Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 10 - 4:00pm
Paul, Richard & Gerry Levasseur - requested by their brother George

Sunday, January 11 The Baptism of the Lord
7:00am
MaryAnn Wityak - requested by Ryan & Kathryn Wityak
10:30am
Jean Kinkade - requested by Pat McCarthy

Monday, January 12 - 8:30am
Joseph Gagnon, birthday remembrance - requested by his family

Tuesday, January 13 - 8:30am
Francoise Chouinard - requested by the family

Wednesday, January 14
- No Mass -

Thursday, January 15 - 8:30am
Anne Whalen - requested by Carol Keeffe Hendries

Friday, January 16 - 8:30am
Mae Louise Doherty - requested by Jean St. Marie

Saturday, January 17 - 4:00pm
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Moran - requested by the family

Sunday, January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am
The Sullivan, Treat & Broan families
10:30am
The Sylvain family - requested by Diane Talon

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are at the end of the Christmas season, and what better way to do that than by celebrating the Baptism of Jesus. I remember an incident I went through that parallels today's Gospel scene when Jesus gets baptized. I was newly ordained and in my first parish assignment. Being around 26, I wanted to get involved in the ministry to the teens in the parish. I wanted them to feel comfortable with me, that I was one of them. So, when they played basketball in the parish gymnasium, I put on my regular workout clothing and played with them. One of the parents questioned me about doing that. He thought that teenagers would disrespect me if I tried to be "one of the guys." I answered that parent respectfully by explaining to him that I wasn't trying to be one of the guys, but to show that a priest could be human. He understood my motive better and later changed his opinion. In Today's Gospel we see something similar happen. John the Baptist is a bit put off when Jesus asked John to baptize Him. John immediately said: "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Like the parent who was initially put off with me when I played basketball with the teens, so too John the Baptist was concerned that respect for Jesus would decline when people saw Him being baptized, just like everybody else. Jesus gives John an answer that at first is hard to understand: "It is righteous that I do this." In other words, it was part of God's plan for humanity. For at the end of the Gospel, the sky opened and the voice of the Father was clear: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Jesus was fulfilling His Father's Will which was to mirror to us humans that there is a Divine Image living in each of us that we rarely notice or feel or believe. We come from Jesus' divinity and Jesus came to be part of our humanity. Like the parent of the teen who was put off by my being human by playing ball, we find it hard to believe that we can be Christ-like to others by being our truest selves. This is why the Sacrament of Baptism is so important to us in our lives. It reveals to us how God really sees us and wants us to accept ourselves as humans made in the image and likeness of God! Wow, what a world this could be if only… if only, we could really see who we are to God and see that same God in our neighbor! ~ Fr. John

If you utilize the envelope system or online giving and would like a 2025 donation receipt for your taxes, please call the parish office. Letters will be mailed the last week of January.

January 3 & 4, 2026

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes	$1,853.00
Loose	$1,146.00
Electronic Offering	$3,207.00
Mailed in Offertory:	$ 830.00
Total Offertory:	**$7,036.00**

Mary, Mother of God: $782.43

General Fund
Adoration Chapel: $5.00 Candles: $62.00

Outreach Fund
St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: $89.00
Food Pantry: $10.00 - in memory of J. Allard: $10.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish which helps us to live out the Gospel message to love and serve one another. We are also very grateful for the weekly food donations we receive both for the food pantry and our homeless ministry. We are humbled and blessed by your generosity. May God continue to bless all of you and our Blessed Sacrament family.

We have been informed by Bishop Libasci that the old school building has been sold to a nonprofit group that will turn it into transitional housing. The Bishop said that the group is reputable and is trying to help the housing crisis in Manchester.

That is all I know for now, and I will let you know more information as it comes to us from the diocesan office.

