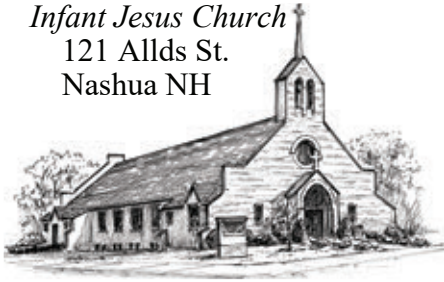
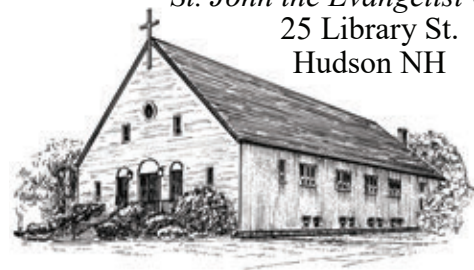


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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
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lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates  
the sacraments and offers a community of  
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## Saint John XXIII Parish

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
Sunday	8:00 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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



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 24 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

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

*April 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Arlene A. Fondini by Carol Klement  
M/M Wilfred Marquis  
By M/M Albert Poliquin

*April 27*

Emma Nicol by her friends

*April 28 Saint Peter Chanel*

Intentions of the parishioners

*April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena*

Intentions of the parishioners

*April 30 Saint Pius V*

Intentions of the parishioners

*May 1 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

Robin Magee 6th Ann. by her family  
Paul Ravenelle

By Maurice & Margaret Ravenelle

*May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Intentions of the parishioners  
Theresa Duchesne by her family

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

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**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://wwwmema.org/>.

**Weekly Readings – April 26 - May 2**

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Jn 14:7-14  
**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30-31, 32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. More information about vocations can be found on the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org/vocations](http://www.catholicnh.org/vocations).

Prayer for Vocations

*Dear God, we pray for young men and women; that you may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; and for the gift of courage to follow your call. May they know the personal love that you have for them, and re-pond with open and generous hearts. Amen.*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Week Ending ~ April 17 & 18 2021**

<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (34)	<b>\$1,270.00</b>
<b>WeShare</b> (Online Giving) (51)	<b>\$882.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$272.60</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,424.60</b>

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

# Saint John XXIII Parish

## REFLECTIONS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

No matter how speedily our computers compute, or how “Wi” your “fi” is, the image we hear today of God’s Son as “The Good Shepherd” persists in popularity and persuasive power. Chalk that up to our unexpressed longing for a gentler human landscape, free of the hard edges technology prefers to give our interactions with one another. Often those are more blunt than beneficial. At any rate, this perennial power of the Holy Word of Scripture is evident.

As a result, we can easily summon to mind that familiar painting or statue of a virile Christ shouldering a helpless lamb. Equally easy to think of ourselves as that needy creature, wordlessly longing for the solace that is our salvation. Admittedly we can be so lost at times that we wonder whether or not we will find our way back to a place of peace.

Mature Christian living will not let us ignore for long the ugly fact that there are many bad shepherds out there, who lurk around our pending decisions. They secretly laugh at our weak faith in the Lord if things don’t work out as we had hoped.

It is interesting that the Greek word John uses for “good” in this instance means “ideal” or “noble,” and not simply “good at.” That keeps us from falling into the fallacy which holds that only the person who is productive is worthwhile. That in turn foments a fear of retirement among many people of a certain age, thinking that their personal value will go down.

This Sunday happens to be “The World Day of Prayer for Vocations” by our Church. Unless you’ve been vacationing on Venus the last few decades, you have noted the diminished number of priests and religious. Easy to ascribe that fact to the tired canard that such a life is against nature, or is just plain odd. Odd I’ll grant you. But it is so good for those so called. More serious claim for those lesser numbers can be attributed the awful scandals we have experienced. That last is why I call today’s seminarians and novices “heroes.”

Truth to tell, the Holy Spirit obviously wants to wake up the “sleeping giant” of lay participation in Church life to do even more. Yet the fact remains that our Church is built around the Holy Eucharist. Without the priest there is no Eucharist. But in this endeavor, we can never neglect or underestimate the power of prayer. That’s what today is all about. We do have to beg the “Harvest master” for an increase in “field laborers.”

Here is a story of one who said “yes” to his calling. Father Vincent Capodanno, a chaplain with the Marine Corps, was killed in battle on September 4, 1967 somewhere in the QueSon Valley in Vietnam. The last section of the official citation of the Congressional Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously, reads as follows:

*“Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately fifteen yards away, Chaplain Capodanno rushed a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machine gun fire.*

*By his heroic conduct on the battlefield, and his inspiring example, Lt. Capodanno upheld the finest tradition of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom.”*

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## HUDSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AT ST. JOHNS NEWS

The Community Pantry would like to thank the wonderful shoppers at Hudson Market Basket for their donation to the Hudson Lions club this past Saturday. And a great loud roar to the Hudson Lions for a drive well done, delivering 360 pounds of supplies to the pantry and 350 dollars in cash donations. .

## CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY AWARD WINNING NEWS

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is pleased to announce that the pantry director, Maryellen Keigher, has received an award for being a Granite State Food Hero from UNH Nutrition Connection. She worked tirelessly during the pandemic to keep the pantry open, following safe health guidelines for volunteers and working to find food and hygiene products for our clients. Congratulations Maryellen!

## NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPEAKER

Your support of Catholic Charities NH brings lasting change to our NH neighbors. Over the past year, more than 2,800 individuals and families struggling to make ends meet –many who were never in a position to ask for help before –received urgent support and assistance around food, transportation, housing and other essential needs through its Community Services program. You helped bring much hope and light into their lives in these challenging times. There will be a speaker from Catholic Charities at all the Masses next weekend, May 1 & 2. and donation materials will be located at the church doors.



## FAMILY PROMISE NOTES VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- **Evening meals** (delivered or cooked onsite) Monday thru Thursday
- **Babysitters** – Monday evenings, 7pm-9pm (mainly for toddlers and older children)
- **Onsite volunteers** for flexible **evening hours** between 6 and 9pm. These volunteers are needed to help transition the building from daytime to evening. These volunteers would be available during mealtime, and after to help families with whatever needs they may realize before bedtime.
- **Event volunteers** - we are beginning to plan several outdoor **fundraising events** for this spring/summer. We will need volunteers and event committee members in various capacities.

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](http://www.familypromisesnh.org).

## PHONE FRIENDS & PEN PAL FOR SENIORS

Do you have a senior friend or loved one who is feeling isolated? Maybe they live alone or are staying in their home due to health concerns. United Way of Greater Nashua is connecting isolated seniors with volunteers who can offer weekly calls or want to exchange letters with them. Seniors who would like calls or letters should contact us at (603)438-2173 or [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org). at 603-663-0249 with any questions.

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For further information, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you.

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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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