

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, March 14 - 4:00pm**

*Dolores Ostrowski, anniversary of death - requested by Natalie & Larry Welch*

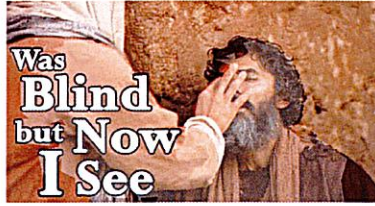
**Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday Of Lent**

**7:00am**

*For souls in purgatory*

**10:30am**

*In honor of the members of the Knights of Columbus Chapter #1560*



**Monday, March 16 - 8:30am**

*For the deceased members of our parish*

**Tuesday, March 17 - 8:30am**

*Anna Carrigan - requested by Carol Keffe Hendries*

**Wednesday, March 18**

- No Mass -

**Thursday, March 19 - 8:30am Feast of St. Joseph**

*Maggie Chaisson - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco*

**Friday, March 20 - 8:30am**

*Lee Barclay - requested by Carol Keffe Hendries*

**Saturday, March 21 - 4:00pm**

*Irene Levasseur - requested by her son George*

**Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday Of Lent**

**7:00am**

*The Sullivan, Brown & Treat families*

**10:30am**

*Matthew Labore, birthday remembrance - requested by his parents*

**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.



**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, Jeanine 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, Peter Chiano and Renee McAllister.

I was driving home from helping at another parish one evening when the glare of the oncoming car's headlights blinded me. I really got frightened because I couldn't see and I had to keep driving because there was a car right behind me. When the car from the other side passed my sight came back, I breathed a sigh of relief. In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the man born blind sitting by the wayside. Can you imagine never being able to see the stars at night, or the beautiful trees and flowers not to mention the faces of our loved ones? What a terrible cross that is to bear. But this man moves from darkness to sight...then to faith...and then to worship. The disciples are trying to figure out why God permits blindness and not cause it. So, they ask Jesus was it the man's fault or was it the fault of his parents. Jesus answers that it is nobody's fault; but God does use it to reach us. Let me share a short story to help us understand a little more deeply. There was a little girl who was born with very poor eyesight. She could not read books like the other children. She could not see faces clearly. She often bumped into things. One day her mother asked her, "Does it make you sad that you can't see like the other kids?" The girl thought for a moment and said, "Sometimes...but God must have a reason." Years later, she was able to have a very special surgery. After the bandages were removed, for the first time in her life, she saw clearly. She began to cry. Her mother said, "Why are you crying? You can see now!" The girl answered, "I think God wanted me to learn how to trust Him before I learned how to see." Wow! That is wisdom, and from such a young soul. That is exactly what the blind man in the Gospel learned. Before he ever saw Jesus' face, he trusted Jesus' voice. Before he worshiped Him, he obeyed him. That is why his healing becomes a miracle of the soul, not just of the eyes. Families, this Gospel speaks to us today because many of us can see physically, but we struggle to see spiritually. We see our problems clearly. We see our worries clearly. We see the brokenness of the world clearly. But do we see God at work? Do we see His mercy? Do we see His hand guiding us? Do we see His presence in our home? Lent is a time to learn to open our eyes; to see Him by trusting Him. ~ Fr. John



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

**March 7 & 8, 2026**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelope	\$1,786.00
Loose	\$ 861.00
Electronic Offering	\$1,687.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$ 350.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4,684.00</b>



**General Fund**

Adoration Chapel: \$65.00  
Candles: \$88.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$126.00  
Food Pantry: \$110.00  
- in memory of L. Dubisz: \$50.00  
- in memory of J. Allard: \$25.00

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

**Lenten Reconciliation Service:**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm**

**St. Anthony Parish**

172 Belmont St.

Manchester, NH 03103

Confession offered by multiple priests in English, French, and Spanish.



**300 Club: Week 7**

- #32 Allen Desrochers
- #82 Adele Baker
- #123 Carol Labbe
- #233 Finely Patterson
- #314 Sue Marshall



**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.



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. Please join us for her retirement reception on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** after the 4pm Mass, in the church hall. This will give us a chance to properly thank her for her service and to say our goodbyes. ~ Fr. John

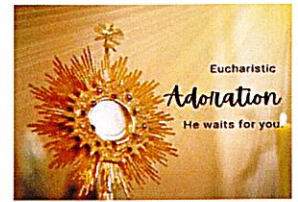
**St. Theresa of Lisieux Adoration Chapel**

**NEW HOURS:** Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 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, March 14**

- \* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm
- \* St. Patrick's Dinner, 5:30pm, hall

**Sunday, March 15**

- \* Boy Scouts, 9am-Noon, hall

**Monday, March 16**

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

**Tuesday, March 17**

- \* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am
- \* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm
- \* Daughters of Isabella, 1-3pm, hall
- \* Finance Committee, 6:30pm, friary

**Wednesday, March 18**

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

**Thursday, March 19**

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

**Friday, March 20**

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

**Saturday, March 21**

- \* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm
- \* Sr. Marjorie's Retirement Party, 5pm, hall

**Sunday, March 22**

- \* Secular Franciscans, 11:30am-3pm, hall

**Understanding Ourselves, Understanding Prejudice**

**Guest Speaker: Martha Wyatt-Rossignol**  
**March 20, 2026 6:30pm, church hall**

Please join us as we learn about ourselves and each other and how prayer really can unite us. We will be joined by Martha Wyatt-Rossignol, author of *My Triumph Over Prejudice*, who will share her experience of growing up Black in segregated Mississippi during the Civil Rights era, her experience when she was part of school desegregation and more. Hosted by the Ezer Ministry.

**The La Cerva Scholarship Fund** enables a Catholic education for students entering grades 6-12. Scholarship awards may cover up to 75% (maximum) of a yearly Catholic school tuition in Diocesan and parochial schools in New Hampshire. Awards are based on demonstrated financial need, along with a set of criteria. Applications for this scholarship are due by April 3, 2026.

**Bishop Christian Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship provides gifts of up to \$1,000 to students in economic need and will be awarded in May to students for the 2026-27 school year. Applications for this scholarship are due by April 3, 2026. For more information on these scholarship opportunities please visit:

[www.catholicnh.org/schools/visitors/scholarships](http://www.catholicnh.org/schools/visitors/scholarships)