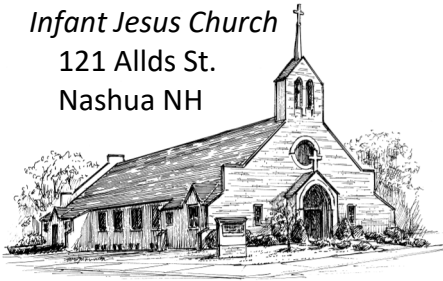
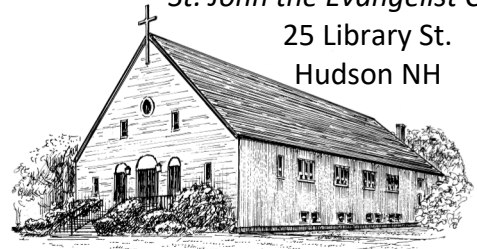


# Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



St. John the Evangelist Church  
25 Library St.  
Hudson NH



March 8, 2020



Second

*Sunday of Lent*

From the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."  
Matthew 17:5

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
the parish family of Saint John XXIII  
lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates  
the sacraments and offers a community of  
worship where all are welcomed.*

## Saint John XXIII Parish

### Office/Mailing Address:

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### Clergy:

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Deacon Randy O'Neill

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## Outreach:

Saint John XXIII Food Pantry: 603-882-2462 ext. 6

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NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

### Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

### Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

### Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

### Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

### Friday

SJE 8:30 AM

### Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

### Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

### Mar. 7 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Thomas Peta (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) by his family  
Henry & Lillian Tessier by their family  
William Plouffe by his family

### Mar. 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

Intentions of the parishioners  
Mass in Portuguese  
Deceased loved ones of Claire L. Pelletier

### Mar. 10 - Lenten Weekday

Deceased loved ones of Jeannine T. Levesque

### Mar. 11 - Lenten Weekday

Intentions of the parishioners

### Mar. 12 - Lenten Weekday

Deceased loved ones of Jean Louis Guerli

### Mar. 13 - Lenten Weekday

Intentions of the parishioners

### Mar. 14 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Intentions of the parishioners

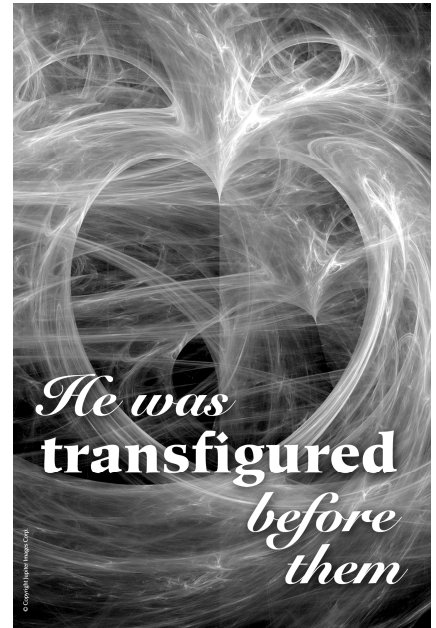
Aline Tardif by her family

### Mar. 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

Butch Dumont by the Peters family

Mass in Portuguese

Paul Charron by his wife & family



IJ = Infant Jesus Church  
SJE = St. John the Evangelist Church

## PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 PM SJE Church

## COMMUNION CALLS

### FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please notify the parish office if anyone is unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Parishioners who serve in this ministry lovingly knit or crochet these shawls, which are then blessed and presented (without cost) to those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggle.



To receive a shawl, or for more information about this ministry, please call Pam Morin, 548-0049, Dotti Reed, 275-7345, or the parish office.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 15  
9:15 AM, Library

## Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for Weekend Masses ~ Mar. 14 & 15, 2020

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00 PM (SJE)	Dan Dumont	*Since the offering of the cup is suspended at this time, only two stations are needed at Communion for the sacred bread.*	Volunteer Needed
6:00 PM (IJ)	Jeannine T. Levesque		Volunteer Needed
8:00 AM (SJE)	Ken Massey		Volunteer Needed
10:30 AM (IJ)	Walter Kwiecinski	*One EM needed for the choir loft.*	Volunteer Needed

