



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

Monday, December 29 - 8:30am

For the intentions of Carol Keeffe Hendries

Tuesday, December 30 - 8:30am

Bert Gagnon, anniversary of death - requested by his daughters

Wednesday, December 31 Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 6:00pm

Grace Bucchino, anniversary of death - requested by Fr. John

Thursday, January 1 - 8:30am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Pauline & George Young - requested by the Donohue family

Friday, January 2 - 8:30am

Wilfred Gagnon, birthday remembrance - requested by his family

Saturday, January 3 - 4:00pm

Sr. Pauline Lavigne, CSC - requested by her family

Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord 7:00am

John Sullivan - requested by his family

10:30am

Samuel, Anna & Paul Broderick - requested by a friend



Thursday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and a holy day of obligation. The vigil Mass will be on Wednesday, December 31 at 6pm and Mass on January 1 will be at 8:30am.

December 20 & 21, 2025

Weekend Offertory

Envelopes	\$1,900.00
Loose	\$1,185.00
Electronic Offertory	\$1,237.00
Mailed in Offertory:	\$ 175.00
Total Offertory:	\$4,497.00
Christmas Masses:	\$4,833.00

Retired Religious: \$100.00



General Fund

Adoration Chapel: \$47.00 Candles: \$88.00

Outreach Fund

St. Anthony Bread for the Poor: \$57.00
Food Pantry: \$750.00

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.

Why did God become a baby? Most of us have had the experience of holding a baby in our arms. Maybe we did that as an older sibling, or as a visiting friend. The first thing we notice is that the baby is so charming. The baby makes funny faces. The baby makes soft vocal sounds that make us say "aaawww! How cute!" Even the baby's cry brings forth a softness from our heart that makes us cuddle the baby with tender feelings. Isn't it true that a baby brings out the best in us? The baby can turn a grumpy outlook into a gentle softness. Someone once said that God in His wisdom came as a baby so that any person who encountered an infant could not possibly hold onto anger they might be carrying. St. Francis of Assisi is often portrayed carrying a baby in his arms. Besides wanting to protect the baby's innocence, he wanted to constantly remind himself that the Incarnation (meaning Christ becoming a baby) is the actual foundation of our faith. For without the Incarnation, you couldn't have the Resurrection! But St. Francis also saw another reason why Christ came as a baby – he called Jesus the "Divine Child." Jesus wanted to show God's identification the powerless. Jesus was born in a stable with only swaddling clothes to cover him (which kept him warm and acted as a diaper.) Jesus was born to simple parents, Mary and Joseph, who were ordinary people; not wealthy, and very family oriented. The holy family shared their first dwelling in a stable using the breath of animals to keep them warm. Jesus wanted to teach us that God is close to the poor and broken hearted. I know that we all enjoy the warm and tender crib scene of Christmas that brings us happy feelings. However, may we never forget that Christmas is also a time to remember that there is a lot of poverty and suffering in our world today. People are hungry and homeless and without family support. They need to know that God loves them most especially when we reach to them. Also, when we accept our own poverty of spirit. As we enter this solemn and joyful season. Let us keep our mind and hearts open to the poor in the world, never judging nor condemning them. Let us also see our own poverty in whatever form it takes in our lives, as an invitation to Jesus to be born and reborn into our hearts every single day. ~ Fr. John



Thank you everyone for your beautiful Christmas cards, gifts and homemade goodies that I've received. You are all very generous and I appreciate your kindness. ~ 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., Savannah, Acilda Dachowski, Jeannine Larochelle, 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, DRV, Ken West, Richard Mendolia, Delia Huertas, Michael Sufat, Tylia Racicot, Brian & Ame Wiggin.



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



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 27

* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

Sunday, December 28

* Secular Franciscans, 11am, hall

Monday, December 29

* NO B & G Scouts tonight

Tuesday, December 30

* Devotion to St. Anthony, 9am

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

Wednesday, December 31

* St. Anne's Closet closed today

* Food Pantry closed today

Thursday, January 1

* Office Closed today

* Adoration Chapel, Open 9am - 7pm

* NO Prayer Shawl Ministry today

* NO Cub Scouts tonight

Friday, January 2

* Office Closed today

* Ezer Spiritual Ministry, 6:30pm, hall

Saturday, January 3

* Adoration Chapel, 9am - 7pm

Sunday, January 4

* Family Faith Formation, 9am, hall

300 Club: Week 18

#27 Fran Lavoie; #32 Alan Desrochers; #72 Doris Marr; #171 Joseph Paulo, Jr.; and #255 Lucien Trudeau

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. We raised: \$1,225.00 for the parish.

Ezer Mystic Fellowship

Are you looking for somewhere to seek solace and peace? God's heart wants us to feel His love and presence in our lives. Join us as we embrace the mystical in its biblical sense through prayer, contemplation and study. God's help is needed in the world, let it begin with us!

The ministry meets on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month. Next meeting is January 2 at 6:30pm. Contact Charlotte Pratte with questions (603) 622-0595.

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 NEW YEAR'S DAY. WE HAVE A FEW HOURS THAT 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

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



Save the Date: Saturday, January 24, 2026, 5pm

The Social Committee will host a pot luck dinner and Game Night. Please mark your calendars to save the date. More details will be coming in the next few weeks.

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 shan-non.popescu@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to attend.