Fr. John

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: Esther Shea, Mark P, Joe Carnevale, David Rattigan, Taylor Wright, Irene Allard, Donna Mullen, Christine Wood, Joseph Belliveau, Jaime Dupuis, MTS, Paul St. Jean, BRD, Krissy B., Moe Labbe, RFG, Keith & William , Bill Puglisi, Chloe, Georgia Gancarz, Judy Sullivan, Bob Theodorou, Gerry & Barbara Zahn, Ray Pascua, Mark Siraco, Merlena & Albert Ancheta, Dave & Sharon Brock, Jonathan Camire Jr., Savanah, Acilda Dachowski, Jeannine Larochelle, Christine, Gail Lemieux, Mary Ann Pank, Debi Ford, Allan Charest, Rachel Hamel, Norma Lemire, Claire Smith, Dan, Gary Wood, Patricia & Collette O'Connor, Steve Webster, Joseph, DRV, Audrey Baker, DRV, Ken West, Richard Mendolia, Delia Huertas, Michael Sufat, Tylia Racicot, Brian & Amy Wiggin and Janice Beaudin.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Patrick Gilmartin	770-4262
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	315-7623
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	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
Scouts of America	
Ron St. Cyr	622-8182
Finance Committee	
Bill Handy	
Parish Prayer Line	
Gemma Houde	668-3993
Pastoral Council	
Tracey Adams	
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
OCIA	
Sr. Marjorie Lupien	622-5445
Secular Franciscan Order	
John Proulx, OFS	232-0588
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

St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel
NEW HOURS: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 7pm
Saturdays: 9am-7pm
LIVESTREAMED 24/7 on our website

OPEN HOURS: Our hours are currently filled, but we always need substitutes! **Please call Lisa in the office if you'd like more information.**

"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." — St. Carlo Acutis

Anyone can visit Jesus in the Eucharist when our chapel is opened; you don't have to be an assigned adorer. If you've never been to our chapel, we encourage you to come and visit. Our world needs prayers, our hearts need the Eucharist

This Week

Saturday, January 10
* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm
* Boy Scouts, 11am-2:30pm, hall

Sunday, January 11
* Cub Scout Committee, 6-8pm

Monday, January 12
* B & G Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Tuesday, January 13
* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
* Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30pm, friary

Wednesday, January 14
* St. Anne's Closet, 10am-Noon
* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, hall

Thursday, January 15
* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9am, hall
* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

Friday, January 16
* Office Closed today
* Ezer Spirituality Ministry, 6:30pm, hall

Saturday, January 17
* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

Sunday, January 18
* Faith Formation Class, 9am, hall

The Social Committee is planning lots of activities for 2026. Please mark you calendars for these dates and watch the bulletin for more details.

January 24th: Game Night w/dinner
February 15th: Valentine's Dinner
March 14th: St. Patrick's Dinner
May 16th: International Night
June 7th: Parish Feast Day Breakfast
September 13th: Parish Picnic
October 17th: Fall Festival
November 26th: Thanksgiving Dinner

300 Club: Week 20

#19 Michael Vigneault;
#55 Thora Silva;
#82 Adele Baker;
#146 Arlene Soucy; #221 Frank Swierz

Congratulations!!

Grand Prize Drawing January 11th!

Captains: Lisa (parish office) 622-5445, Gloria Pilotte 623-8173, or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.

We remember ***Douglas Foss*** who was called to his eternal rest and to the glory of the Resurrection promised by our Lord. *"Grant him eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on him forever. Amen"*

We offer our prayers and condolences to his family and all his loved ones.

The retired/infirm Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Immaculate Conception pray daily for the intentions entrusted to them. If you have a prayer request, they are happy to remember your intention in their prayers. Please call 617-742- 4190 ext. 100. and leave your request.

Giving Tree Summary

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Giving Tree this Christmas. The items collected will support our Homeless Ministry, St. Anne's Closet and Emergency Assistance programs throughout 2026. We received many diapers, wipes, gloves and collected $2,640 in gift cards!

Catholic Charities NH: Online Dementia Care Support Group

Are you caring for a spouse or loved one with memory care? We know it can be overwhelming, and we are here to help. Catholic Charities NH is offering a free, five-week online support group, "Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia," beginning Wednesday, January 26. The group provides education, emotional support, and an opportunity to connect with others navigating similar challenges. For more details or to sign up, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia, or contact Shannon at 603-448-5151; email shannon.popescu@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to attend.