

Saint John XXIII Parish

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

PSALM 51:10

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

STEWARDSHIP 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
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

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 .



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.

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

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 orphanage 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 sceasar@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.

Dumont-Sullivan
FUNERAL HOMES &
CREMATION SERVICES

50 Ferry Street HUDSON
370 Main Street NASHUA
603-882-9431
www.dumontsullivan.com

Chick (603) 883-5822
Beaulieu, Inc.

5½ GAFFNEY STREET
NASHUA, NH 03060

www.chickbeaulieu.com

French Insurance Agency Serving the Area Since 1928

20 Derry Street Hudson, NH

Auto • Homeowner's • Renter's • Business • Life

Submit a quote request on our website, email or call us! (603) 882-9532

www.frenchinsagency.com
info@frenchinsagency.com

Established 1842

Davis Funeral Home

One Lock Street, Nashua
603-883-3401

Emmaus Institute
Counseling Services

Luke 24:13-35
Everett Turnpike, Exit 6 office Building
154 Broad Street, Nashua, NH 03063
(603) 886-3760 www.emmausinstituteinc.org

Spiritually Sensitive Individual, Couple, Family
Counseling Dedicated to Personal, Marital,
Family and Community Renewal BY APPOINTMENT

Roofing • Siding • Masonry
Decks • Gutters
Replacement Windows
Shutters • Painting
Storm Windows and Doors

Sunrise
Orthotics & Prosthetics, LLC

MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY DAY!
Custom shoes, foot orthotics & MORE!
603-854-8094
27 TECHNOLOGY WAY, STE. 2E6, NASHUA
www.sunrise-op.com

Anctil-ROCHETTE & Son
Funeral Home Inc.

Family Owned & Operated
21 Kinslet Street • Nashua, NH 03060
Phone: (603) 883-3041
Web: www.anctil-rochette.com

MORALL
Brake & More
Tyler Blanchard, Owner
603-889-8788 shop@morall-brake.com
9 Winn Ave., Hudson, NH 03051
RIP Lester Blanchard

Zis-Sweeny & St. Laurent
Funeral Home

26 Kinsley St. Nashua, NH 03060
(603) 882-3501
www.zissweenyfuneralhome.com

ROGER PELLERIN
President
GATE CITY MONUMENT, Inc.
"Memorials of Distinction for People Who Care"
www.GatycityMonument.com
321 W. HOLLIS ST., NASHUA, NH 03060
(603) 883-7141 gcmincia@aol.com

GATE CITY Fence
Quality Installations Since 1917
11 Ledge St., Nashua
603-883-3217
www.gatecityfence.com

KW GATEWAY REALTY
KELLERWILLIAMS.
Karen Giaquinto, Realtor
20 Trafalgar Square Suite 101, Nashua, NH 03063
Cell: 603-548-9434 • Office: 603-883-8400 ext. 314
kgiaquinto@kw.com
www.kareng.yourkwagent.com
Each Keller Williams Office is Independently Owned and Operated

HUDSON True Value. START RIGHT. START HERE.

Serving all your hardware needs since 1975
603.883.3100
114 Derry Rd., Hudson, NH

All Inclusive Realty, LLC
For All Your Real Estate Needs!
Jana A. Coughlin
RENE, GREEN, SFR, SRS
Associate Broker
C: 603-566-0112
NH Office: 603-516-7730 • MA Office: 978-517-7730
jana@allinclusiverealtyllc.com

Please consider Your 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 Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014 or 800-475-5585 x233.

Sponsored by the Office for Ministerial Conduct, Diocese of Manchester.

Kelly Goddu Realtor
C: 603-490-7759
O: 603-232-8282 x 2694
kelly.goddu@kw.com
KW METROPOLITAN
KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY
168 S. River Rd., Bedford, NH 03110
Each Office is Independently Owned & Operated

Chick Beaulieu, Inc.
ROOFING • SIDING
WINDOWS • DOORS
GUTTERS • DECKS • MASONRY
5 1/2 Gaffney St., Nashua, NH
603-883-5822
www.chickbeaulieu.com

Mallory's Army Foundation
United Together In The Fight Against Bullying...
Don't Just Teach Kindness... BE KINDNESS!
www.MallorysArmy.com
(973) 440-8657 • info@mallorysarmy.org
It's easy to join our mailing list! Just send your email address by text message:
Text MALLORYSARMY to 22828 to get started.
Message and data rates may apply.

Nashua Lumber Co.
A "REAL" Full Service Lumberyard Since 1949
603-882-2708
22 Kehoe Ave., Nashua
FAST, FREE DELIVERY
www.NashuaLumber.net

MARIE CRUISE REALTOR®
Leading Edge 2016, 2017, 2019
Achiever of the Year 2016 Honor Roll 2018
Verani Cares Ambassador
Mobile: 978-771-5964 call, text or email
marie.cruise@verani.com
www.mariecruise.com
Office: 603-888-4600

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Verani Realty

Thank you
to our bulletin sponsors for their support during the past year! Your continued support has not gone unnoticed by your parish community and is so appreciated!

COLDWELL BANKER
RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE
C: 603-203-2005
O: 603-471-0777
Heather.Vicente@NEMoves.com

Heather Vicente Realtor
166 Route 101 • Bedford, NH 03110
www.HeatherSells.CBintouch.com
Owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC

catholicmatch®
New Hampshire
CatholicMatch.com/dateNH

What's My Name?
The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.
#WHATSMYNAME
In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

Jill & Co.
REALTY GROUP
Kimberley A. Tufts, M.Ed.
REALTOR®
PSA, ABR®, SRS, RESA®, CSA™
Direct: 603.867.9072
Office: 603.893.7430

We'll put you on the map!
FREE DOWNLOAD Finding FABER

John Patrick Publishing Co. 1.800.333.3166 - www.jpcc.net