



**Saturday, February 28 - 4:00pm**

Lorraine Sullivan - requested by her family

**Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday Of Lent**

**7:00am**

Richard Shedd - requested by Pat Bachand

**10:30am**

Paul & Jeanne Sylvain - requested by Diane Talon

**Monday, March 2 - 8:30am**

Dick Knoeworthy

**Tuesday, March 3 - 8:30am**

For the healing intentions of Christine

**Wednesday, March 4**

- No Mass -

**Thursday, March 5 - 8:30am**

For souls in purgatory

**Friday, March 6 - 8:30am**

For the deceased friars from the Immaculate Conception Province

**Saturday, March 7 - 4:00pm**

Jeanne Adams, birthday remembrance - requested by Tracey and Stuart Adams

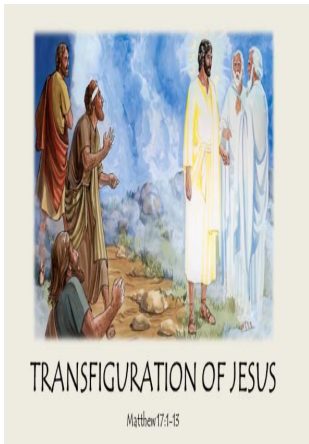
**Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday Of Lent**

**7:00am**

Tom Levandowski - requested by his wife Shannon

**10:30am**

Carol Gagnon - requested by the family



“...then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.’ When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid!”



This passage from today’s Gospel always intrigued me. When the disciples saw a cloud and heard God’s voice, I wondered why there were overcome with fear? After all, they had Jesus with them, and the voice was a friendly one: God the Father’s. My suspicion is that all these signs of God’s powerful love and presence made them experience their own sins. Isn’t it true that when we experience such deep holiness we immediately fall in amazement, as we recognize how far short, we miss the mark with God. But Jesus reassures His disciples: But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” This made me think of all the times we fear God when we acknowledge how sinful we can be. We fear punishment, rejection, and condemnation. Yet God is our loving Father – we just can’t wrap our minds around the depth of His love for us. To help us heal, the Church provides many means that we can use to get over our fears and trust God’s mercy. Our dear Pope Leo has given us one powerful way during this year 2026. He has offered us a way to receive a Plenary Indulgence. What is a plenary indulgence? To make a simple comparison using secular terms, we can be granted a “full pardon.” Often after we have gone to confession, we have our sins forgiven, but the guilt remains, doesn’t it? We find it hard to let go of our mistakes from the past; and even though we receive a full absolution from the confessor, we often can’t let go of the guilt and sense of shame. What a Plenary Indulgence does is precisely that. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. We become free to believe any kind of guilt or punishment, whether from God, from others, or from ourselves, doesn’t exist anymore. It really is a special grace, and what better time of the year than during Lent to seek one. There are, however, some visible things we need to do to show our openness to this gift. We must have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin; we must sacramentally confess our sins; we must receive Holy Communion (better during Mass); and we must pray for the intentions of the Pope. If you have any questions about a plenary indulgence, come to see me. ~ Fr. John

**Knights Of Columbus Communion Breakfast**

Knights of Columbus #5260 is having a communion breakfast at Belmont Hall following the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Fr. John Bucchino, OFM will be the guest speaker. This is open to men and their wives. Cost is \$18 per person. Please call Ron Latouche at 603-669-2674 to register by Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.



**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, 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., Savannah, Acilda Dachowski, Jeanne Larochele, Gail Lemieux, Mary Ann Pank, Rachel Hamel, Norma Lemire, Claire Smith, Dan, Gary Wood, Patricia & Collette O’Connor, Steve Webster, Joseph, Audrey Baker, Ken West, Richard Mendolia, Delia Huertas, Michael Sufat, Tylia Racicot, Allan & Kathy Charest, Janice Beaudin, Bella Donoso, Christine Vigneault, Myriam Siraco, Amy & Brian Wiggin, Pauline Cote, Susan Czajka and Peter Chiano.

**New Ministry: Altar Society**

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Altar linens. What does it involve? Washing and ironing the altar clothes (seasonal) and the weekly linens used during Mass (purificators, towels). Time needed: about 1 hour a week. We would like to have a few people so we can rotate the weeks. If interested, please see Fr. John.

