

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 21- 4:00pm

Pearl Lemire - requested by Norma, Tracey & Stuart

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

7:00am

Richard Tanguay - requested by Al & Gerry Tanguay

10:30am

Steve Gilmartin - requested by the Kirby family

Monday, December 23 - 8:30am

Claire Dachowski- requested by her family

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm

Al Nettel - requested by Pat Nettel & the Wade family

12:00am

Deceased members of the Sullivan families

Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00am Christmas Day

Patrick Gilmartin, birthday celebration - requested by Mary McNeill

Thursday, December 26 - 8:30am

Steve Gilmartin - requested by Iren de Repentigny

Friday, December 27 - 8:30am

Maurice Vachon - requested by Sue & Lee Forest

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



she will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus - for he will save his people from their sins.
MATTHEW 1:21




HE GAVE THE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.
JOHN 1:12

Are you afraid of the dark? If you are, do not feel embarrassed, you are in good company. When I was a youngster, I had the family responsibility of going down to the cellar of our house and with the oil container in hand, filling it up from the large tank so that my family might be able to heat the house upstairs. The cellar was dark, even when the small overhead light bulb was turned on. Sometimes, even that light bulb died out. Being in the dark, I could imagine the worst, never knowing what to expect. Could some unwelcomed person also be in the cellar, there to harm me? Once I filled the container and got back upstairs into the light, I felt relieved. Darkness is a difficult experience for any of us. Whether there is physical darkness or spiritual darkness, we can fear the unexpected. Spiritual darkness is the kind that Joseph was experiencing in today's Gospel as the angel announced in a dream that God wanted Joseph to take Mary as his wife. The unexpected part was that Mary was already with child! The angel explained that it was through the Holy Spirit that Mary had conceived. Could Joseph believe this? It sounded like a fairy tale - unreal, impossible? When Joseph awoke from this dream even though he still did not know what was happening, he said yes to God. He trusted God's plan for his and Mary's lives by placing his faith completely in God. And as we can testify from the Gospel, all turned out well for the Holy Family: "...Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." They found God's light! I really do believe that God's light comes to us in so many ways, ways that at first seem uncertain to us; just like His light came to Joseph through the angel. God may come to us through a kind act for a stranger; He may come to us through a healing after a time of illness; He may come to us through our hearing a certain Christmas Carol that speaks to our heart. The light of Christ is there for us all the time. But we have to be prepared to welcome that light trusting the unexpected ways and means that God uses. Knowing this is how St. Francis of Assisi was able to pray for light through darkness: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me bring love; where there is sadness, let me bring joy; where there is darkness, let me bring light!" Francis saw those moments of hatred, sadness, and darkness as seeds of God's light and love - God's plan for his life. This Christmas, let us deepen our faith by not turning away from the dark moments of our lives. Let us stay the course so that Christ's light might shine through brightly in these dark moments.



~ Fr. John



Christmas Masses for 2019

Tuesday, December 24th, 4pm: Family Mass with the children's Nativity procession

Midnight Mass: come early to listen to the Choir's prelude; so beautiful & peaceful.


Wednesday, December 25th: 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 14 & 15, 2019


<p>Weekend Offertory</p> <p>Envelopes \$4,175.19</p> <p>Loose \$1,061.00</p> <p>Electronic Offering \$ 690.00</p> <p>Total Offertory: \$5,926.19</p>	<p>General Parish Fund</p> <p>Candles: \$76.00</p> <p>Adoration Chapel: \$100.75</p> <p>Retired Religious Fund: \$1028.25</p>
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Outreach Fund

Food Pantry: \$20.00

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$5.00

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



Living the Faith: "May the Virgin Mary help us so that, as we approach Christmas, we do not allow ourselves to be distracted by external things, but make room in our hearts for the One who has already come and wants to come again to heal our illnesses and to give us his joy." ~ Pope Francis

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)	
Parish Office	622-5445
Parish Elderly Ministry	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	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	
Ron Latouche	396-5168
Social Committee	
Donna Guertin	669-5232
Youth Group	
Ellen Vigneault	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



We commend the soul of **Elizabeth Tate** into the loving embrace of our God and the eternal peace that only Christ gives. Let us pray that the hope and promise of Christ's Resurrection will bring strength and comfort to her loved ones during this time of mourning and deep sorrow.

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes to donate towards our Christmas flowers in memory or honor of a loved one are available on the table in the back of the church.



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, Alyssa Mulhern and Daniel Derepentigny.

Calendar of Events

- Monday, December 23**
* No Boy Scouts, tonight
- Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**
* Parish Office Closed today
* 4pm & Midnight Mass
- Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day**
* Mass, 9am
- Thursday, December 26**
* Parish Office closed today
* No Cub Scouts tonight
- Sunday, December 29**
* Secular Franciscans, 12-3pm, hall
- Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve**
* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am, church
* Office Closed today
* Mass, 6pm
- Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day**
* Mass, 9am
* Office Closed today



Thank you to all our parishioners & friends that donated towards our Children's Christmas party. Thank you especially to all the elves that worked hard on Friday and Saturday to ensure the party went smoothly and

was a success! It was such a wonderful day! We had 74 children plus their parents attend! Highlights were the telling of the Christmas story by Fr. John and the children reenacting the scene and Santa, who came and spent the afternoon visiting with the children. It was a wonderful spirit and event. We are very grateful for the parish support for this event.

300 Club - Grand Prize Drawing Winners

\$500: #308 Lorraine & Larry Labore; **\$400:** #98 Judy Boucher; **\$300:** #73 Linda Racette; **\$200:** #225 John Lavoie; **\$100:** #288 Joyce Savigneau & Eileen Bennett; **\$50:** #151 Silvia Zid, #103 Sr. Joan Messier, #108 Louise Spinelli & #88 Shirley Gazda; **\$20:** #61 Norma Charest, #276 Cheryl Kula, #194 Pauline Riley, #136 Sue Lang & #79 Gerry Beaulieu.

Congratulations!

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.