

Saint John XXIII Parish

DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY

Jesus, I trust in you!

Peace be
with you.

As the Father
has sent Me,
So I send you.

Receive the
Holy Spirit,
whose sins
you forgive
are forgiven
them, and
whose sins
you retain
are retained.

John 20:21-23



Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 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

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

April 10 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Glen Annis by Patricia Peters
Gloria A. Levesque 1st Ann.
By her family

April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday

Timothy Coulter by his family
William V. Boudreau by his family

April 13

In memory of
George & Evangeline Nadeau

April 14

Mike Rodrigue

April 15

Intentions of the parishioners

April 16

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April 17 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Norman Dumais 3rd Ann. By his wife
Intentions of the parishioners

April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick
John Collins
By Patrick & Diane Dubreuil

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Virtual Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Weekly Readings – April 12 - April 18

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant Wedding Anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on Sunday, April 18 at 2 pm. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). For those interested, please go to form.jotform.com/RCBM/... to register by April 11.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ March 27 & 28, 2021	
Adult Envelopes (42)	\$1,693.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$882.00
Loose Cash	\$246.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,821.00
Good Friday Collection	\$286.00
Week Ending ~ April 3 & 4, 2021	
Adult Envelopes (67)	\$3,501.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$882.00
Loose Cash	\$541.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,924.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

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REFLECTIONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

During this prolonged national and worldwide bout with a virus whose name none of us will ever forget, there has been some welcome comic relief. I have enjoyed that which has been provided by signs. These delights were posted on social media. I learned of a small restaurant in Texas called “El Arroyo” whose fame for good margaritas has been topped by its ever-changing outdoor signs. They have attracted worldwide attention because of worldwide exposure. One of my favorites displayed this past Winter was this: “My trash goes out more than I do.”

This happening led me to think about all kinds of signs. In St. John’s gospel, signs play a major role, because that is how Our Lord’s miracles are labelled. Beginning with the event at Cana, the author presents six other “signs”. You and I reading about them are ineluctably drawn to the only possible conclusion: Jesus is God. The Resurrection of Jesus, the greatest sign, and leaves no doubt of that.

For a skeptic like the Apostle Thomas, who is after all, a saint in heaven, he has been given that unfortunate nickname of “The Doubter.” Admittedly, he does react with doubt to the breathless account of his brother Apostles about the risen Lord’s appearance among them. He sets conditions for his personal faith. A week later, there is great drama in the room when Jesus reappears and meets all of Thomas’ “requirements.”

I have always imagined that scene this way. A stunned and tearful Thomas, embarrassed and feeling alone, instantly falls down on his knees before Jesus, and in a burst of beautiful humility, makes that profound act of faith: “My Lord and my God.”

Especially helpful for us, who have doubts from time to time, is the response of Our Lord. He looks lovingly into Thomas’ eyes, as the poor man gets back up, and says those words that echo down the centuries with comfort and hope: “Blessed are those who have not seen Me but have believed.”

Dr. John Vannorsdall, former chaplain at Yale University, brought up a question about all this when He wrote in striking words: “If God raised Jesus from the dead, why didn’t God fix Him up? Why scars? Why the print of nails that you could feel with your fingers? Can it be that the gospel is saying: ‘You will not see Jesus Christ unless you see the wounds?’ Somehow we must understand that the resurrected Christ is forever the wounded Christ. Living, but never fixed up.”

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may our wounded God show you His mercy every day, and give you His peace. *by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Family Promise News

We are going to start classes for our resident parents. The first will be a parenting class taught by Renee Moloney. Renee is certified to teach Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, the program used here at Family Promise. She is also a pre-school teacher and runs art therapy classes. Coming up soon will be Financial Literacy classes. Because these essential classes are required of all parents, we need volunteers to babysit the little ones while Mom and Dad participate every Monday evening 7-9pm.

For more information about our mission, or if you are interested in visiting the new home of Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, please contact Pam Wellman, Executive Director at 603-883-7338, ext.1. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Matthew Hodgkiss, 603-883-7338, ext. 3. Please visit our website at www.familypromisesnh.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance spread some Easter joy on the afternoon of March 31 to many of their clients. The afternoon started with a blessing from Fr. George followed by the clients receiving a bag of food to make a delicious ham dinner for their Easter meal. In addition to the bag of food, each family with children received a small bag of Easter treats for each child. The clients were feeling Easter joy as they left with their food. Because of your support, Corpus Christi can bring happiness, joy and relief to many people. .

Online Divorce/Separation Support Group

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, “*Divorce/Separation: Why me? What can I do?*” for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at 12 noon) starting April 21. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup or call 603-752-1325.

Diocesan On Line Easter Series

The Diocese of Manchester invites all to join in an on line Easter Series. This series is offered to help New Hampshire Catholics reflect more deeply on the Easter message and its meaning today for our state, our country, and the whole world. The full series entitled “The Resurrection and the Church’s Mission in the Public Square” is available in a free-eBook at www.catholicnh.org/Easter that contains brief written offerings and short excerpts from various church writings on the topics that are covered for each week of the Easter Season

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus council 5162 will be offering two scholarships. The Dave Sullivan Memorial Scholarship is open to Catholic students who will be graduating Alvirne High School this June. Some of the Columbianite Scholarships are open to Catholic students who will graduate this year and are Hudson residents of Saint John XXIII Parish. For more information or an application please email rddistasio@comcast.net Please type K of C Scholarship in the subject line.

Hudson Community Food Pantry at St. Johns

510 paper grocery bags of food and other needed supplies were donated by the parishioners of St. Kathryn Church to the Hudson Community Food Pantry at St John during the 2021 Lenten holidays. These wonderful gifts will be used over the next several months to help the food insecure of our community and the feed our kids program for weekend food for our local school children. A big thank you to the generosity of the members to St Kathryn Parish.

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If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014 or 800-475-5585 x233.
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