

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, May 8, 2020**

**4:00pm**

*Lorraine Sullivan* - requested by the family

**6:00pm**

*Henri Demers, birthday remembrance* - requested by his daughter Pauline & Maurice Lavigne

**Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:00am**

*Nina Roussel and Madeleine Pimley*- requested by the family

**10:30am**

*Andre Saindon* - requested by his family

**Monday, May 10 - 8:30am**

*Madeleine Charest*

**Tuesday, May 11 - 8:30am**

*George Gregoire* - requested by the Menken family

**Wednesday, May 12 - 6:00pm**

*For the souls in purgatory*

**Thursday, May 13 - 8:30am The Ascension Of The Lord**

*Emmanuel Rouleau* - requested by Madeleine Gauthier

**Friday, May 14 - 8:30am**

*For students and teachers*

**Saturday, May 15, 2020**

**4:00pm**

*Ellaine Kelliher* - requested by her family

**6:00pm**

*For vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life*

**Sunday, May 16 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:00am**

*Joyce Welch*- requested by Natalie and Larry Welch

**10:30am**

*Karen Helmke*

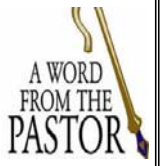
AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME SO I HAVE LOVED YOU ABIDE IN MY LOVE JOHN 15:9



*While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried into heaven.*

Luke 24:51

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter! It is a special day because it is also Mother's Day. You must have heard the story of the little boy who asked his mother this question about the Ascension: "Mom, why did Christ ascend into heaven?" Without batting an eyelash mom answered: "Because He knew that He had mothers to take His place!" Mothers have a lot of personal power! I can remember a couple of years ago when we had a local high school have their senior retreat day here, just before their graduation. Their religion teacher who was leading the retreat gave them a special letter towards the end of the retreat, which they could then open. The letter was from their parents, who wrote words like: "I am so proud of you for your accomplishment!" "You won't believe how much I love you!" "You have made dad and me feel so honored to have a son/daughter like you!" Well, after about 30 seniors read these letters to themselves, the church filled up with voluminous tears! There was so much love expressed through those tears that we all remained in silence for quite a while just to honor what was being felt! When love is truly felt it must be expressed. We can't keep it to ourselves. Unfortunately, this happens all the time, and way too often with youngsters. It is amazing to hear so many young people express words such as: "I don't think my parents love me!" "I feel more like a burden at home than a blessing!" "I wish I was never born; that would have made everyone much happier!" I can understand why God made mothers in particular. They represent God's unconditional love and acceptance. The readings today express love being of God; and that everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. So, our mothers (and fathers) have a special role to play in our lives: to witness God's love. Why are we so reluctant to express our love for each other to each other? If you are a follower of history, it has been said that mothers have played an incredibly important role in shaping national policy and social justice. In Latin America, mothers have marched together and faced dictators face to face demanding answers about the lack of child health care by government. Another example: historians have said that if all the German Christian mothers had risen up and protested sending their sons to war in WWII against the Nazis, that war would never have happened. Yes, Jesus did ascend because He has mothers to take His place. Let us honor our mothers for all they have done for us and for world peace!!! ~ Fr. John



### A Prayer for Mothers

God our Father, we thank You for the gift of life and the gift of our mothers. Bless our mothers and make their hearts glad. Fill our homes with laughter and love. Grant that our mothers might always rejoice in their sons and daughters. And may they hold their children's children in their arms.

+Most Rev. José H. Gomez

**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. We also pray for: Acilda Dachowski, David Rattigan, Bert Beaudette, Lorraine Turcotte, Lucille Frederique, Andy W., Rachel Lambert, Ryan Shelley, Joe Germano, Michael Bergeron, Paula Cote, Barbara Thurston, Mark Siraco, Heather Spice, Kevin Devlin, Agnes Vaal, Steve Donohue, Frank Moulin, Karen Vaughen, Alberto Canad, Bob Allard, Pat Barassi, Stacey Young, Mark Shackelford, Felix Samson, Jr., Karen Langella, Connie Shedd and Peter C.



**Living the Faith:** "God saves with love, not with force; offering Himself, not imposing Himself." ~ Pope Francis

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Beverly Bergeron	769-7816
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	315-7623
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
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

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6pm and Mass on Thursday will be at 8:30am.

*This Week*

**Tuesday, May 11**

- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 6pm
- \* Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, May 12**

- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, church hall
- \* St. Anne's Closet, 1-3pm

**May 1 & 2, 2021**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes	\$2,013.00
Loose	\$ 632.48
Electronic Offering	\$1,812.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$ 753.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$5,210.48</b>

**General Parish Fund**

Candles: \$43.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$91.00  
Food Pantry: \$-0-

We are incredibly grateful to all our parishioners who continue to give at Mass, mail in their offertory envelopes or have joined the online giving community. Your offertory allows us to keep the parish up to date on our bills such as, salaries, maintenance, insurances and utilities. Thank you!



**300 Club**



Thank you to all who played this past club. We gave out \$1,000 in weekly prizes and \$1,800 in grand prizes. A new club is beginning. Don't miss your chance to participate in this quick and easy fundraiser. All it takes is \$20 to purchase a lucky number. For 20 weeks we will draw five \$10 lucky winners - just \$1 a week for a chance to win anywhere from \$10 to \$500. A full club will raise \$3,200 for the parish. Please call one of the Captains listed below to join.

**Captains:** Lisa (in the parish office) 622-5445/ H: 668-6506, Donna Mullen 669-8344; Gloria Pilotte 623-8173, or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

**Open: Tuesdays, 9am - 6pm**

We welcome Adorers to our chapel. Seating will be limited to just 5 people to ensure 6ft social distance spacing. The inside door will stay open to allow proper ventilation. There is an air purifier in the chapel as well. The same protocols we follow for Mass will be used: masks are mandatory, and sanitize your hands before/after entering. We have removed all worship aids & rosaries, so please bring your own. Each adorer will be instructed on how to sanitize their chair and kneeler when they leave. For this to work, we will need all the Adorer's to help. If you would like to sign up for a particular Tuesday hour, please call Irene, Chapel Coordinator at 622-7775.



**Catholic Communication Campaign**  
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Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money we collect stays right here in the Diocese of Manchester to support local communications projects, such as Parable magazine, the Diocesan website and newsletters. The other 50% supports national communications efforts as well as projects in developing countries. This collection connects people around the world to the Gospel message. Please be generous today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

Next weekend, we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> basket in the back of the church marked for Catholic Communications Campaign. For those that utilize the offertory envelopes, you will find a CCC envelope marked for May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you don't, you may place your donation in the basket with or without an envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Full Time Parish Secretary, Manchester, NH**

Saint Raphael Parish, a Benedictine Catholic parish in Manchester, NH, seeks a full time parish secretary. The candidate will be a Catholic in good standing and be responsible for the daily operation of the parish office. Please visit the diocesan website employment link at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org) for a full job description.