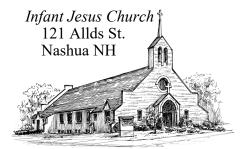
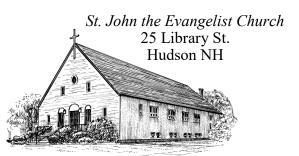
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OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry Corpus Christi Food Pantry: NH Catholic Charities: 603-883-6048 603-882-6372 603-889-9431

Saint John XXIII Parish

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Religious Education:

E-mail: Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
-	6:00 PM	IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese
		Mass - IJ
Sunday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
-	10:30 AM	IJ Church

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

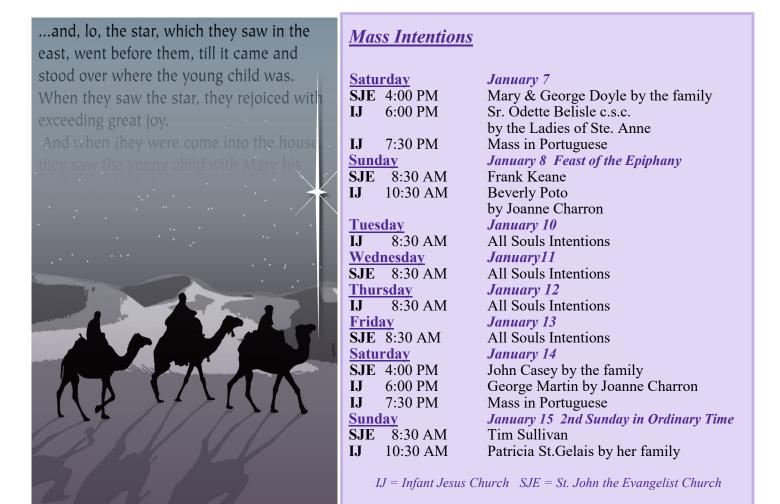
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord



8:00 AM SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGING TO 8:30 AM - JANUARY 1ST Beginning Sunday, January 1, 2023 the Sunday

Morning at 8:30 AM. The Sunday Morning Mass time will remain at 8:30 AM until further notice.

Weekly Readings Jan. 9 - Jan. 15

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; 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: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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Christmas ~ December 24 & 25, 2022			
Adult Envelopes (58)	\$4,004.00		
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00		
Loose Cash	\$2,746.00		
Offertory Total:	\$7,570.00		
Week Ending ~ Dec. 31 ,2022 & Jan. 1, 2023			
Adult Envelopes (52)	\$2,675.00		
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00		
Loose Cash	\$896.00		
Offertory Total:	\$4,391.00		
Debt Reduction	\$255.00		
May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!			

Reflection - Epiphany of the Lord

The first thought I had after thinking of today's ensemble of Readings was that of an eclipse of the moon. It's a picture of a slowly creeping darkness overcoming brilliance completely, at least for a brief time. The familiar conflict of virtue against sin that we experience almost daily comes to the birth story of Jesus, and the present day life of His Church, our Church too.

The extended Christmas story easily conjures up the struggled we all have against negative powers. Almost as soon as the last notes of the beloved Christmas carols fade from our hearing, we got the jolt of St. Stephen's cruel martyrdom on December 26. That was followed up with the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, with an easy application to modern day abortion.

In all of that, we are taught by the Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, not to give in to any Pollyanna outlook on life. Or about the process of our redemption. It involves crisis and the Cross before any rejoicing over the Resurrection.

We professed followers of the true Messiah, Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, have to be ready for repeats, in substance, of all the pain and setbacks recorded in Church history over the centuries.

Another image, like that of an eclipse that entered my mind is that of an imaginary "Gloomy Gus Association" at its annual convention. All members must dine on cold pea soup with bland crackers for three days and learn what to do with the fresh pin cushions distributed to them with an assortment of newly minted pins. Each pin represents a potential negativity they can introduce into anything positive in the coming year. King Herod would of course be a charter member of the group.

Returning to reality, I'd like to ask my fellow optimists to celebrate today this outbreak of the Good News of Christ. To free it from any confinement to a past time and place. This news came via the Magi visit to the vastly wide world of the Gentile nations. That should elicit an "Alleluia" from us all. That leads me to this easy depiction of the problem out there in Secular City:

Once upon a time an optimist invited a pessimist to go duck hunting. The optimist wanted to show off his newly registered hunting dog that could do things no other dog could. The pessimist looked at the dog and said, "Looks like a mutt to me."

At that moment, a flock of ducks flew over. The optimist shot one of the ducks and it fell into the middle of the lake. He snapped his fingers and his new dog ran out on the water, picked up the duck, and ran back on the water. The optimist took the duck from the dog's mouth, turned to the pessimist and said, "What do you think of the dog now?" The pessimist replied, "Dumb dog—can't even swim."*Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather: During the week, if Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. On the weekends, Mass cancellations will be posted on WMUR News. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date. The parish office will open once weather conditions improve. However, please call and check before visiting.

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire volunteers make a life-changing difference for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Volunteers are urgently needed. Register online today for a virtual info session. that will focus on the volunteer experience in Hillsborough County. Learn more and register at www.casanh.org/infosessions. If you sign up and are unable to attend, CASA will send you a link to the recorded session.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed shawls available for those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggles or challenges. To receive a shawl, contact Dotti Reed at 603-275-7345 or the parish office.

CORPUS CHRISTI HELP NEEDED

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer to work on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until noon. This will be to sort and set-up produce and baked goods as well as greet the clients as they arrive. This is a very rewarding position and the benefits are out of this world! Please call Maryellen (603-882-6372) if you are interested.

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES Online Bereavement Support Group

Are you struggling with the loss of a spouse or loved one? Do you feel alone during this difficult time? Catholic Charities NH is here to help with an online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again." The six-session program will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. starting January 11, 2023, and run through February 15. Participants will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement or call MaryAnn at 603-357-3093. There is no cost to attend.

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES AT OUR PARISH

Lamprey Health Care is a trusted community healthcare provider located at 22 Prospect Street in Nashua, NH. We offer primary and behavioral healthcare services for the whole family. Our mission is to provide high quality primary medical care and health related services, with an emphasis on prevention and lifestyle management, to all individuals regardless of ability to pay. Our **Mobile Health Services Van** is at the **Infant Jesus School Building on Mondays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**, and we wanted to make you aware that these services are now available to you! Please stop by and visit us. There is no need for an appointment.

NEW YEAR, NEW SCHOOL?

It's a new year...is your child ready for a new school? Saint Christopher Academy would love to welcome your child now or in the fall! Saint Chris offers an outstanding education that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values for students in prekindergarten through grade 8. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support the development of students who are wellrounded learners and leaders. Applications are open for both the current year and the fall of 2023. To learn more, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310