila heard someone say: "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus... If only I had seen Jesus... If only I had talked with Jesus..."

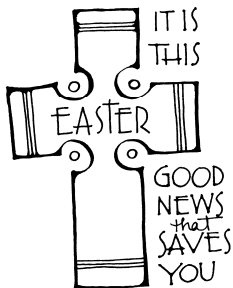
To this she responded: "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"



There are so many people facing challenges they have no control over or could never have predicted. With your support they have access to Catholic Charities programs and services. Families, children and adults – including our fellow community members need your support more than ever.

*Moving Lives Forward*

This weekend, we welcome Karen Munsell. For 17 years she has worked in the OUR PLACE Pregnancy and Parenting Education program, where as a social worker and the program supervisor. During the prior 22 years, she worked in the Parish and Community Outreach Program. Please give her a warm Blessed Sacrament welcome as she speaks to us about the services of Catholic Charities and how our parish can support their great works. Our Parish Goal for 2019: \$6,000.00



We are thankful and grateful to all who helped with the Holy Week and Easter liturgies: all the liturgical ministers & choir for sharing their gifts and talents; the volunteers that stuffed Easter Eggs and helped with the Egg Hunt (almost 1,000 eggs!); Brian Donohue, Jackie & Ed Silvia, Karen McGauley & Pierrette Moran for decorating the church for Easter; the Donohue family for decorating the trees with Easter eggs and Fr. John & Sr. Marjorie for preparing the liturgies. We also thank all the parishioners and visitors who participated in the liturgies. You all enhanced the beauty of the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Alleluia, Alleluia!



### St. Francis School Evening Open House: May 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Francis School is proud to be one of just forty-six schools in the Country to be named to the National Catholic Education Honor Roll. We provide a foundational education for children through Grade Six that teaches moral values and discipline. Financial Aid and Scholarships remain available; we guarantee affordability for your family. To learn more, and to register for our Evening Open House, please visit [StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call (603) 424-3312.

Birthright volunteers will be hosting the **Annual Mother's Day Birthright Carnation Sale** after all masses the weekend of May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Carnations are \$1.00/each -- donations are appreciated.

**Birthright** is a non-profit organization, manned entirely by caring/non-judgmental volunteers, who help pregnant women (married or single) keep their babies by providing healthcare, lodging, furniture, food, clothing, etc. as needed to sustain mother and child.

Thank you for helping us help others.

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time presenters and part time hospitality coordinators for our **Engaged Couples Weekends** in the following regions; The Seacoast area, Greater Manchester/Nashua area, Western NH and Northern NH areas. These positions will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' *Joy-Filled Marriage* program. These workshops will take place on various weekends throughout the year. Couples married at least five years are encouraged to apply. Training will be offered for these openings. If you are interested in applying please send your resume to Chris Hagen at [chagen@rcbm.org](mailto:chagen@rcbm.org) by May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the following link for more information and the full job description. [www.catholicnh.org/employment/#ecs](http://www.catholicnh.org/employment/#ecs)

**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 \$65 per person / \$650 per table. Please 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.

INTERFAITH WOMEN of NH is pleased to invite you to our next event, **HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A SURVIVOR'S PERSPECTIVE**. It will take place on Monday, April 29, at St. Catherine's School Auditorium, 206 North St. in Manchester beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. Check-in begins at 5:45 pm. Keynote speaker, Jasmin Grace, will share her experience as a survivor of trafficking and addiction in America. A panel will address local initiatives against trafficking here in NH. Jasmin's book, "I Am Someone's Daughter," will be available. Plan to join us afterward for conversation and refreshments. Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or call 603-233-7760. Visit us online at [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org) for further detail about this event.

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[www.blessedsacramentnh.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnh.org)

#### The Gift Of Mercy

This celebration of Divine Mercy comes only one week after we rejoice in the Resurrection. We are called to look again at the cross, the sacrifice and the cost that should have been ours. It is only through God's tender mercy and His willingness to stay His hand of judgment that the miracle of Christ's resurrection can happen. The heart of our Creator was so moved with pity at the sinful helpless state of His children that He chose to sacrifice His most precious Son to save them.

What a wonderful gift to share with the world, if we remember to do so. When we reach out to those around us, are we pointing a finger or clasping a hand? Do we give our opinions with clear and stern judgment or do our words tenderly enfold those who hear?

Is our giving done remembering our own times of need, or with a patronizing swagger? In the shadow of the Cross, where Divine Mercy was meted out so generously to us are we acting the miser? Remember this week that each action we take is an opportunity to act in mercy. Have you shared His gift?