

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00pm

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by the family

6:00pm

Diane Provost - requested by Pauline Gagnon

Sunday, August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

Lawrence Welch - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch

10:30am

Isabel, J. Francis & Lawrence Young
- requested by the Donohue family

Monday, August 17

For our parishioners that are sick or recovering from illness

Tuesday, August 18

Claire Mathieu - requested by Tracey & Stuart Adams

Wednesday, August 19

- NO MASS -

Thursday, August 20

Beverly Lemire, birthday remembrance - Trace, Stuart & Norma

Friday, August 21

For the safety of healthcare providers & first responders

Saturday, August 22

4:00pm

Mr. & Mrs. Michael McGrail & family - requested by the family

6:00pm

Barbara & Leo Gagnon - requested by Pauline & Maurice Lavigne

Sunday, August 23 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am

Peter Chiasson - requested by the family

10:30am

Jean Favreau, anniversary of death - requested by the family

Living the Faith: "When we pray, God expects that we also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, only prayer paves the way to unity."
~ Pope Francis

When I was a hospital chaplain, I was paged to visit a patient who was quite ill in the coronary care unit. When I got there, the patient's family was standing around anxiously awaiting to hear from the doctor about the status of their loved one. I introduced myself to this family, which was from another culture. They looked like they might be from India, Pakistan or Nepal. They thanked me for coming, and politely said they wouldn't need my services because they had their own prayer ritual that they would use from their religion which was Hinduism. I took that as a way of them asking me to leave; so I wished them well and was turning to leave when the patient's wife followed after me and said: "But chaplain, we would like it very much if you could join us in our prayer ritual with us!" I was happily surprised that this family wanted to include me, even though my culture, my race, my religion, was totally different from their own. We all held hands and I listened as they prayed some prayers from their tradition and in their own language. I thanked them for including me, and promised I would pray for their loved one in my own tradition. When I later thought about the experience, seeing how much they wanted me to be with them in prayer, I thought about the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. She came from a very different culture and religion from Jesus and His disciples, but she was desperate as a mother. Her daughter was extremely ill, beset by a demon, and the mother had nobody else to turn to so she sought out Jesus. The disciples of Jesus wanted Him to send her away because she was different from them. But Jesus did not send her away. He tested her and marveled at her response. Jesus looked beyond her gender and race, and saw into her human heart. Each of us has our own community where we feel comfortable. We refer to them as "our people." It is often based upon skin color, social class, gender, politics, or nationality. In God's eyes none of these categories are of ultimate importance. They do not determine whether a person will be saved or not. And so because we are followers of Jesus Christ, these distinctions should not be of great importance to us as well. We keep experiencing the ugly sins of racial hatred and extreme nationalism raising their vicious heads in our country. The Catholic Church condemns both of these as social sins, contrary to the Gospel and to our Church's social teaching. The challenge to you and to me is, can we look beyond our own group and marvel at the faith and diversity of others? Always remember that in the mind of God "different" does not mean "deficient." Why do we think that God created so much diversity in nature? So many beautiful flowers or different colors and shapes; so many interesting animals? Perhaps today or someday God will send a person into our lives just like that Canaanite woman in today's Gospel, in need of our help and acceptance. Will we recognize the presence of God in that person, or will we send that person away because they are not "our people?"



~ Fr. John

Prayer Intentions: We are starting a fresh list. Include are ALL our parishioners that are homebound & in long term care/nursing homes. Please call the office to place someone on the list. We ask you to update us once a month to let us know if they can be removed. Some names were on the old list for years. Thank you for your understanding.



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, Andy Demers, Roger Allard, David Rattigan, Bert Beaudette, Pauline Beaudette, Lorraine Turcotte, Paul Pilotte, Kevin Masewic and Steve Donohue.

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
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

August 8 & 9, 2020

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes	\$1,543.00
Loose	\$ 359.00
Electronic Offertory	\$1,462.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$1,479.00
Total Offertory:	\$4,843.00



Outreach Fund

Food Pantry: \$-0-
- in memory of Andrea Melloni: \$100.00

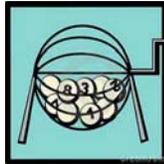
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$-0-
- in memory of Diane Provost: \$150.00

General Parish Fund

Candles: \$30.00
In memory of Sandra Dubisz Paradise: \$200

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 - Week 7



#44 Karen Berube; #134 Barbara Cody; #152 Madison Schooley; #172 Beatrice Proulx and #301 Ellie & Julia Pilotte

Congratulations!

It's not too late to join! Please contact one of the captains for your lucky number. **Now more than ever, we need this parish fundraiser to offset the loss of income during these past few months.** We hope you will continue to participate.

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

If anyone from the Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of yarn, please call Lisa in the parish office. We had some yarn donated to us.



Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 15

* Masses, 4pm & 6pm

Sunday, August 16

* Masses, 7am & 10:30am

Wednesday, August 19

* St. Anne's Closet closed today

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, church hall

Happy News Corner



Do you have happy news to share? A birth in the family? Special anniversary or birthday? Graduation? Prayer answered? Summer is slow, especially since our ministries are currently on hold. We would like to use this space to share happy news and brighten people's spirit. We realize with social distancing, our parishioners are not able to visit each

other and share their happy news. We all need good/happy news! Please email Lisa (lisa@blessedsacramentnh.org) or call the parish office @ 622-5445) with the news you would like to share and we will include it as space permits.

This week's happy news:

Lucille Lingard & Phillippe Frederique's first great grandchild was baptized Lyanna Elizabeth Fitzgerald on July 12th in Houston, Texas.

We still have many parishioners that are unable to attend Mass due to the pandemic. If you know of a parishioner that is unable to attend Mass, please be sure to tell them about watching the Mass online. Also, let us know if they would like to receive the weekly bulletin, we will be happy to mail it to them.

If they don't have access to the web, please let them know they can watch daily Mass on **Catholic TV** on channels:166, 183, 1669, 268 or on **EWTN**, channel 56.

