

# *Saint John XXIII Parish*

I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER;  
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MARK 1:8





Mass Intentions

Saturday  
SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday  
SJE 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 10:30 AM

*January 9 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

Joseph & Anna Brie  
By Dan & Ginny Dumont  
Relatives & friends of  
The Beaulieu & Blanchette Families

*January Baptism of the Lord*

Intentions of the parishioners  
Tom Dupont 16th Anniv.  
By Steve & Denise Theriault

*January 12*

Intentions of the parishioners

*January 13 St. Hilary*

Robert Clark by Rita Clark

*January 14*

Deceased members of the Parker Family

*January 15*

Intentions of the parishioners

*January 16 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick

Deceased loved ones of Theresa Labrie

*January 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Relatives & Friends of  
The Beaulieu & Blanchette Family  
Theresa Duchesne  
By her family

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

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020**

**Online Giving...**Parishioners using this stewardship program will have donation statements emailed out directly from WeShare.

**Parish Envelopes...**Parishioners using the envelope system to support our parish are asked to give us a call at the parish office if you wish to receive a summary of your donations for the past year. We will be happy to send statements out to you by the end of January.

**DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN COLLECTION**

The annual Diocesan Seminarian Fund Collection will take place next weekend, January 16 & 17. This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood.

**Readings for the Week – January 11 through January 17**

**Monday:**Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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## REFLECTIONS FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Many a joke has been told about the trial and tribulation that is part of most people's dealings with their state's DMV. I refer to the much maligned Department of Motor Vehicles. Its various ways and means conjure up images of purgatory, especially with the demands it makes on our patience. This last is exacerbated with the restrictions brought on by the current pandemic. Already being bureaucracy at its worst, when one adds those in, I think then the experiences it creates for its users could be recorded as "Intimations of Purgatory."

My needs were twofold: buying a car from a private seller, and renewing my driver's license. Were I to tell you my whole story, including a suggestion from an official to "go have breakfast and we'll text you when it's near time for your spot in line to get serviced", I believe you might giggle a little and think how it resembled an episode of "Seinfeld".

My point in all this recall is to highlight the importance these days of carrying some proof on your person that you are who you claim to be. Today's feast celebrates the fact that at His baptism, Our Lord had no such need, for He received in spectacular fashion His authentication. God the Father said it in five words: "You are my beloved Son."

However, you and I cannot remain simple observers of a passing scene in this case. The fact that Jesus was baptized, and declared God's Son then and there brings to the fore a pair of religious obligations we all have inherited as a result of our own baptism.

First is that we take our baptism very seriously, far from being just a happy memory caught by a collection of posed pictures of us as infants at the font. Second, we must take seriously every facet of Christ's teaching in making decisions for action practically every day.

Most Catholic adults only confront the importance of their baptism when they visit the parish office seeking permission to be a godparent; or arranging a wedding; or setting up the baptism of their own new child.

The significance of this sacrament is the fact that it is the "gatekeeper" for the other six. It begins our full commitment to Christ, albeit made through our godparents, waiting for us to make it on our own. This automatically means that we are called to full participation in the life of the Church He founded, and identified Himself with as its Head.

What are some aspects of our commitment? For one, we may have to decide on any given Sunday, do I go to Mass, or junior's soccer game? Do I opt for more sleep because I've had a hard week at work? Do I attend my daughter's Confirmation class on Saturday or go instead to a ballet performance? Basic items but real cases. And those are only the beginning.

Our baptism gave us our permanent identity and it involves far more than a cleansing from original sin. I leave it up to you to research the whole beautiful treatment of the sacrament given by the Church from her earliest days. Refresh your earlier learning by finding online the beautiful truths presented by the official Church catechism.

Meanwhile, here is rich food for thought from C.S. Lewis, one of the best exponents of the Christian faith: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ Dec. 26 & 27, 2020	
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (63)	<b>\$2,994.00</b>
<b>WeShare</b> (Online Giving) (50)	<b>\$870.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$228.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$4,042.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$2,448.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$1,623.50</b>
Week Ending ~ January 2 & 3 2021	
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (54)	<b>\$1,797.00.0</b>
<b>WeShare</b> (Online Giving) (50)	<b>\$870.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$407.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,074.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

### 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.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Colubus Council #5162 will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, January 30th at St. Kathryn Church Hall, Dracut Road, Hudson. Donation hours will be 9AM to 2 PM. The Red Cross is taking special precautions during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the safety of donors and staff. You can sign up on line at [www.rcblood.org/appt](http://www.rcblood.org/appt)

### ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again," a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/beraeavement](http://www.cc-nh.org/beraeavement). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

### CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY VAN DRIVER NEEDED

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer to drive the pantry van. Someone to make "food pick-ups" at the food bank in Manchester and at local grocery stores in Nashua. This position requires some "muscle" and good driving record. If you can help, please call Maryellen at 882-6372 or email [corpuschristifp@outlook.com](mailto:corpuschristifp@outlook.com)

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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 x233.  
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