

Saint John XXIII Parish

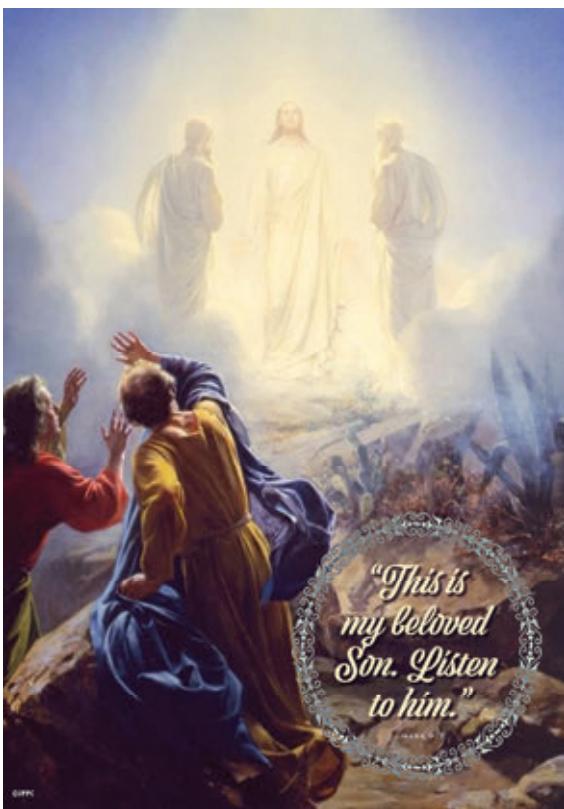
“Create in
me a
pure heart,
O God,
and
renew a
steadfast
spirit
within me”

PSALM 51:10



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



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

February 27 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Intentions of the parishioners
Relatives & Friends of the
Beaulieu & Blanchette Families

February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent

Timothy Coulter by his family
Theresa Duchesne by Lori & Doug Fowler

March 2

Intentions of the parishioners

March 3

Intentions of the parishioners

March 4 Saint Casimir

Intentions of the parishioners

March 5

Intentions of the parishioners

March 6 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Thomas Peter 3rd Anniv.
by his wife & family

M/M Albert Poliquin Sr. by their family

March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick
Theresa Duchesne by her family

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

STEWARSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ February 20 & 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes (50)	\$1,449.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (50)	\$865.00
Loose Cash	\$285.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,599.00
Ash Wednesday	\$310.00
Snow Removal	\$516.00

*May our loving God bless you
for your continued generosity!*

PLANET AID UPDATE

This quarter, our parish received a small stipend of \$203.35 for the many pounds of gently used clothing, coats and shoes gathered in our two bins at St. John the Evangelist and Infant Jesus. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Weekly Readings – March 1 – 7

Mon.:Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tues.: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wed.: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thurs.: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Fri.: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat.: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 6:00 PM alternating between Hudson and Nashua Churches.

3/5- IJ Nashua

3/12 - SJE Hudson

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at St. John the Evangelist Church.

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

The exhilaration one feels in the wake of a successful weight loss program or an addiction broken through a program like Alcoholics Anonymous is often enhanced by the compliments of friends and acquaintances. They applaud the transformation, especially if they have clear memories of “the old you.” The accomplishment is also a source of good example for those others trying to do the same. Change matters.

There is a certain similarity here with the glorious event of Christ’s transfiguration. When the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity humbly hid His divine nature by accepting a human one, He took it on completely with all its limitations. We tend to forget that. He was “like us in all things, except sin.”

So Lord in many ways looked ordinary to most observers, although He was at the same time a special Man. For example, He was undeniably approachable. Many men give off an air of cool indifference, especially to strangers. Jesus even attracted children, who are among the best detectors of phoniness.

Our Lord grew tired at the end of the day. He experienced the weariness of living with His mainly ignorant Apostles. He had to guard against using any spectacular devices in attracting followers. Only when He worked one of His miracles out of compassion, or as a teaching lesson, did the source of His power gradually become revealed. His apostles first came to Him because He was different in all the best ways. Gradually they recognized that He was also genuinely holy and close to God. Eventually He did tell them and His closest followers Who He was to end their guesswork.

