

Saint John XXIII Parish

May the
road rise to
meet you.

May the
wind be
always at
your back.
May the sun
shine warm
upon your
face.

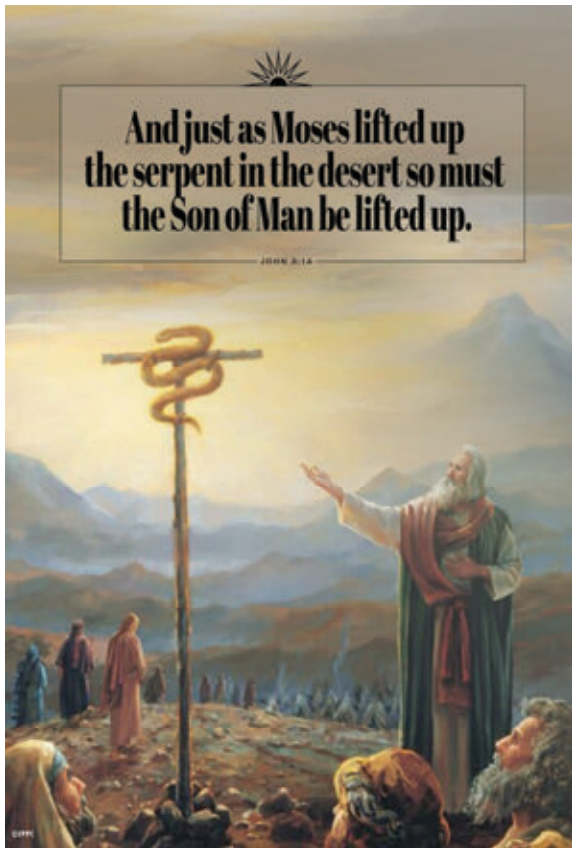
The rains
fall soft
upon your
fields.

And until we
meet again,
may God
hold you in
the palm of
his hand.

Traditional
Irish Blessing

Happy Saint Patrick's Day





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

March 13 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Intentions of the parishioners
Roger Lesieur by Diane & Patrick Dubreuil

March 14 4th Sunday of Lent

Timothy Coulter by his family
Paul Charron 7th Ann. By his family

March 16

In Memory of George & Evangeline Nadeau

March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop

Fr. John Horan by parishioners

March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Intentions of the parishioners

March 19 St. Joseph

Intentions of the parishioners

March 20 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick
Mariam Mattathilani

by Diane & Patrick Dubreuil

March 21 5th Sunday of Lent

Raymond "Butch" Dumont

By Patricia Peters

Lydia Cardinale by her family

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ March 6 & 7, 2021	
Adult Envelopes (61)	\$2,796.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$882.00
Loose Cash	\$315.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,993.00
Easter Flowers	\$463.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Weekly Readings – March 15 - 21

Mon.: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tues.: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wed.: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thurs.: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Fri.: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sat.: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sun.: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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.

3/19- IJ Nashua

3/26 - 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 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 2021

Allow me to present some facts about an event coming next Saturday, March 20. That will be this year's date for "the Vernal Equinox. At precisely 5:37 AM that morning, when most of us will probably be enjoying a Saturday sleep-in, the Northern hemisphere of our home will be at the one or two moments in the year when our sun will be exactly above the Equator. As a result, day and night will be of equal length. More importantly, that will be the official arrival of Spring 2021. "Vernal" meaning "fresh or new." The days will be noticeably longer than the nights. The new season will usher in all the joys of extended light after a long winter's darkness.

May I ask you now to make a spiritual application? Apply all this to Our Lord's teaching we hear of today to what He told the significant Jewish leader Nicodemus. The man was obviously attracted to Jesus and His teaching and he wanted more in a private session. Yet he cowardly came at night, such was his fear that others might easily spot him in daytime.

In today's Gospel passage Jesus speaks of "the light that came into the world," without telling Nicodemus it is He. But He quickly adds the sad fact that "people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil." In all honesty, haven't we thought of ourselves as being in that group? Preferring the protection of darkness, even that of secrecy, rather than exposure of any kind?

Recall that infamous day a bit over 2 months ago when our Nation's Capitol became "a crime scene." On any given day, we agree that a brazen crime is made worse if it is committed "in broad daylight." The boldness adds to the evil.

Lent is our opportunity to make reparation for all of our dark deeds. We want to straighten out our relationship with the Lord. We have the advantage of knowing from our Bibles and from consistent Church teaching that God indeed loves us, and was willing to die for our reconciliation with Him. The wisdom of our Church's lived experience is such that she knows we would have had to invent a Lent if she had not already done so. Just like this Lent, now, in the year 2021.

Not to take advantage of this Lent here and now seems like the height of foolishness, does it not? Making a good confession is an essential part of the process, and we know that. Above all "be not afraid," as our great John Paul urged us at his installation as pope. Lenten reform is really not as complicated as the timing of the Vernal Equinox." God is simple, holy, and loving of you all the time. Take advantage of it and enjoy the sunshine. God love you and give you His peace..by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Corpus Christi Food Pantry Birthday Bags

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps families that are struggling to make ends meet. One very gratifying way CCFPA helps families through tough times is to offer a birthday bag, (which contains cake mix, frosting, candles, plates and napkins,) and a gift for the child that will be celebrating a birthday within a few weeks of when the parent comes to the pantry. It is very rewarding to see the overwhelming gratitude in the parent's eyes when they can select an age-appropriate gift for their child and celebrate the child's special day.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

For Catholic Charities New Hampshire has an opening for a full time Bilingual Intake Coordinator (English/Spanish required). This position is regularly scheduled for 35 hours/week at our Nashua Service Location, where we provide counseling services to individuals, couples and families, as well as Parish and Community services. We'll pay you based on your experience and offer you a great work environment with generous benefits, including 401(k) plan, medical, dental, life and disability insurance, along with other fringe benefits.

For more information please call or email Kevin Spillane - Recruitment and Compensation Specialist for Catholic Charities New Hampshire at 603-663-0226 or email him direct at kspillane@nh-cc.org

St. Gianna's Place Virtual Event A Night of Hope

Tune in to celebrate St. Gianna's Place on Tuesday, March 23rd from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM at their first ever Virtual Event. The evening will highlight residents of St. Gianna's Place as they share their stories of hope and success. This will be an uplifting and inspiring event, filled with surprises and prizes. Feel free to invite friends and family.

Go to <https://stgiannasplace.org/nightofhope/> to pre-register. Registration is free.

CHILD SAFETY ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

The Office for Healing and Pastoral Care provides services and support, promotes healing, and supports the emotional and spiritual well-being of survivors of sexual abuse and misconduct in the Church. The Office also seeks to be a source of comfort and support for anyone who is a survivor of sexual abuse in any walk of life. If you are a victim of abuse or misconduct by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care at (603) 663-0125. For more resources to assist victims of abuse, visit www.catholicnh.org/healing.

NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry

On Tuesday March 30th from 12-2 PM at Holman Stadium parking lot, 67 Amherst St., Nashua. The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of fresh food to distribute to families and individuals of Southern NH. This event is free and open to all. Proof of residency or income is not needed. This is a drive through event -items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Hudson Community

Food Pantry at St. Johns

As the food pantry at St. John's prepares to serve 111 families with their Easter celebration. They have installed a conveyor system to both take the supplies from the cellar to the driveway to be put in the clients cars. The conveyor also takes all the donations and food stocks down into the pantry. This is the conveyor pictured from the pantry cellar heading up to the driveway.



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 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.

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