**February 21 & 22, 2026**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes	\$1,765.00
Loose	\$1,008.00
Electronic Offering	\$1,447.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$ 240.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4,460.00</b>



**General Fund**

Adoration Chapel: \$-0-  
Candles: \$75.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$271.00  
Food Pantry: \$39.00  
- in memory of D. Foss: 100.00

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.

**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

St. Anthony Food Pantry	
Patrick Gilmartin	770-4262
Shoes For Kids/General Outreach	
Lisa Siraco	622-5445
St. Anne's Closet (clothing for children)	
Parish Office	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	622-5445
Liturgical Ministers	
(Eucharist Lectors, Altar Servers)	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	622-5445
Secular Franciscan Order	
John Proulx, OFS	232-0588
Youth Group	
Ellen Vigneault	867-8881
Ezer Spiritual Ministry	
Charlotte Pratte	622-0595

**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

**300 Club: Week 5**

- #33 Sue Robinson
- #72 Doris Marr
- #89 Sr. Denise Charest
- #123 Carol Labbe
- #203 Lee & Sue Forest



**Congratulations!**

If you'd like to become a member and receive your lucky number, please call one of the **Captains:** Lisa (parish office) 622-5445, Gloria Pilotte 623-8173, or Terry Sylvain 669-2582.

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.



Dear Parishioners: It is with a deep sense of sadness that I am announcing Sr. Marjorie Lupien's retirement from her role as Pastoral Associate here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. She has been ministering here for 15+ years and has done a wonderful job. She re-energized and reorganized the Food Pantry, assisted with the funeral ministry and Memorial Meals, taught Adult Confirmation and the OCIA programs, as well as her involvement with the liturgies and as a Eucharistic Minister. Just her general presence here has brought so much joy to so many and has been a great assistance to me as Pastor.

Sr. Marjorie will be moving to her community's retirement house in Windham, NH. She will be reuniting with her predecessor Sr. Olivia and the other Sisters of Mercy who will welcome her with open arms. We definitely will be having a gathering together with her in future weeks, to thank her for her service and to say our goodbyes. We will let you know the date of her gathering once it is formalized. ~ Fr. John

**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

**NEW HOURS:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am - 7pm  
Saturdays: 9am-7pm  
**LIVESTREAMED 24/7 on our website**



**OPEN HOURS:** No Open Hours, however we always need substitutes! Please call Lisa in the office if you'd like more information.

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.

*"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power."* Mother Teresa

*This Week*

**Saturday, February 28**

- \* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

**Monday, March 2**

- \* Coffee Chat w/ Fr. John, 9am, hall
- \* SFO Council Meeting, 12pm, hall
- \* B & G Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

**Tuesday, March 3**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
- \* GSOP, 10am-12pm, hall

**Wednesday, March 4**

- \* St. Anne's Closet, 10am-12pm
- \* Food Pantry, 1-3pm, hall
- \* GSOP, 6-8 pm, hall

**Thursday, March 5**

- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
- \* Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9am, hall
- \* Social Committee, 1:30pm, hall
- \* Cub Scouts, 6:30pm, hall

**Friday, March 6**

- \* Stations of the Cross, 9am, church
- \* Office Closed
- \* Adoration Chapel, 9am-7pm
- \* Ezer Ministry, 6:30pm, hall

**Saturday, March 7**

- \* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

**Sunday, March 8**

- \* Family Faith Formation, 9am, hall



The Adoration Chapel is open on Friday's during Lent from 9am-7pm. If you have never tried Adoration, this is the perfect opportunity. The Eucharist, the true Body & Blood of Christ, is there, waiting for you to sit with Him in an intimate chapel. The peace and serenity you receive will amaze you. It will be the best hour of the week. **We have 1 Open Hour: March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** Even though we have 1 person committed to the other hours, please don't hesitate to come during the day (or Tuesdays or Thursdays). The chapel can accommodate at least 8 people and is handicap accessible.

**Monday Morning Coffee Chats:** Please join Fr. John after Mass to discuss excerpts from Matthew Kelly's book *Slowing Down To The Speed Of Joy* that we gave out at Christmas (extra copies still available). We will also pray a novena to St. Francis during his 800<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

**Stations of the Cross:** Please join us every Friday during Lent after the 8:30am Mass.