But on this one special occasion, He pulled back the veil over His divine nature to allow them (and us) to glimpse His glory. One that Moses and Elijah, both long dead by human reckoning, were suddenly quite alive in another dimension. It had to be a spectacular sight for Peter, James and John. It must have included a massive dose of awe, joy and happiness combined. Not to omit a rebirth of trust in their inbred Hebrew hope of a Messiah.

Let us here reflect not on the sound and sights, but on the generated hope. As such, it is one of the three theological virtues, along with Faith and Charity, so-called because they “relate directly to the living God.” “They inform all the moral virtues and give them life” as the Catholic Catechism describes them. St. Paul indirectly refers to hope when we hear him ask today: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” Hope, like all virtues, is also a “power” or ability given us by God which ushers forth trust in Him that injects us with dynamism about the present and optimism for the future.

This story of the transfiguration placed here at the start of Lent should be seen as our encouragement and reason to believe that we can overcome our addiction to sin. It energizes us to reach up in our struggle to be God’s friends when all around us is a gravitational pull downward. We can posit our own future transfiguration when we will repeat St. Peter’s words: “Lord, it is good to be here.” *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions takes place on March 13 & 14. *Catholic Relief Services* promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies world wide. *Catholic Home Missions* helps support the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

SISTERS OF HOLY CROSS CLAIRE DANEAU LEGACY FUND

For the past seven years the Sisters of Holy Cross have sold raffle calendars to help fund their orphange in Haiti. Due to the pandemic and the aging membership of the Sisters, they will no longer sell calendars. If anyone would like to continue to support the orphanage donations can be forwarded to : *Sisters of Holy Cross, c/o Claire Daneau Legacy Fund, 365 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109*. Thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout the years.

UNITED WAY TUTORS NEEDED

United Way of Greater Nashua is matching volunteer tutors with students in grades 1 through 11 who need help with Math, Science, Literacy and other subjects. Tutors are needed for IN PERSON tutoring at youth service organizations. For more information contact Sara Ceasar at 603-864-201 or sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org.

Corpus Christi Food Pantry News

CorpusChristi Food Pantry and Assistance not only helps clients with groceries, but has also been able to keep many of our clients warmer this winter. Through generous donations, the Assistance Program has been able to offer hats, mittens, socks, blankets and sheets to our clients. Considering the weather right now, these items have been greatly appreciated by our clients. Thank you for your generosity and support.



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

With the hard work of Harvey Construction and their subcontractors, the support of Saint John XXIII Parish, and the effort of our amazing volunteers, Family Promise has made great strides the past couple of months. After watching construction progress for some time, we are ready for families to move in as of February 15th! Ten family suites are ready to greet new residents, and our industrial kitchen is ready to prepare meals. The pantry is full of donated food items, freezers, refrigerators, and food storage areas in place and available for stock. And to ensure security and 24-hour support to our families, we have recently hired two Resident Staff Assistants.

The additional floors are slated for completion by March 15th. Once fully renovated and cleaned, we will be able to house approximately 25 families. Never have we been able to support so many families in transition at one time. We will be able to continue our good work in providing long-term housing opportunities, where families do not have to move to a variety of locations to receive the support that they need. They can call Family Promise of Nashua home for the duration of their program.

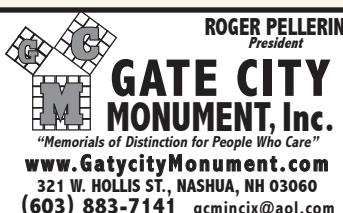
We are incredibly grateful and find it hard to express our gratitude for all that has been afforded to us through this project. We are eager to dive in and start giving back. We are eager to see our families move in and thrive in the security of safe housing, hot meals, and the warm family atmosphere that we can now offer. For more information about our mission, or if you are interested in visiting our new home, please contact Pam Wellman, Executive Director at 603-883-7338, ext.1. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Matthew Hodgkiss, 603-883-7338, ext. 3. Please visit our website at www.familypromisesnh.org.

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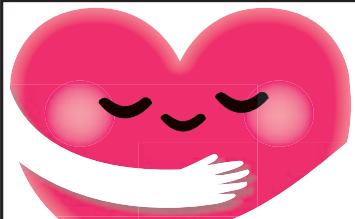
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Parish in Your Will.
For further information, please
call the Parish Office.

Thank you.

Child Safety Reporting
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
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for Healing and Pastoral Care of the
Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014
or 800-475-5585 x233.

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entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they
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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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