

Saint John XXIII Parish



Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



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

November 18

Catherine Roome by her family

Claire Desrosiers

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

Nov. 19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marianna Ferrochi by her family

In honor of St. Peregrine

for favors obtained

November 21

All Souls Intentions

November 22

Florence Leveille by Sandy

November 23 Thanksgiving Day

Theresa Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler

November 24

Levreault Family by the PM Sisters

November 25

Mary Doyle by the family

Cathy Wilson

by Dan & Ginny Dumont

Mass in Portuguese

Nov. 26 Feast of Christ the King

All Souls Intentions

Claire Leveille

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

**Thursday, November 23rd
8:30 AM at Infant Jesus Church**

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$22,662.00** toward our goal of \$33,254.00. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or make your gift online at www.catholienh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

Weekly Readings Nov. 20– Nov. 26

Monday: Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ November 11 & 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes (48)	\$1,502.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$441.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,733.00
Snow Removal	\$85.00
Debt Reduction	\$325 .00

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

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REFLECTION 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

This week's parable has long been called "The Parable of the Talents." Right away we have a language problem because a talent was not a coin, but a weight. Its value depended on the metal involved, be it copper, gold, or silver. Silver being the most common metal at that time. So, the value of a talent of silver was considerable. It was worth about 15 years' wages for a working man. You may remember the wager that the fictional Messala bet against Judah Ben-Hur in the movie of that name was a thousand talents. A veritable fortune.

The useless servant in Christ's story stands for the scribes and Pharisees and their attitude to the law and the truth of God. Their whole attitude was to "build a fence around the law" so that it would remain intact.

Anything new was forbidden, so they "buried their talent," which led to a kind of paralysis of the truth of religion. Hence, their hatred of Jesus for His expansion of the Law of Moses.

Like the man who buried his talent, they wanted to keep things exactly as they had been for years. But Jesus taught that there can be no religion without a touch of freedom and adventure.

The parable stresses that we all have differing talents, in the sense of the word here meaning "gifts." God expects us to use our particular talent or talents, in that spiritual sense, for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. We are not equal in talent, but we can be equal in our effort. So, each member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, has been gifted.

The parable also teaches that those who are punished are the people who will not try. Here we come upon a truth taught so well by Gilbert Keith Chesterton, who wrote that "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

Here in the "vestibule" of our National Day of Thanksgiving, we can be grateful for sure of the talent or talents that God has given us, along with the special freedoms we enjoy in America that permit us to share them, along with our time and treasure, so that the poor among us may always have hope in their hearts also.

God love you and Happy Thanksgiving.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS



The Real Options staff welcome your donations from our annual parish "Baby Shower for Jesus" to assist in their ministry. Diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby girl's & boy's clothes (newborn to 6 mo.) and maternity clothes are always needed. Used baby & maternity clothes are also welcomed; they only ask that they are clean and in

good condition. Gift card donations from Target or Walmart are very much appreciated and are used toward the purchase of car seats. Knitted and crocheted items are treasured for their personal touch! If you can help with any of these requests, please place your donation on the Allds Street side of Infant Jesus Church, from **Sat., Nov. 25 to Sun., Dec. 10.**

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

St. Patrick Parish in Pelham is hosting its annual Christmas Craft Fair in the Parish Center at 12 Main St. Pelham, NH. We have many local crafters who amaze us every year! We will also have food, a Home Made Baked Goods Table and raffles. Please join us on Dec. 2nd from 9am-4pm and get great gifts for your holiday shopping.

HELP NEEDED WITH CHURCH DECORATING

It is that time of the year again when we must think of decorating our two Churches for the Christmas Season. We need 10 to 12 volunteers who would be willing to come and help decorate our Churches. We will be decorating Infant Jesus Church on Tuesday morning, December 13th, at 9:00 a.m. With enough help, we would be done by noon. We do not have a definite date, yet, for St. John's Church—it will depend on if we can get volunteers to help. If you can volunteer a few hours, please call Jeannine Gagnon at 603-882-1557 or email Jeannine at jagag68@hotmail.com. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

DIGITAL EQUITY IN GREATER NASHUA

United Way will be holding a talk on how digital equity affects Greater Nashua. This talk is directed toward seniors, but all are welcome. We'll have experts talking about how lack of access to affordable internet, devices, and training affects our community. United Way would like to invite seniors (and those who support them) to join them at the Hunt Community at 10 Allds Street in Nashua at 10:30am on Friday, December 1 for a panel discussion and conversation about how our community accesses the internet, the barriers people face, and how to solve these problems. The internet has become the main way we communicate, and many people struggle with access to devices, high costs for service, or need training on how to use their devices. We'd like you to be part of the conversation about how our community can make things easier. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Dec-Coffee> or you can contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011

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.

CEMETERY CHRISTMAS WREATHS AT ST. LOUIS, ST. STANISLAUS & ST. FRANCIS

If you would like to have a beautiful Balsam Christmas Wreath placed on the lot of your family members this Holy Christmas season, the cemetery is now taking orders for wreaths. The price of a wreath is \$40.00. Wreaths will be placed by the first week of December, the start of Advent. If you wish to purchase one, please place your order by November 20th. All Christmas décor will be removed by the cemetery staff beginning after the Epiphany, as weather permits. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call the Cemetery Office at 603-886-1302 for St. Louis, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Stanislaus Cemeteries.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. A portion of his collection also helps Black & Indian Missions in the U.S. spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Learn more at www.blackandindianmission.org