# Saint John XXIII Parish News

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ Feb. 29 & Mar. 1, 2020	
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (93)	<b>\$2,149.50</b>
<b>WeShare</b> (Online Giving) (38)	<b>\$742.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$509.50</b>
<b>Brazilian Community Offerings</b>	<b>\$210.50</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,611.50</b>
<b>Snow Removal</b> (38)	<b>\$824.00</b>
<i>(additional 5 as of 3-1-2020)</i>	<b>\$52.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$876.00</b>
<b>Church: E/C Europe, Africa</b> (28)	<b>\$333.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$410.34</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$743.34</b>
<b>WeShare Online Giving</b>	
<b>Diocesan Catholic Schools</b> (8)	<b>\$230.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Please consider participating in either stewardship program below, which helps our parish to maintain a steady income to manage our budget:

### **2020 Parish Envelopes**

If you are not currently using these weekly offering envelopes and would like to begin, we have extras! Please call us at the parish office.

### **Online Giving**

To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: [www.stjohnxxiiinh.org](http://www.stjohnxxiiinh.org), then click "Online Giving."

*Thank you to all who have made  
the commitment to support our parish!*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Classes held in Hudson*

**All Grades:** Sun., Mar. 8 ~ 9:15-10:15 AM  
Parish Center

**Confirmation Class:** Sun., Mar. 8 ~ 9:15-10:45 AM  
Parish Center

**First Reconciliation:** Sat. Mar. 14 ~ 10:00 AM  
SJE Church

**Day Retreats:** Sat., Mar. 14

**Gr. 3-6:** 1:30-3:30 PM ~ SJE Church hall

**Gr. 7-12:** 10:30 AM-5 PM ~ St. Anselm College

*Next Classes: Sunday, Mar. 15*

## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Sun., April 19 ~ 2 PM St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years, to attend the Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass. To register, contact the parish office by **March 20**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information to the diocese. All registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register for a Fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this Spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



**Spring Ahead  
One Hour  
March 8<sup>th</sup>!**

## This Week at Saint John XXIII...

Mon. 9	Tuesday 10	Wed. 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
	<p><i>Rosary</i> 7:55 AM IJ Church</p> <p><i>Prayer Service</i> 7 PM (Portuguese) IJ Church</p>		<p><i>Rosary</i> 7:55 AM~IJ Church</p> <p><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 6-7 PM~IJ Church</p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 9-10 AM SJE Church</p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross</i> 6:00 PM SJE Church</p>	<p><i>1st Reconciliation</i> 10 AM~SJE Church</p> <p><i>Religious Education Day Retreats</i> SJE Church hall &amp; St. Anselm College</p> <p><i>Reconciliation</i> 3-3:30 PM~SJE Church</p> <p><i>Bingo</i>~6:30 PM</p>	<p><i>Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting</i> 9:15 AM Library</p>

# *More Parish & Community News*

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## Jesus aCross the Border Monthly Gathering **MEMORIAL MASS FOR BABIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO ABORTION**

Saturday, Mar. 21 ~ Noon-2:30 PM      St. Rita's Catholic Church, 158 Mammoth Rd, Lowell, MA

We are humbly honored to celebrate a Memorial Mass for babies who have lost their lives to abortion. We urge all to attend this Mass to pray for these babies and to support their mothers, fathers, and families. We also hope to provide a place of healing for all those who have been affected by abortion. This event focuses on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; burying and praying for the dead. In collaboration with Students for Life, Pregnancy Care Center of Lowell and Rachel's Vineyard, we hope to honor these babies. These ministries serve others before conception, during pregnancy and post-abortion. We recognize the sensitivity of this Mass but highly encourage you to join us in memorializing these precious souls.

We will also collect donations on this day for Pregnancy Care Center of Lowell including: baby bottles, sizes 3 & 4 diapers, baby towels & washcloth sets, gift cards for baby clothes.

Our ministry is geared towards young adults, 18-35 years of age, but this event is open to all ages. Facebook Event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/619941502189212/>

## *First Sunday of Lent*

***Listen to Him...***In today's Gospel, describing Jesus' transfiguration, we hear of the disciples' vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter, perhaps understandably, responds by trying to enshrine the moment by building tents for them. However, God interrupts and speaks words identical to those spoken at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But here God adds, "listen to him."

Listening to God can take various forms. At some moments, as when we receive new insight or are deeply moved, we want to jump into action. Sometimes this is appropriate and necessary. But some times God interrupts our eagerness, and calls us to further reflection or simply to listen in silence.

