



**Saturday, December 20 - 4:00pm**  
*Stephen Siraco, anniversary of death* - requested by Lisa & Michael

**Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**7:00am**  
*Norman Methot* - requested by Lisa & Michael Siraco

**10:30am**  
*Pearl Lemire, birthday remembrance* - requested by Tracey, Stuart & Norma

**Monday, December 22 - 8:30am**  
*Francoise Choinard* - requested by the family

**Tuesday, December 23 - 8:30am**  
*Raymond Ste-Marie* - requested by his wife

**Wednesday, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
**4:00pm**  
*Jacqueline & Guy Puglisi Sr.* - requested by the family

**Thursday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Midnight**  
*The Sullivan and Flurey families*  
**9:00am**  
*For our parishioners*

**Friday, December 26 - 8:30am**  
*Michael Denis Mahoney* - requested by Carol Keefe Hendries

**Saturday, December 27 - 4:00pm**  
*David Kelliher* - requested by the family

**Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
**7:00am**  
*Francoise Choinard* - requested by her family  
**10:30am**  
*Pauline Boudreau* - requested by the Handy family



Last Sunday our beloved Deacon Frank Ottaviano passed away and entered eternal life. Deacon Frank was a man of great joy. Highest on the list of what gave him great joy was God. It gave him great joy serving God in a variety of ways. First, as a beloved husband of 58 years to his wife Peggy. She was his soulmate whose great love for Christ helped Frank to become the best of deacons. Then there were his children and grandchildren who were the center of his life. No wonder he was a man of great joy! Look at all the people that God sent into his life to bring him that joy. Isn't it amazing that Frank died on Gaudete Sunday, meaning the "The Sunday of Joy!" His joy extended to the community here in Manchester and Bedford. He devoted his whole life to serving the marginalized: shut-ins, disabled persons, men and women in prison. One time he brought 100 rosaries to distribute to the inmates, but the new warden refused to let Deacon Frank bring these rosaries to the men. He said they could be dangerous because of the metal that connected the beads. Frank did not give up. He came back the next day with 100 new beads for the men: they were "pull away" beads. They could not possibly be dangerous, but the warden still would not let Deacon Frank give these harmless beads to the prisoners. Deacon Frank was not too happy about this but returned another time with prayer pamphlets. The warden gave in out of sheer resignation. Frank was not a quitter. In today's Gospel we see the story of Mary and Joseph fleeing Bethlehem to go to Egypt to avoid Herod who wanted to kill the newborn Christ. Mary and Joseph had that same kind of courage and determination that fueled Deacon Frank's faith. They not only gave birth to Jesus but returned to Nazareth and were able to avoid Herod's wrath. We are called to follow the example of Mary and Joseph, as Deacon Frank did. The four Advent candles represent in order: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This love finally leads us to Christ. Which Advent candle speaks to what we need the most? If we don't have Hope, we cannot reach the next level of finding Peace in our lives. And if we cannot arrive at finding Peace, we will never be able to experience true Joy. If we follow the example of Deacon Frank we can experience Love, the Love of Jesus in our lives. One of the things that moved me the most when I visited Deacon Frank on the Saturday evening before he died, he was so very ready to leave this earth because he knew the love of Christ, through the love of his wife Peggy, and through his children and grandchildren. Thank you, Deacon Frank, for sharing your faith with us here at Blessed Sacrament. May you and Peggy have a most joyful Christmas in heaven!



**December 13 & 14, 2025**

**Weekend Offertory**

Envelopes	\$1,590.00	
Loose	\$ 784.00	
Electronic Offering	\$ 890.00	
Mailed in Offertory:	\$ 460.00	
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$3,724.00</b>	<b>Retired Religious: \$819.00</b>

**General Fund**

Adoration Chapel: \$47.00 Candles: \$88.00

**Outreach Fund**

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$77.00  
 Food Pantry: \$-0-  
 - From Francouer's Cafe: \$419.00

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.



**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., Savannah, Acilda Dachowski, Jeannine Larochele, Christine, Gail Lemieux, Mary Ann Pank, Debi Ford, Allan Charest, Rachel Hamel, Marie Sinibaldi, Norma Lemire, Claire Smith, Dan, Gary Wood, Patricia & Collette O'Connor, Steve Webster, Joseph, DRV, Audrey Baker, Richard Shedd, DRV, Ken West, Richard Mendolia, Delia Huertas and Michael Sufat.



**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	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



**FIRE OF GOD REGIONAL PRAYER MEETING**

All are welcome to join us for our quarterly FIRE OF GOD Regional prayer meeting on **JAN. 17, 2026** from 10-noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 180 Loudon Rd., Concord, NH. Our special guest speaker will be **SR. MARY ROSE REDDY, DMML**. *She will be speaking on the topic "But when the Son of Man comes will He find faith on earth?"* (Luke 18:8). Join us for fellowship, lively praise and worship and an opportunity to receive individual healing prayer. For more information call Jackie Morganti 603.332.3576. **All are welcome! Bring a friend!**

*This Week*

**Saturday, December 20**

\* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

**Sunday, December 21**

\* Faith Formation, 9am, hall

**Monday, December 22**

\* NO B & G Scouts tonight

**Tuesday, December 23**

\* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am

\* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

**Wednesday, December 24**

\* St. Anne's Closet closed today

\* Food Pantry closed today

**Thursday, December 25**

\* Office Closed today

\* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

\* NO Prayer Shawl Ministry today

\* NO Cub Scouts tonight

**Friday, December 26**

\* Office Closed today

**Saturday, December 27**

\* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

**The Food Pantry** will be closed the following Wednesdays:

**December 24**

**December 31**

**300 Club: Week 17**

#86 Maurice Pilotte; #145 John Menken; #265 Eddie Sullivan; #274 Kevin Marchand; and #308 Lorraine & Larry Labore

**Congratulations!!**

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

**Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Basket Bonanza raffle. Here are the winning #'s:**

- Classic Truck: 513606
- Religious Basket: 538081
- Soup Basket: 513852
- Snowman Basket #1: 538159
- Hot Chocolate Basket: 513741
- Wine Basket: 513616
- Games Basket: 538247
- Baking Basket: 513973
- Christmas Dishes: 538090
- Pampered Chef: 513662
- Baby Girl Basket: 513880
- Kids Basket: 513692
- Tea Basket: 513926
- Snowman Basket #2: 538234
- Christmas Forever: 513640
- Cruising Car: 513977



We remember *Deacon Frank Ottaviano* 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. Thank you Deacon Frank for your wonderful ministry to so many.

**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 CHAPEL WILL BE OPENED ON CHRISTMAS DAY. WE HAVE A FEW HOURS THAT WILL NEED A SUBSTITUTE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN COVER AN HOUR. THANK YOU!**

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



**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal Update:** Thank you to all who contributed to the 2025 NHCA. We have surpassed our parish goal of **\$28,976.13!!!** The NHCA supports catholic ministries such as the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. Thank you for your support as we continue to show God's mercy to all who are impacted by these ministries and beyond. May God bless you all for your generous hearts. Our parish is truly blessed with wonderful parishioners!