St. John the Baptist Parish

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http://www.catholicsuncook.org **FACEBOOK:** ***St. John the Baptist Parish, Suncook, N.H.***

February 28, 2021

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Confirmation:
Adults seeking to be confirmed should contact the Religious Education Director.

Sacrament of Matrimony:
Please call at least six months before the proposed date to make timely arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please notify the church if you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion. If hospitalized, you must specify that you are Catholic and willing to have clergy visits.

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Parish Office: Weekdays 8:30 AM to 1 PM
Office Manager: Michele Petit - 485-3113
Bookkeeper: Prudence Gagne- 485-3113
Safe Environment Coordinator: Dorothy Hickox- 485-3113
Cemetery: Michele Petit - 485-3113

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Religious Education Center: 10 1/2 School Street
Director: Cathy Mazzaglia - 340-4195 or cpfmazz@gmail.com
In the event of cancelations due to weather, announcements will be made via WMUR. Look for St. John the Baptist - Suncook, or Holy Rosary Parish - Hooksett in the listings.

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Order of Christian Initiation: Adults (OCIA) /Children (OCIC)
Adults wishing to become Catholics or returning to the faith or older children who have not yet been baptized or made their First Communion should contact the church office at 485-3113.

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Knights of Columbus: Fr. Routhier Council #4666
Meeting : 7 PM in Chambers first Monday of every month
Grand Knight: Matt Roan matt@petitroan.com. or www.knightsofsuncook.org

Saint Anne Sodality:
Meeting : 1 PM in Church 3rd Tuesday of April, May, June, September, October, & November
President: Evelyn Plourde 717-1937

Sainte Therese Rosebush Society:
Meeting: 6:30 PM in Parish Hall 4th Thursday of September, December & April
President: Melaine Boisvert 485-7554

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Adult Choir: Director: Geraldine Veroneau 485-3113
Rehearsals every Monday at 6:30 PM in the church

Rev. Edmund G. Crowley, Administrator
Rev. John B. Finnigan (in residence)
Deacon William Lavallee

*****Mass Times*****

SATURDAY at 4 PM;
SUNDAY at 10 AM;
TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 8:30 AM with Rosary at 8 AM,
FRIDAY: 7:30 AM with Rosary at 7 AM.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1st Friday of the month after the 7:30 AM Mass.

CONFESSION: Saturday at 3 PM

New families are welcome and encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling the rectory during office hours.

✞ **February 28, 2021** ✞ ***Second Sunday of Lent*** ✞
✞ Tuesday – Thursday ✞ 8:00 AM Rosary ✞ 8:15 Morning Prayer ✞ 8:30 Mass
Friday ✞ 7:00 AM Rosary ✞ 7:15 Morning Prayer ✞ 7:30 Mass ✞

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27 ╬ ***Lenten Weekday***
4:00 PM—LUCIEN THERRIEN by Pat & John Moran
& REV. ROGER BILODEAU by Theresa & Raymond Connor

Sunday, February 28 ╬ ***Second Sunday of Lent***
10:00 AM— ROGER BOSSE by his wife, Irene
& JULIEN & LUCILLE BISSON by Lorraine & Family

Tuesday, March 2 ╬ ***Lenten Weekday***
8:30 AM— ROSE RAFFERTY by Don & Cindy Carrier

Thursday, March 4 ╬ ***Lenten Weekday***
8:30 AM— BRYANNA by Grammy

Friday, March 5 ╬ ***Lenten Weekday***
7:30 AM— M/M ROBERT CROTEAU by Cindy & Don Carrier
8 AM—FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday, March 6 ╬ ***Lenten Weekday***
4:00 PM—PAUL CARRIER (20) by Don & Cindy Carrier

Sunday, March 7 ╬ ***Third Sunday of Lent***
10:00 AM— CECILE HUOT by her sister, Louise
& JOSEPH LAMY by the K of C. #4666

PARISH OFFERING – February 20-21, 2021

Envelopes & Loose…(48)..…..... $1957.00
On-Line Giving …(12 Families) ……....$545.00

TOTAL…….....…….....$2502.00

Roof Loan Balance as of 2/1/21……...$235,376.18
Monthly payment…….…….$1529.18
Donations (2/21/21) ……...……..…..$450.00

Your generosity and continued support in these trying times are much appreciated.. Thank you.

THANK YOU

A special thank you goes out to those parishioners who have continued to support us during this past year with all its difficulties by bringing their contributions to the rectory or mailing them in.
We are so lucky to have people like you.
We pray that you continue to stay safe, happy and healthy.
God bless.

PARISH GROUPS

- **THE PARISH NURSE:** Cancelled until further notice
- **PRAYER LINE:** Please call Theresa at 485-9952 .
- **The INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP:** The St. John the Baptist Intercessory Prayer Group gathers every Thursday morning from 9-10 am to pray for the needs of others. We invite all, interested in participating in this very special apostolate, to join us in prayer.
- N**ATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES:** The Donovans are now trained to teach virtually through Couple to Couple League. Call Barbara at 463-7456 or email bjdonovan@metrocast.net to schedule a course.
- **ALTAR SERVERS:** For any young person having received First Communion and interested in serving Holy Mass: contact Tom Langlais at 736-6040 or suncookservers@yahoo.com.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4666:** Any Catholic man, who wishes to learn more about the Knights, may contact Geoff Kennedy at 231-7070, Matt Roan at 485-9573 or go to www.knightsofsuncook.org.
- **HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE:** Looking for volunteers to clean and sanitize the church after every weekend Mass and Funeral. We are also accepting hand sanitizers, disinfectant wipes, paper towels or donations towards the purchase of these supplies. Thank you! Call Don / Cindy Carrier at 485-4813, or text at 340-1757.

