

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 14 - 4:00pm

Sumner Menken - requested by his wife

Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday Of Advent

7:00am

Rev. Robert Marchand - requested by Irene de Repentigny

10:30am

Steve Gilmartin - requested by the Kirby family

Monday, December 16 - 8:30am

Robert Schlottmann, Jr., anniversary of death- requested by his mom

Tuesday, December 17 - 8:30am

Marcel Laroche, anniversary of death

- requested by his wife

Wednesday, December 18

No Mass

Thursday, December 19 - 8:30am

Steve Siraco, anniversary of death -

requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

Friday, December 20 - 8:30am

Sumner Menken - requested by his wife

Saturday, December 21- 4:00pm

Pearl Lemire - requested by Norma,

Tracey & Stuart

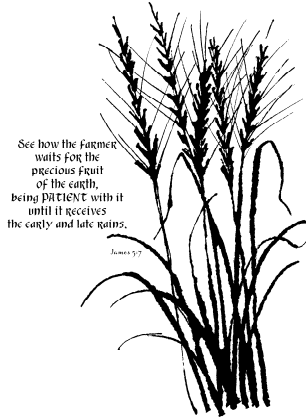
Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday Of Advent

7:00am

Richard Tanguay - requested by Al & Gerry Tanguay

10:30am

Steve Gilmartin - requested by the Kirby family




Many of us love the famous Christmas movie, The Polar Express. So many children love watching this movie, but so do many adults as well (including me). In the movie, the main character receives a bell that he cannot hear. Only when he begins to believe in the magic of Christmas can he hear the bell ringing. Isn't it true that many of us have lost sense of the magic of Christmas? And so we cannot "hear the bell ringing," so to speak. By that I mean that we cannot see behind things, how the love and presence of Jesus will help us get to the joys of life. For when we are faced with challenges, struggle and doubt, though we need God to help us find this joy – we are bombarded each day with negativity, name-calling and divisiveness among people. So Advent is a time which makes us wonder what it is that we love most about the Christmas season. What brings us joy? Of course, reconnecting with God is the best way to recover our joy. Advent helps us cut through the darkness and hear the bell ringing to celebrate the people who love us: family, friends, and the unexpected guest. This is why the Church calls the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice!" Isaiah, in today's first reading was able to rejoice, to hear the bell ringing. Listen to the way he described the transformation that God would make in the world by sending His Son: "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song." Then even more, "...The eyes of the blind will be opened; the ears of the deaf be cleared; the tongue of the mute will sing." These are mighty prophecies not only of the magic of Christmas, but also the great things that God has in store for those who love Him. So what must we do to restore that joy in us; to hear the bells ringing? Maybe we can look at this time of the year in a different way. Let's face it; it is exhausting. Even when we try to scale back, there still seems to be a lot going on. Many of us have illnesses and feel badly that we can't keep up with the pace of this season. But unless we learn that if we do not take care of ourselves, we are no good to anyone else. As much as we all like to believe it, we are not superheroes. We need rest and time for ourselves; time to pray and be present to God. Let's enjoy God this Christmas. He will lead us to deeper levels of love with family and others. Happy Advent!!! ~ 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

Living the Faith: "The true worship of God is always expressed in love of one's neighbour." ~ Pope Francis



December 7 & 8, 2019

Weekend Offertory	General Parish Fund
Envelopes \$3,378.19	Candles: \$60.00
Loose \$1,287.75	Adoration Chapel: \$89.00
Electronic Offering \$1,540.00	
Total Offertory: \$6,205.94	Outreach Fund
	Food Pantry: \$20.00
	St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$56.00
	- in memory of E. Bochniak: \$100.00

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



St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel
 Open Daily: 7am-7pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 

Open Hours:

Sundays: 2pm	Mondays: 10am
Tuesdays: 5pm	Thursdays: 2pm
Fridays: 4pm	Saturdays: 11am & 2pm

We have 7 open hours!!! 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.

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

Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 15th

4pm, St. Marie's Church

Multiple priests will be available for confessions for the Reconciliation Service at Ste. Marie's, 378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, NH.

Go and tell what you see

"The King is coming!!" We joyously proclaim the coming of Christ to all who will hear. We have waited so long for our beloved guest. Here in the last days before his arrival we wait in precious anticipation, listening eagerly for his step on the sidewalk, his knock on the door. Our house in order, our hearts open in welcome, we share our joyous expectation with one and all. We cry our eagerness to the world—Maranatha!



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 and Robert Morrisette.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 15

* Family Faith Formation, 9am, hall

Monday, December 16

* My Brother's Keeper, 9am - Noon, hall

* Boy Scouts, 6pm, hall

Tuesday, December 17

* Parish Office Closed today

* Devotion to St. Anthony following Mass

Wednesday, December 18

* St. Anne's Closet closed

* Food Pantry, 1-3pm

* ESL classes, 3pm OLOM Center

* Marian Prayer Cenacle, 7pm, chapel

Thursday, December 19

* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, OLOM house

* Cub Scouts, 6pm, hall

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.

Children's Christmas Procession

The children of the parish are invited to dress as angels & shepherds for our Christmas procession at the 4pm Mass on December 24th. If you're child would like to participate, please call Martha Donohue 627-4868. We will dress your child, but, they need to be down in the hall for 3:15pm.



300 Club

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. 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.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Doris Cote. Doris was one of the original founders of this club back in 1960. She has been a Captain since! Doris has decided to no longer be a Captain. If you were in her club, you will receive a call from your new Captain; you will be able to keep your present number. We thank Doris for her many years of dedication and hard work.

Captains:

Gloria Pilotte 623-8173; Terry Sylvain 669-2582 or Lisa at the friary office at 622-5445.

Christmas Giving Tree:

Help us remember those less fortunate this Advent & Christmas by taking an ornament off the Christmas Giving Tree in the back of the church. Each ornament has a request to help with our homeless ministry and St. Anne's closet. Items may be left in the back by the tree. Gift cards may be placed in the offertory baskets. Thank you for sharing your treasure with those in need.

