

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, May 25 - 4:00pm**

*Germaine Demers* - requested by Larry & Lorraine Labore

**Sunday, May 26**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:00am**

*Maria Lavigne* - requested by her granddaughters

**10:30am**

*Gaetano & Maria Puglisi* - requested by the Puglisi family

**Monday, May 27 - 8:30am**

*Pauline Berube* - requested by Mary & John Hinchey

**Tuesday, May 28 - 8:30am**

*Edward Vieira* - requested by a friend

**Wednesday, May 29 - 6:00pm**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

*James Hainey, anniversary of death* - requested by Pat Hainey & family

**Thursday, May 30 - 8:30am**

*Marcel Larochelle, wedding remembrance* - requested by his wife

**Friday, May 31 - 8:30am**

*Claire Dachowski* - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

**Saturday, June 1 - 4:00pm**

*Lauretta Demers* - requested by Pauline & Maurice Lavigne

**Sunday, June 2**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**7:00am**


*Joseph Stoklosa* - requested by his daughter Barbara O'Brien

**9:00am**

*Paul Ricciardi* - requested by his mom Raffaella



This coming Thursday we will be celebrating the feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. Having been present in His risen body for 40 days, He accomplished His plan of establishing the Church. Now He could leave His disciples to continue His work on earth. But being human, His disciples did not want Him to leave them! Although they felt assured that all He said was true, and felt confident that He would be with them always, there was still one problem. They would miss seeing Him in His physical body and couldn't bear the thought of not seeing Him that way. Again, being human, they didn't know if they could manage without hearing His voice, feeling His embrace, eating a meal with Him. So in the Scriptures we see the disciples clinging to Jesus. It's like when you miss someone you love who is going away so much that you really want to hold onto them. In short, could the disciples accept this change? Could they let go of their old faith, and now take on a deeper faith? Yes, thank God! They did so and the Church was born. They walked by faith and not by sight. Thus they stopped clinging to their old image of Jesus. While they kept His physical body present in their memories, they would now continue to see and touch Him and feel His presence in a new way. How so? Through the Eucharist and by their love for one another. And so they began to experience that Jesus was even closer to them than before. They also learned that they now had to be Jesus to the rest of the world! We can certainly identify with the disciples. We want to cling to our old images of Jesus very often: through statues, holy pictures, religious practices. Yet if we walk by faith and not by sight, we can begin to realize that He surprises us in new ways again and again. Through our faith, we will begin to recognize Him reappearing, especially by the many people who enter our lives. Maybe we will now recognize Him when we see the loving care of a family member who cares for their sick and infirm parent. Maybe we will see Jesus in the friend who walks with and comforts us after a difficult divorce. Maybe we can feel His heartbeat through our child who clings to us for affection. My point, dear parishioners, is that our Risen Savior is around us everywhere! We just need the eyes of faith to see Him. That is what the disciples had to learn; this is what the Ascension is all about! Come Holy Spirit and help us to see! ~ Fr. John

 **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.

**STEWARDSHIP: FAITHFUL & GENEROUS:**  
**May 18 & 19, 2019**

<b>Weekend Offertory</b>	<b>General Parish Fund</b>
Envelopes \$2,722.19	Candles: \$71.00
Loose \$ 884.64	Adoration Chapel: \$10.00
Electronic Offering \$ 445.00	<b>Outreach Fund</b>
<b>Total Offertory: \$4,051.83</b>	St. Anthony Bread for the Poor:\$196.25
	Food Pantry: \$160.00
	- in memory of R. Joyce:\$70.00
	- in memory of M. Kelly: \$25.00

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

"Let yourself be transformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit, in order to bring Christ into every environment and to give witness to the joy and youthfulness of the Gospel!" ~ 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, Joan Bick, Norma Lemire, Rita Marshall, Mary Sylvain, Stephen P. Gilmartin, Bob & Linda Tetreault, Arthur Proulx, Aiden Weeds, Ginny Gallien, Linda Tajeux, 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, Mark Luongo, Sr. Rose Orlando, Donna Tobey and Sr. Cecile Tremblay.

**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, May 26**

\* Secular Franciscans, 1-3pm, church hall

**Monday, May 27 Memorial Day**

\* Office closed today

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

**Tuesday, May 28**

\* Parish Office Closed today

\* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

\*Join Parish Council/Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm, friary

**Wednesday, May 29**

\* St. Anne's Closet, closed today

\* Food Pantry closed today

\* ESL classes, 3pm, OLOM house

\* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

**Thursday, May 23**

\* Cub Scouts, 6pm, church hall

We commend the soul of **Reggie Brunelle** 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.



**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** we celebrate **The Ascension of the Lord**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be on Wednesday,

May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Mass on Thursday will be at the usual time of 8:30am.

**SUMMER MASS TIME CHANGE**

This summer we will be testing a new Mass time. From **June 1<sup>st</sup> until August 25<sup>th</sup>**, the **10:30am Mass will be moved to 9:00am**.

Over the years, we have had many requests for this Mass time. Fr. John and the parish leadership thought summer would be a good time to test this change. Most people who have Masses scheduled for 10:30am during that time have been notified of the change. The intention for the 10:30am Mass will be moved to the 9am Mass unless they request a different date. Some of the intentions we did not have contact information to notify them of the change. Please call the parish office if you have any questions or feedback.

**Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) Micha Awards Dinner**

GSOP (which Blessed Sacrament Parish is a member), will host their annual Michah Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Cross Manor. This award is given to people who have labored long and hard for justice in our city and state. The award's name is a reference to the words of the Hebrew prophet, Micah, a statement about what it is that we are called to do and be: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8). Fr. John is proud to announce that Bob Molloy will be one of the recipients this year. Many of you know Bob. He is a long time parishioner and serves on our Finance Committee. He also is very generous to our parish with our AV needs ( and comes to the rescue when things go wrong) and has supported our Outreach programs as a bulletin advertiser for many years. Please join us in congratulating Bob on this honor.

**300 Club - Week 14**



#91 Tricia Bilodeau; #179 Collette Hamel; #255 Helene Boucher; #278 Jeanne Monty & #306 Mary Feeney  
 Congratulations!!

**Captains:** Doris Cote 624-1013; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Terry Sylvain 669-2582 or Lisa at the friary office at 622-5445.

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in honor of Memorial Day. Morning Mass will still be at 8:30am.**

The Food Pantry has seen a decline in the amount of clients we're serving. There are several factors that contribute to it: more food pantries/options offered in the city, including disbursement of food at the New Hampshire Food Bank (where we purchase food for our pantry) and the changes in the economy, more people returning to the work force. Fr. John has met with the leaders of the Food Pantry, Finance Committee and Pastoral Council and determined that the pantry will close for July & August. This will give us a chance to give out the overstocked food, clean and reorganize the pantry. Fr. John will keep you informed on any updates. Thank you.

We remember and honor all our parishioners, past and present, who have served our nation and continue to do so. We are a grateful nation. Please remember our Veterans as we celebrate Memorial Day and pray for the safety of those currently serving.

Remember Those Who Served



All Gave Some, Some Gave All