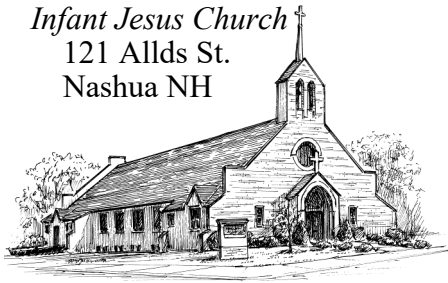
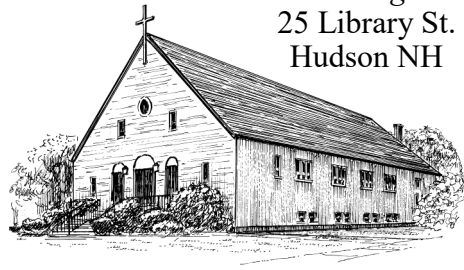


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



St. John the Evangelist Church
25 Library St.
Hudson NH



LENT

*"Jesus told her, 'I am
the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will live...'"*
John 11: 25

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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

OUTREACH

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 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

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

March 25

Richard Shanholtz by the family
Madeline (Charron) Martin
by Joanne Charron
Mass in Portuguese

March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Intentions of Rela Burns
Paul Charron
by his family

March 28

All Souls Intentions

March 29

NO MASS

March 30

All Souls Intentions

March 31

All Souls Intentions

April 1

Mary & George Doyle by the family
Madeline (Charron) Martin
by Joanne Charron
Mass in Portuguese

April 2 Palm Sunday

Intentions of the Parishioners
Theresa Duchesne
by her family

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday mornings following 8:30 AM
Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in
Hudson.

Weekly Readings March 27 – April 2

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Libasci is pleased to announce the celebration of the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 4th at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. This invitation is extended to all the clergy and parishioners. The Mass takes its name from the most eminent of the three holy oils which the bishop commissions for his local church's use over the following year. Register for the Chrism Mass at www.catholicnh.org/chrism.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 18 & 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes (44)	\$1,317.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$1,227.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,364.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$355.00
Debt Reduction	\$25.00

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Identity theft is scary, as is any widespread evil. We either know that from personal experience, or from a friend who has shared his/her story and its residual effects. Millions of dollars have been spent on insurance policies whose purpose is to provide protection from it. All of us have become acutely aware of guarding our Social Security number as if it were a talisman against this new type of thievery.

Why the worry? Because in this high-tech world of interlocking data there lurks the opportunity for evil plotters to succeed in wiping out our bank accounts. Instantly gone then is our status as financially stable. Of greater moment is our loss of confidence and peace of mind. I know of what I write in this instance.

Raising all of this concern about personal identity to a higher level brings us to consider it at the supernatural level. There our identity is based on our baptism. As Christians, we are thus bonded by our connection to Jesus Christ. He becomes our purpose in being. In turn, His identity with us is paramount.

We live in a time and place where His Church's teaching has had the added benefit of accumulated wisdom stemming over 20 centuries. The people present for this long ago miracle recorded in this amazing Gospel scene of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These witnesses had to choose the name of His identity. All the evidence then available pointed one way, but that was impossible for them. The fact that a man so like themselves could possibly be God. One person looked at the evidence and concluded rightly. Her name was Martha. Saint Martha for us.

Yes, it's the same Martha who at one of Jesus' prior visits to her home complained about her sister's choice, and who becomes right here a real hero of the faith. Listen to her: "If You (Jesus) had been here my brother would never have died." Where did that sure identification of Jesus come from? Observation of Him surely. Pondering over Him likely. But I vote for the influence of the Holy Spirit in her life. To be sure, Satan prefers his influence in our life. Because He does not believe in Our Lord's credentials, and because of his intense hate of God Wants to steal our identity not with just one way at his disposal but with at least a thousand. So he goes about his own thefts. With just a toehold on the world wide web he wreaks havoc through the widespread use of pornography by both sexes, trapping the addicts of it, ruining marriages and family life with the infection that reaches down to snare ever younger children.

Never make the mistake, by the way, of thinking the devil is passe. That no sophisticated person thinks he's real. He loves when that happens because then it is much easier to steal our identities as friends of God.

The Lazarus story, read to us this last Sunday before Holy Week, is meant for us to keep before our minds as we soon enough watch Jesus killed on a cross. It is so tempting to tear up our spiritual ID card as Christ's follower. But so rewarding is it to stand next to His Mother at the foot of that cross and staying faithful to the end. Fully knowing who we are and carrying proof of it.

God love you and give you His peace.

"Nearly half of all U.S. citizens became a victim of some form of identity theft in 2020. In 2021 there were 5.7 million reports of identity theft and fraud, up from 4.7 million in 2020. With a \$500 median loss, the cost to victims is growing as we become more digitally dependent."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

United Way of Greater Nashua will be hosting a Community Baby Shower for low-income families in April. Each year, new families are invited to this educational celebration to learn about community supports available to them and pick items from the "baby boutique" to help them get started with the new addition to their family. Donations of Items may be purchased through the wish list here: <https://tinyurl.com/2023bbshwr> or purchased locally. The most needed items are: diapers in all sizes, new clothing, booster seats (used ok), small strollers (used ok), wipes, and baby wash / lotion. All items should be sent to or dropped off at 20 Broad Street, Nashua NH 03064 between 10am and 3pm on weekdays. The deadline for this project is April 1. For more information about this project contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 864-0201

PENNY SALE AT ST. PATRICK'S PELHAM

Join us Saturday, April 15th for the Annual Women's Guild Penny Sale at the St. Patrick Parish Center, 12 Main Street, Pelham, NH. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Main Entrance and you will exit through the Main Entrance. We will be open on Saturday, April 15th from 9am to 3pm. Drawing will begin at 3:30pm Saturday, April 15th. Pick up of items will be Sunday, April 16th, from 12pm to 2pm. Come join the fun. For more information call Therese Soucy at 603-635-3525.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Through sorrow, we remember. The Food Pantry recently lost a very dear volunteer. Many clients were aware of her illness, but we're still unprepared for her passing. Several asked about the date and time of her memorial service. Several attended, but one went beyond. This client sat with the group of Pantry volunteers. Our "family" united in grief. After the service, the client drove to the Pantry, and made a donation in honor of this very special volunteer who touched so many, and will never be forgotten.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2023 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on Sunday, April 30, at 2pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact our Parish Office at (603) 882-2462 ext. 4 by April 7



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.