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REMINDERS

- Call the rectory if you would like to receive the **BULLETIN** by e-mail, or if you know of any shut-ins or elderly who would like the bulletin mailed to them.
- Please remember the" **BOX TOPS for Education**" and "**LABELS for Education**" for Pine Haven.
- Also remember **USED and/or CANCELLED STAMPS** for the missions
- Don't forget **AMAZON SMILE**. Go to **https:// smile.amazon.com/** in a web and follow directions to get to St. John the Baptist Parish, Allenstown, NH
- Please make use of our **BOOK NOOK**..

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LADIES of ST ANNE / LENTEN INTENTIONS

Embracing this Holy Season of Lenten Blessings

Once a man arrived in heaven and was greeted by Saint Peter. They walked down a long corridor with doors on both sides. Each door had a person's name on it. The man stopped when he saw his own nameplate on a door. "What's inside that room?" he asked. "Oh, you don't want to go in there," Saint Peter answered. "No, no", the man insisted, "I want to see what's in there!" "Ok," Saint Peter said as he opened the door. Inside were beautifully wrapped boxes lined up on shelves. "What are they?" the man asked. Saint Peter explained, " These are the blessings and gifts God tried to send you, but you were too distracted to receive them." Fr. Joseph Sica

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LENTEN OBSERVATIONS 2021

Ash Wednesday (**February 17**) and Good Friday (**April 2**) are days of both Fast and Abstinence. All other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence only.

- ◊ **FASTING**: to be observed by all 18-58 year olds. One full meal is allowed. Two other meals may be taken according to each one's need, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed; drinking is.
- ◊ **ABSTINENCE**: is observed by all those 14 years of age or older. No meat is allowed unless one's health or the ability to work is seriously affected.
- ◊ **OPERATION RICE BOWL**: almsgiving is also a discipline of Lent. Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten program, which allows you to participate in an overseas relief fund. Rice Bowls are available at church entrances.
- ◊ **40 CANS for LENT**: Another opportunity for almsgiving is the 40 Cans for Lent program, which the Knights of Columbus will be starting on Ash Wednesday. We are hoping for one can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent from each parishioner. All the food collected will be brought to the New Horizons Food Bank. It's only 40 cans (or whatever you can donate). Please consider your neighbor and all those affected by COVID in need of a little help. There will be a collection box in the rear of the church for your convenience.
- ◊ **STATIONS of the CROSS**: Every Friday at 6 PM, except Good Friday, when they will be held at Noon
- ◊ **RECONCILIATION:** The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available here at St. John the Baptist on the Monday of Holy Week, March 29th from 11 am to 1 pm and 5-7 pm.
- ◊ **LENTEN DEVOTION:** We will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet before all masses. Please come early and pray with us! Saturdays: 3:45 pm and Sundays: 9:45 am!
- ◊ **LENTEN SERVICES at HOLY ROSARY**:
- Stations of the Cross will be said at 7 PM every Friday (except Good Friday, when they will be said at 3 PM.)
- An additional Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM every Saturday during Lent (except Holy Saturday.)
- ◊ **SCHEDULE of EVENTS:** The Lenten/ Easter Schedule can be found on church doors and at church entrances.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From now until March 28th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Join us to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood on 24 Pennacook St in Manchester. This is not a protest; it's a positive, life affirming event. To sign up, and to find out more, please visit 40daysforlife.com/ Manchester.

Please continue to social distance when coming up to receive Communion and follow the signs.
Thank you and stay safe!

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MARCH MONTHLY MARKET
Come pick up some free Bread & Stuff
Saturday, March 6th (3:30 to 5:30 pm) and
Sunday, March 7th (9:30 to 11:30 am)

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HELP SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT!!!

Pine Haven Boys Center is participating in the NexTrex plastic film recycling challenge! They will earn a Plastic Bench if they can collect a minimum of 500 lbs of "soft" plastic. They are well on their way since they have already collected over 200 lbs. Please save and donate all

☺ *Produce Bags* ☺ *Store Bags* ☺ *Ice Bags*

☺ *Zip-Locs* ☺ *Bread Bags* ☺ *Cereal Box Liners*

☺ *Newspaper Sleeves* ☺ *Dry Cleaning Bags*

☺ *Bubble Wrap and* ☺ *Plastic E-Commerce Mailers.*

Just make sure all the bags are clean and dry and do not include any "hard" plastic.

There will be a place to leave your bag donations in the back of the Church or you may drop them off at the office Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM.
If you have any questions or would like a copy of the flyer, please contact Prudy at prudence-gagne@comcast.net.

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120 CLUB WINNERS
Week #3: $25.00 Diane Solimanto (182)
Week #4: $25.00 Gerry & Joyce Belanger (40)

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CHUCKLES

It is February 26, the fourth Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into a monastery and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

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