2020 Giving Statement

If you would like an acknowledgement letter for tax filing purposes for the 2018 tax year, please fill in the information below and place in the offertory basket or return the completed form to the

St. John's Parish Office.

Parish Giving Statement—I would like to receive my Parish Statement for the giving year 2020.
Name:
Envelope # (Please print name as it appears on your parish envelope) Please check manner of delivery:
Email:
Address:
You may also call the office at 518-758-9401

SECOND SHOW

519 Warren St. in Hudson has **NEW** coats for kids **sizes 18 mos. to size 16.**

**** They are FREE. ****

Please stop by or call the store 518-828-2990.

Reminder

There will be NO Baptisms during Lent.

2/17 - 4/3-4

Masses for January 2021

Please call the office to reserve your seat:

Last name beginning with M-R Jan. 30 & Jan. 31

If extra seats available **All Are Welcome**. Call 518-758-9401 to register.



Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Pat Bruno, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleaner Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Joseph Cimon, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Holly Eberhardt, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Br. Francis Feeley, Concetta Florientino, Alice Forget, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Michael Gomez, Mary Ann Goodine, Thomas Gregory, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingslely, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, John McCauley, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello,, Alice Salvatore, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kyle Stickles, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Br. David Turmel, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Darrell Wilson, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Erica Wordon

FAITH FORMATION & PARISH OUTREACH

Attention Faith Formation Families! A questionnaire regarding the monthly family formation packets was been mailed to you. Please fill out the single page and return it as soon as possible in the enclosed stamped envelope. We want to be sure that we receive your responses because they will aid our spring planning.

We continue to seek non-perishable items for those who continue to suffer from the cold and the pandemic. Please donate canned soups, crackers, tea bags, cereal, raisins, and canned tuna. Essential items like toilet paper and tissues are also needed. Thank you to all of you who help others.

Last call for your gently-used medium and large sized Christmas bags and gift boxes. We have very few left after this year's Bethlehem Tree distribution.

Pastors Blog:

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying:
"Set out for the great city of Nineveh,
and announce to it the message that I will tell you."
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,
according to the Lord's bidding.
Jonah 3:1-5

Today's Gospel gives Mark's account of calling of the disciples, starting with two sets of brothers Andrew and Simon (soon to be called Peter) followed by James and John, Zebedee's sons. But I am beginning with a reference to the first reading from the Book of Jonah because it is remarkable in many ways. Taken out of context, this is a beautiful story of a dutiful prophet who successfully reached out to a city of 120,000 diverse people, all repenting and turning to a God that was not their own. I remembering listening with my mother, "The rest of the story" with Paul Harvey. Perhaps it would be important to reflect on the rest of the story.

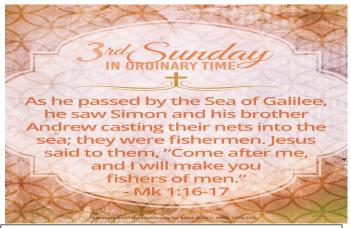
Most of us remember the story of Jonah and the whale but it is easy to forget what placed Jonah there. When the God of Israel called upon the prophet to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh, Jonah refused and went to other way, toward Tarshish on a boat. In one of the first instances of a parent putting a rebellious child in "time out," God has a whale swallow him up where he will spend three days repenting and agreeing to preach to a people that were his sworn enemies and a threat to his own life. The people hear that their time is coming to an end and they miraculously repent and are saved.

Jonah does not see his work on behalf of God as a success. So filled with hate and his own sense of justice, he expects the people not to be spared but destroyed. He will have to go off by himself and not find peace until he asks God for forgiveness and changes his mindset.

The first apostles are called forward, two by two, and they may share the same mindset, but perhaps not. How many brothers always agree with one another? The first four may be fisherman but they will be challenged and balanced by the next eight who have radically different backgrounds and most likely different points of view, one in particular. Like the people of Nineveh, they are being told that life as they knew it was ending. The Kingdom of God is at hand!

As disciples all of us are called to follow Jesus in a spirit of repentance that always allows are hearts and minds to receive the compassion and grace that heals and restores us. Our journeys are not always easy but they are always worthwhile. May God bring you forward and may we always be by each other, side by side, in prayer and support.

As I feel the call of God to journey forward in a new direction, please know you are always going to be in my heart. I look forward to returning frequently and staying in touch. By next week, we will be releasing more information which is meant to reassure everyone for a smooth and thoughtful transition for all of us. God bless you all.



Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor

7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a

[cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9,

10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk

6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

[1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1

Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE Saturday, January 23rd

4:00 pm William Gerald Weismantel

by Steven & RuthEllen Berninger

Sunday, January 24th

7:30 am Phillip Burkhart by the family

John Moroch by Marion Wise

Gerry Weismantel by Connie & Jack

Smith

Saturday, January 30th

4:00 pm Myroslaw Mykytiw by Chris Murynec John Moroch by Jasper & Heidi Smit

Sunday, January 31st

7:30 am Dit & Anna Bandura

Jack McKeough by Connie & Jack

Smith

Manuel Feneque by Pat Berroyer