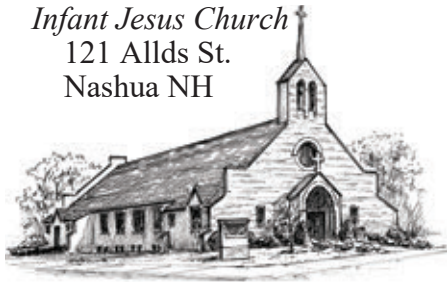
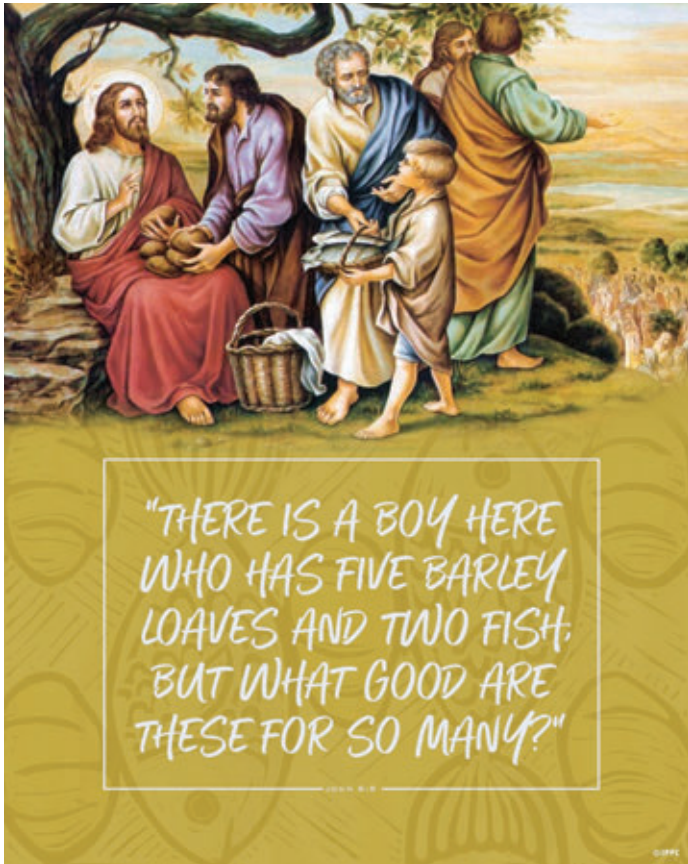
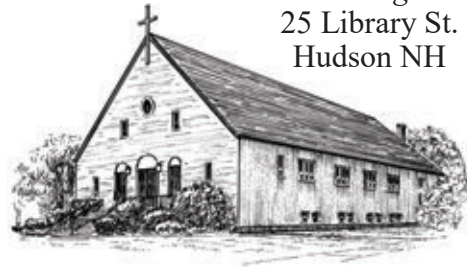


# Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



St. John the Evangelist Church  
25 Library St.  
Hudson NH



## Saint John XXIII Parish

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Rev. Ethelbert Orabucho (hospital chaplain in residence)

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese Mass IJ
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 3:00 to 3:30 PM  
at St. John the Evangelist Church.

## OUTREACH

Hudson Food Pantry at St. Johns: 603-883-6048  
Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 603-882-6372  
NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
the parish family of Saint John XXIII  
lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates  
the sacraments and offers a community of  
worship where all are welcomed.*



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**

**SJE** 4:00 PM

**IJ** 6:00 PM

**IJ** 7:30 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

**IJ** 7:30 PM

**Sunday**

**SJE** 8:00 AM

**IJ** 10:30 AM

***July 24 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Ida T. Robbins by Rachel M. Theriault

Maurice J. Levesque 8th Ann.

by his family

Mass in Portuguese

***July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Timothy Coulter by his family

Christopher Hilston

by Bruce & Claire Tessier

***July 27***

Intentions of the parishioners

***July 28***

Intentions of the parishioners

***July 29 Saint Martha***

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***July 30 Saint Peter Chrysologus***

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***July 31 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Gardner & DiFranco Families

Albert Levesque 48th Ann. by his family

Mass in Portuguese

***August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Fr. Roger P. Bilodeau by parishioners

Theresa Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler

*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.



**July 26 - August 1**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ**

**VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED**

Knights of Columbus #122 will be hosting a BBQ for our new friends at Family Promise on Saturday August 7th starting at noon. We are looking for volunteers to help serve on this day, games and maybe face painting. Please contact Rick Dupont (566-4269) if interested. The Knights are also accepting donations to help cover the cost of this day. Please place envelopes in the weekly collection basket addressed to K of C #122. As always please remember us in your prayers as we fulfill our mission of service to others

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ July 17& 18 2021	
<b>Adult Envelopes (50)</b>	<b>\$2,189.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (53)</b>	<b>\$906.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$203.61</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,298.61</b>
<b>Parish to Parish Support Fund</b>	<b>\$1,005.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## *Saint John XXIII Parish*

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### **REFLECTION FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Bread in one form or another is beyond question the most basic form of food in practically every human society, past or present, so much so that it is often called “the staff of life.” Fossilized cakes of bread have even been found in any number of ancient archaeological sites. In the Bible the term “bread” is sometimes used to refer to food in general and is often used symbolically also. All types of bread almost inevitably become the most essential foodstuff of the society under study.

How easily I can transition from this scientific fact about the essential nature of bread to the spiritual fact about the Holy Eucharist, namely as the most essential foodstuff of the community of the Catholic Church.