Reflection and action are of course both essential to our faith journey. Yet we recall that God may often speak through silence. Contemplative practice, rich in tradition within our Catholic faith, reminds us that God invites us to an encounter within silence. In contemplative prayer, we open ourselves and simply wait upon God. We might encounter a divine Presence beyond words.      © 2020, J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.,

**Today's Readings:** Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17: 1-9

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PRO-LIFE SEMINAR**

Sunday, March 22 ~ Noon to 3:30 PM ~ St. Joseph Cathedral Church hall, Pine St. Manchester

Our guest speaker, Sr. Patricia Marie Barnette, of the Daughters of the Good Shepherd, in Danville PA, has a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology. She has counseled women for a number of years and also has worked with Project Rachel. She will speak about how to be faithful to the Culture of Life, and about mercy and compassion, and on ways to help post-abortive women. The Daughters of St. Paul, the Knights of Columbus, NH Right to Life, Cornerstone, 40 Days for Life, Natural Family Planning, the Marian Family Apostolate and various pregnancy crisis centers will have information tables at this seminar.

The program begins at Noon with a luncheon prepared by the Daughters of Isabella, followed by the speaking program. Any questions and/or to register, please contact K of C Life Director, Ron Di Stasio by phone at 595-7837 or email: [rddistasio@comcast.net](mailto:rddistasio@comcast.net).

*Come Experience the Faces & Voices of the Respect Life Movement in New Hampshire.*

# Saint John XXIII Parish

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Friday, Mar. 13 ~ 6:00 PM SJE Church

- **FRIDAYS IN LENTEN SEASON**  
Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

- **DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE**  
Sunday, March 22 ~ 2:00 PM  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Nashua  
Catholics from all the Nashua area parishes are invited to this deanery-wide Lenten Penance Service. Priests from all of the area parishes will be available to hear confessions.



## FLU SEASON LITURGICAL PRECAUTIONS

Because of the flu season and concern about the corona virus, Bishop Peter Libasci has “asked priests throughout our state to be aware of the risk of infection and to use their own prudential judgment in suspending activities that are not integral to the Mass.” Our parish will offer Communion only in the species of the consecrated bread; the cup will not be offered until further notice. The faithful should be encouraged to share the “Sign of Peace” without touching hands or hugging. Parishioners who feel ill should stay at home and refrain from attendance at church celebrations until they are fully recovered.

## ST. PATRICK’S CORNED BEEF DINNER

Saturday, March 14

The Knights of Columbus Council 5162 will hold their annual St. Patrick’s Corned Beef Dinner at St. Kathryn’s parish hall. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses, **through this Sunday, Mar. 8.**

Adult: \$12.50 & Children 12 & under: \$6.00

Key ticket sellers are: Wayne Nadeau, Bill Reilly, Jack Madden (SJE) and Ron Distasio (IJ).

## ST. GIANNA'S PLACE, INC. - THANKS YOU!

Thank you for your support of the “Baby Bottle” campaign at St. John XXIII Parish. Your generosity was overwhelming! St. Gianna's was able to raise **\$4,100.00** to help women give life to their babies. Because of generous and caring people like yourselves, these mothers will find hope at new life, and experience the love of God. Thank you for your support and for your prayers.

*Maria Szemplinski, Co-founder of St. Gianna's Place*

## SISTERS OF HOLY CROSS FUNDRAISER

### MARY GATE OF HEAVEN ORPHANAGE

The 7th annual fundraiser for Mary Gate of Heaven Orphanage in Haiti, founded by Sr. Claire Daneau, an American Sister of Holy Cross, takes place next weekend, **March 14/15**, in our parish. Representatives of the Sisters will have raffle calendars available after each Mass. By purchasing a raffle calendar at a cost of \$10 each, or six for \$50, you are providing for the educational needs of 54 children. From April 1 through April 30, a total of \$2,500.00 will be given away. Thank you for supporting "Sister Claire's Kids."

## WHY BE CATHOLIC? DISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND TREASURES OF THE FAITH

Monday, Mar. 16 ~ 7:00 PM Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua

Jason Evert is a bestselling author of more than 15 books and has spoken to more than one million people on six continents. For more information about Jason, visit <https://chastity.com/>. For further information about the event, please call 603-888-0321.

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 For further information, please call the Parish Office.



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 If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18 yrs.), you must report it to the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families: 1-800-894-5533 or 603-271-6566.  
 If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014 or 800-475-5585 ext. 233.  
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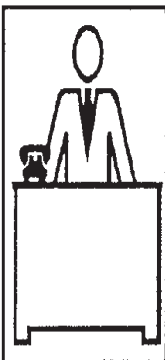
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