

# *Saint John XXIII Parish*





# August 15, 2021 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## 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

### *August 14 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

Intentions of the parishioners

Sr. Germaine Hilston C.S.J.

By her family

Mass in Portuguese

### *August 15 Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

Timothy Coulter by his family

Theresa Duchesne by Lori & Doug Fowler

### *August 17*

In memory of

George & Evangeline Nadeau

### *August 18*

NO MASS

### *August 19 Saint John Euclis*

NO MASS

### *August 20 Saint Bernard*

Intentions of the parishioners

### *August 21 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

Annette DeNitto by J. DeNitto Family

Emma Nicol by her friends

Mass in Portuguese

### *August 15 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Fr. Jack Horan by Patricia Peters

Deana Cardinale 5th Ann. By her family

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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### August 16 - August 22

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

## ST. GIANNA'S PLACE SUMMER UPDATE

During July we welcomed two new residents, held a volunteer training class attended by over 20 members of the community, and launched Mommy and Me and Parent Journey classes. We are preparing to say farewell to a longtime resident and her children as they transition to an apartment of their own. Although it's hard to say good-bye, we are very proud of this young family and the progress they've made while living at St. Gianna's Place. We humbly ask that you continue to pray for St. Gianna's Place. If you'd like to get involved with our ministry, please visit <https://stgiannasplace.org/get-involved/> or call us at (603) 521-8440.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Week Ending ~ August 7 & 8, 2021

<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (56)	<b>\$2,254.00</b>
<b>WeShare</b> (Online Giving) (53)	<b>\$906.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$296.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,456.00</b>
<b>Fuel Offerings</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

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

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## REFLECTION FOR ASSUMPTION SUNDAY

“The gift that keeps on giving.” You’ve seen and heard that compliment given to everything from diapers to diamonds and everything in between. But now let me take you to a higher plain, up where the air is rare, to the realm where dwells the loveliest creature God ever made. Call her “the lovely Lady dressed in blue” or any one of a hundred titles. She, of course, is the Virgin Mary, once described by the poet Wordsworth as “Our tainted nature’s solitary boast.” Ah, the power poets have, to say better than what we might like to say! She is, was, and always will be our “gift that keeps on giving” from God Himself.

I always find myself on the verge of getting all choked up when it comes to thinking or talking about Mary. I know I’m not an innocent like the three children at Fatima or Bernadette at Lourdes. I also know and believe how she helped saved the world and everyone in it from a gloomy destiny by her simple “Fiat” (Let it be done) to the awestruck Gabriel. Add to that all the pain she endured because she didn’t hesitate to say “yes.” From nursing her Holy Child in a crude cave to holding His corpse in her lap a little over three decades later to form the original “Pieta.” And all the other hurts that came to her heart that we know about.

Now is it any wonder that a loving God, joyful beyond words that at least one of His creatures corresponded perfectly to His plan for her, would not take her, body and soul, to His dwelling place? Here is how the official words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it: “...the Immaculate Virgin, preserved from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.” Picking up on that last phrase, about our future resurrection, we have a guaranteed future with her, as long as we don’t sabotage it by unrepented sin. For anyone who drives by a cemetery and is led to wonder what will happen to him or her after death, there’s your answer. Somewhat stolidly said, I grant you, but said nonetheless, by the one body chosen by Christ to say it. I find the doctrinal statement to be inestimable comfort for the family members gathered around the deathbed of a loved one in the ICU ward of a hospital. Incomparable consolation for a penitent who has just confessed a serious mortal sin and heard the words of absolution prayed over her or him. Marvelous attention from her listening ear for anyone just having the kind of day when a hug from her would be welcome. I can vouch for Mary’s attentive response and loving assistance given to me over the years for issues I faced, both large and small, right down to the composition of this very reflection.

Obviously none of us are deserving of a bodily assumption. Even the great saints would admit that. Hers was a singular event, as the Catechism put it. None of us are sinless. But as our immaculate Mother, she prays for us her adopted children, and wants us to join her in eternal joy. Some day we will be able to see her with our own eyes as she welcomes us to heaven, looking on us with her lustrous and magnetic smile. I believe that very anticipated meeting is why we pray as often as we can: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.” Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## ST. GIANNA’S SEEKS FULL TIME CASE MANAGER

St. Gianna’s Place has a job opening for a full-time, experienced case manager to work with our residents. Please see the full job description on our website [www.stgiannasplace.org](http://www.stgiannasplace.org) or contact our office at 603-521-8440.

## CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

In addition to food, Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance tries to help their clients by offering toiletry items. Basic items such as bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and laundry detergent can help a person have more self-respect, self-confidence and a better outlook on life. This small act of helping our clients, helps to give them a better outlook on life. Without your support, Corpus Christi could not offer these items. Thank you very much.

## CORPUS CHRISTI “BACK TO SCHOOL” SOCKS & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Can you help us with New Socks and Underwear again this year? Last year our drive was such a success, we were able to offer to all Children ages 5-18. We will distribute these items when our Families come into the Food Pantry throughout the month of September. Please drop off at parish areas designated for food collection or at the Food Pantry, 3 Crown St. Mon/Wed 10-12, Tuesday/Thursday 2-4. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity! Please call us at 598-1641 with any questions.

## ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL SEEKING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St. Joseph Hospital is currently seeking active Eucharistic Minister volunteers to help tend to the spiritual needs of their patients. For more information or to volunteer contact Tara Collins at 603-884-3306 or email [tacollins@sjnh.org](mailto:tacollins@sjnh.org)

## NH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE HIRING

The Catholic Schools of New Hampshire provide a robust education for students of all learning styles. As the 2021-2022 academic year begins, there is a strong need for teachers in several areas. If you know of anyone interested in applying to teach in one of our Catholic Schools, please pass this information along. The Catholic Schools Office will work with certification needs. Interested individuals may complete an inquiry form at <https://nhcatholicsschool.com/inquire>. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Zolkos, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools at (603) 669-3100.

## EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT (EFA) PROGRAM

On June 24, 2021 the New Hampshire Legislature passed an Education Freedom Account (EFA) program which will offer grants for families, 300% of the poverty line or below, to spend on their children’s education, including tuition at the school of their choice, tutoring, online learning programs, educational supplies, internet connectivity, and other educational expenses. Please encourage families of school-aged children in our area to learn more about the Education Freedom Account, and how they can use grants towards a NH Catholic school at <https://educationfreedomnh.org>.

## BLUE MASS

You are invited to the annual Blue Mass on September 26th at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester to pray for and with members of law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers and their families and communities. It is also an opportunity to ask God to continue to bless them and their families in their important work. Visit [www.catholicnh.org/bluemass](http://www.catholicnh.org/bluemass) for more information.



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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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