This weekend, and for the four following, except for the coming Assumption feast day, we will be reading from the 6th chapter of John’s gospel. The common theme is “The Bread of Life.” Today’s story is in what you might call “the prequel” of things to come.

Not surprisingly, given the secular inroads made into our lives on many levels, the Eucharist has become a bit of a neuralgic subject for discussion. Why? For one thing, a 2019 Pew Research study revealed “that the majority of Catholics— a whopping 69 percent— don’t believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, a teaching central to the Catholic faith.” Admittedly it’s a somewhat strange notion for many non-Catholics. All that because of the historical split from Catholicism of the other Christian Churches that reaches back in time. Add to that the sporadic lack of thoroughness in our religious education efforts over the last several decades along with the downturn in numbers of Catholic schools. Add in recent Church scandals. Even so-called cradle Catholics don’t seem to take advantage of opportunities to enhance their basic education easily available at their local parish, or online resources as well as Catholic TV channels. As a result, the Real Presence would appear to be a strange notion for lots of self-described Catholics. That’s a huge problem.

This is not the place for a thorough analysis of the problem, much less a satisfying solution to it. But the problem started from “day one” of Our Lord’s announcement of it over twenty centuries ago. It is not enough for people enamored of empirical science to believe it just because, or only because, Jesus said so. On the other hand, millions of people over the years, including great saints and martyrs who shed their blood for it give witness to its truth.

When Jesus broke the bread at that Last Supper table and passed around the cup of wine saying beforehand “This is My Body; this My Blood,” He meant what He said. The words are too clear and plain to support the claim that he was speaking figuratively. Ours it is both to wrestle with any doubts, and to remain ever so grateful that He is with us in every tabernacle in every Catholic church, splendid or simple. We are not alone.

Maybe it would be better to stop thinking of the Eucharist as a problem to be solved instead of a gift to be loved. It helps to remember that Jesus’ motivation for all these centuries has been His love of us. On these “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” I propose that it’s a good time for all of us to rekindle our love for this great Sacrament and make a return on His investment.

This story is told of Harry Winston, who was one of the world’s greatest jewel merchants. One day he watched one of his salesmen show a beautiful diamond to a rich Dutch merchant. The customer listened thoughtfully to the expert description, but he eventually turned away, saying, “It’s a wonderful stone, but not exactly what I want.”

Winston stopped the customer on his way out and asked, “Do you mind if I show you that diamond once more?” The merchant agreed. Winston took the stone in his hand. He did not repeat anything the salesman had said. He simply talked about the gem as an object of deep beauty. Abruptly the customer changed his mind and bought the diamond. While he was waiting for it to be brought to him, he turned to Winston and said, “Why did I buy it willingly from you, even though I had no difficulty saying no to your salesman?”

Winston answered, “That salesman is one of the best men in the business. He knows diamonds—but I love them.”

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### **BISHOP’S CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE FUND**

The Bishop’s Charitable Assistance Fund (BCAF) provided a \$2,500 grant to assist the Friends of NH Drug Courts participants who have unmet basic needs, which can negatively affect their ability to succeed. Donations to the BCAF provide grants to organizations like this one in New Hampshire whose mission and operations are consistent with the mission of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY FANS NEEDED**

Many of the people we assist rent apartments in upper levels of buildings here in Nashua. Some have no A/C and the Summer brings unbearable heat. We will distribute new or “gently used” fans once again during July and August. We are blessed with your continued support in making this program successful. Please drop fans off at the Pantry, Monday/Wednesday 9-12pm, and Tuesday/Thursday 1-4pm, 3 Crown St. Call Susan Dignan, Assistance Director, 598-1641 with any questions

### **CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is fortunate to help their clients because of your support. One such example of how the Assistance Office helps clients is by offering gas cards. Sometimes all a client needs to get through a difficult time is a little assistance, such as a gas card, which will enable them to get to a job interview or a medical appointment. Even this small amount of help can offer a large amount of relief. Thank you for your continued support.

### **MAGDALEN COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM**

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts located in Warner, NH is offering a Summer Collegiate Program August 1, 2021 – August 14, 2021, it is available to recent high school graduates as well as rising juniors and seniors. Please call the admissions office for more information at 603-456-2656 and visit our website at [www.magdalen.edu](http://www.magdalen.edu)

### **ST. PATRICK’S IN PELHAM LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS**

We are looking for crafters for St. Patrick’s Christmas Craft Fair in Pelham, NH to be held on Dec. 4, 2021. Cost for is \$30 for an 8’x6’ space. All crafters who have hand crafted items are welcome. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.

### **HUDSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AT SAINT JOHNS**

Hudson residents who are food insecure have seen an operational change at the Hudson Community Food Pantry at St Johns. When the pandemic began in early 2020, the food distribution began a system of standard boxes of food and supplies that allow clients to remain in their cars and very limited contact with other when at the pantry. About a month ago a system where clients fill out two different menus, one where they can indicate the staple food items they need and a rescue food menu (rescue foods include meats, produce and breads and desserts donated for Hannaford supermarket) which list what foods the pantry have available that week, from where choices can be made. Once complete the menu are passed in the pantry where volunteers pick and pack what the clients want and need. Boxes are then sent to the parking lot and placed by pantry volunteers into the clients cars. The hope is that clients are getting items that they use and reduce waste

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For further information, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you.

**Child Safety Reporting**

If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18 yrs.), you must report it to the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families: 1-800-894-5533 or 603-271-6566.

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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