

Saint John XXIII Parish



*... Always remember
... Always be grateful
... Never forget*



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Memorial Day



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

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Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

May 29 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Gerard Nadeau by his family
Pamela Durocher by Cecile Durocher

May 30 Trinity Sunday

Goldee M. Budro by Claire Budro
Theresa Duchesne by Lori & Doug Fowler

June 1

Intentions of the parishioners

June 2

Marcel Dubord by his family

June 3

Intentions of the parishioners

June 4

Intentions of the parishioners

June 5 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Mariam Joseph Mattathilani
by Dan & Ginny Dumont
Stella Marcoux by Jennette Chevalier

June 6 Corpus Christi Sunday

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick
Christopher Hilston by Rita Clark

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.

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

UNEMPLOYMENT ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

For those who may be struggling with job loss – or looking for the next opportunity – Catholic Charities NH is offering a free online support group to help you effectively navigate the complex job search process. “Unemployed: What Now? How do I Find A Job?” is a five-part series where you will learn and share best practices around targeting prospective employers, resume writing and interviewing, as well as how to best apply your unique skills to your own search. The program will be held via Zoom for five consecutive Wednesdays (at 10 a.m.) starting June 24. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/unemployment or call 603-752-1325.

Weekly Readings – May 31 - June 6

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MEMORIAL DAY AT ST. LOUIS, ST. FRANCIS, ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERIES

No Masses will be celebrated on Memorial Day this year at the cemeteries.

Flowers may be placed at the cemeteries (St. Louis, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stanislaus) beginning Saturday, May 29th. The flowers must be removed by Sunday, June 5th.

Water is only available at the St. Louis cemetery. Please note that the water pressure fluctuates and may be low. For all other cemeteries, please remember to bring water for any flower displays.

Flags are distributed by an independent group to the marked graves (military marker or plaque) of our veterans. Extra flags will be available in a central container (near the main statues or chapel). The flags will be removed by Sunday, June 5th.

If you have any questions, please contact the cemetery office at 603-886-1302

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ May 23 & 24 2021

Adult Envelopes (57)	\$2,612.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (50)	\$842.00
Loose Cash	\$485.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,939.00

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

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REFLECTIONS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Not wishing to be facetious about anything related to the pandemic that has hovered over the human landscape like a repulsive ogre for longer than a year I have a half serious complaint. I would simply like to urge the quick retirement of three phrases the Covid ushered into our expressions. None of them are improper English. But to me, they became so overused, overwrought and annoying just like that poor word “awesome” has become by the younger folk among us who use it to describe everything.

The phrases are, in no particular order: “Out of an abundance of caution;” followed by “social distancing” and “for the sake of transparency.” You surely recognize them. Maybe you’re not as bothered as I am. So be it.

But today I will grant a certain “pardon” to that third on my list, namely “transparency.” Before Covid, the word had an innocent purpose, it defined the visual quality of items like tracing paper and clean windows. Of course politicians have used it to mean “open about my purposes” and the like. Despite their most sincere facial expressions as they say the word, prompting news outlets to search their files on the speaker. But I digress.

A wonderful fact to consider at Mass is that once upon a time there walked on this good earth a Man of distinction who personified transparency to the nth degree. Being also God personally present in an adopted human nature, He could be no less. It is He who presented the revelation of God the Supreme Being as one, but comprised of three distinct Persons. It was and is the truth about God, whether or not our puny intellects can grasp it. He would have been deceitful not to tell us. This transparency on His part has set an everlasting challenge for us. Everything remains academic and harmless until someone asks: “What does it mean?” followed by “How do I explain it?” The famous attempt to make it tenable by using a shamrock, as attributed to St. Patrick, is pure legend. So what do we do with this actual inbred curiosity of ours that prompts us to do such things as build exploratory hardware for work on Mars?

Here’s the transparent fact: we cannot explain the Trinity. But our faith in the Master who taught it guarantees its place in our creed. One wholesome deduction we can make, and one that I prefer, and am even exhilarated by, is that our Creator shared this intimate fact about Himself so that our love of Him would be based entirely on truth. He wants us to know the whole truth about Himself and nothing less. There shall be no holding back, as so often happens with purely human relationships. Once an essential element of a loved one’s background is held back from the lover, only to be revealed at a later crucial juncture, the love usually dissipates, never to be fully rekindled. The good Lord does not deal with us in any way like that.

Consider the dizzy array of pagan presumptions made in the past about what God is like. Their statues of gods with human torsos crowned with birds’ heads, or creatures more bizarre, testify more to their creativity than their grasp of truth. But that was not their fault, since they were bereft of authentic revelation. We, on the other hand, have the whole truth and nothing but our fragile grasp. The problem is that we can become indifferent or bored with it, and turn to our own idols like wealth, pleasure, or power. This great Springtime feast reminds us of what we have, and our obligation to requite the Love of Christ Jesus that gave it to us.

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, one of my favorites, once wrote, “My God, the Paraclete, if I differ at all from the world, it is because You have chosen me...and have lit up the love of God in my heart. If I differ from Your saints, it is because I do not ask earnestly enough for Your grace, and for enough of it, and because I do not diligently improve what You have given me. Increase in me this grace of love.”

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is grateful for the support we receive from St. John XXIII Parish. Because of your generosity, we can provide up to seven days of food, toiletry items and cleaning supplies to a client. Additionally, we are able to help with other financial needs through our assistance office. We want you to know that we are here for you, as well. If you are ever in need, please call for an appointment. No financial information is required and your visit will be confidential. For food call: 882-6372. For assistance call: 598-1641.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Colubus Council #5162 will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, June 12th at St. Kathryn Church Hall, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson. The church hall is at the rear of the building, lower level. Donation hours will be 9AM to 2 PM. The Red Cross is taking special precautions during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the safety of donors and staff. Whole Blood and Power Red donors will be accepted. You can sign up on line at www.redcross.org.



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

We have 21 families “in house” at this point –including children ranging in age from 3 months to 15 years old. In addition to needing evening meals provided (Monday – Thursday), recent donation requests include: :

Twin blankets Toddler beds
Pillows Small trash cans
Mops and brooms General cleaning supplies

For 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.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Maysoun Khair will be at our church next weekend, June 5&6 representing School of Joy (for special needs children) and Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

Due to the bad situation in the Holy Land and the interruption of the tourist trade that is happening with our Christian families in Bethlehem, they must seek alternative ways to earn a living.

After all masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

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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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