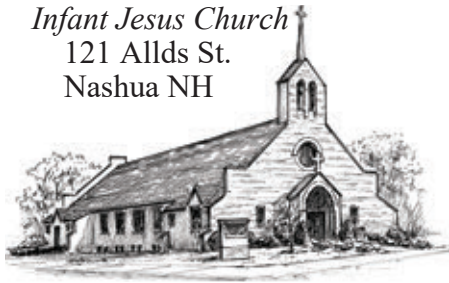
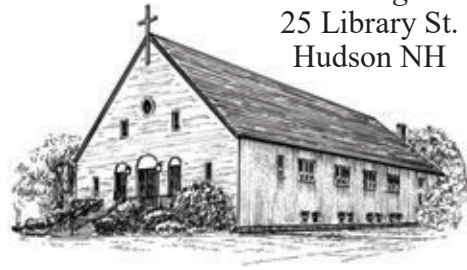


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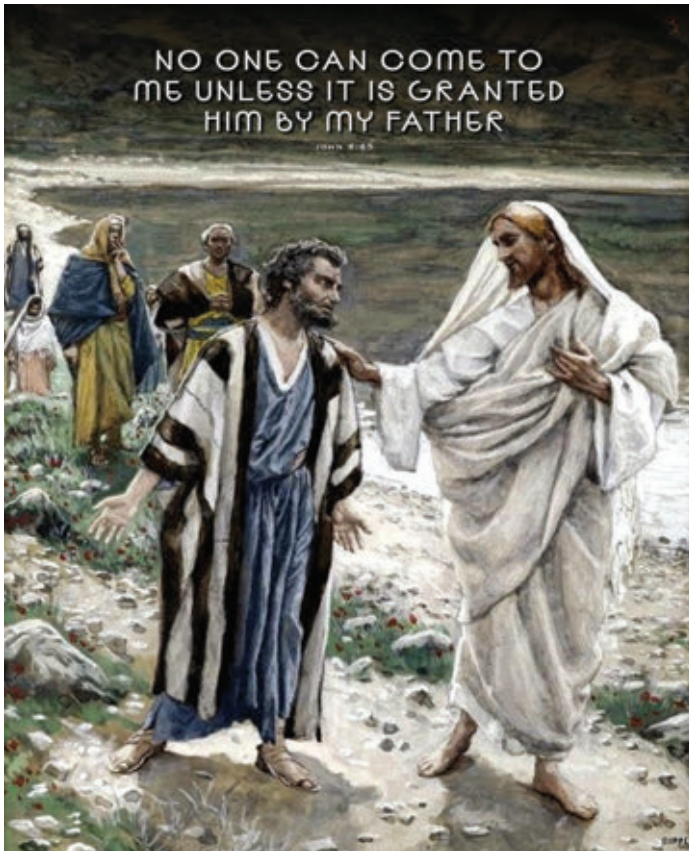
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Hudson Food Pantry at St. Johns: 603-883-6048
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MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

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.



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 21 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Annette DeNitto by J. DeNitto & Family
 Emma Nicol by her friends
 Mass in Portuguese

August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Jack Horan by Patricia Peters
 Deana Cardinale 5th Ann. By her family

August 24 Saint Bartholomew

NO MASS

August 25

Intentions of the parishioners

August 26

NO MASS

August 27 Saint Monica

Intentions of the parishioners

August 28 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Jackie Bouffard by Muise & MacDonald
 Yvette Blanchette

by the Bereavement Committee

Mass in Portuguese

August 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ronald Houseman by his family
 Cecile Dumais by Dorothy Sletterink

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

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**READINGS FOR THE
 WEEK**



August 23- August 29

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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St. Kathryn Religious Goods located at St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson is open Monday - Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and Saturday from 9 AM to Noon. The store carries a wide variety of Catholic reading materials, rosaries, statuary, children's items, artwork, gifts, medals, and new items are arriving all the time. St. Kathryn Religious Goods, staffed by volunteers, plays an important part of the parish outreach ministry to spread the Catholic faith in southern NH, northern MA and beyond. Visit www.stkathryns.org/store or call 595-4463 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ August 14 & 15 2021	
Adult Envelopes (51)	\$2,126.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (53)	\$906.00
Loose Cash	\$181.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,213.00
NH Missions	\$390.00

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION FOR 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

I know from a televised ad that the old classic TV show “Kids Say the Darndest Things” has been revived for our time. No wonder, because children never change in their power to shake us adults up with their perception and commentary on all sorts of things.

Such is that gift that it provokes a fond memory for me from my days as a pastor while visiting the parish schoolchildren. On one occasion, I was with the second graders, giving what I thought was a good attempt to teach a point of our faith. So when a little arm went up in response to my asking for comments, I was eager to hear one. I called on the little one, who promptly excitedly informed me thus: “I saw a dead bird once!”

Well, there went my hopes about my teaching’s effect, combined with a large dose of humility innocently delivered. I swallowed my laughter, lest the little one be hurt. The number of deceased fowl kept rising before I brought it all to a stop. Later, the teacher and I laughed.

How is this related to the unexpected crowd reaction to Jesus’ announcement of the Holy Eucharist? It is the way the crowd that followed Jesus changed the subject. Formerly entranced by His every word, they suddenly changed their minds and gave Jesus their backs because of what he said about eating and drinking His Body and Blood. That turnaround must have hurt Him just because He was a man “like us in all things.” What was the turning point? The people only heard Him say “Cannibalism!” For them, this was a definite shock.

And for the sake of all those who rush to declare in our own time that Christ was only speaking symbolically, please note that Jesus never retracted one word. Nor did he ever say “I mean this only as a symbol, and not literally.” Obviously, the Holy Spirit wants us to take His word quite literally.

Then, turning to the chosen Twelve, whose backs were not yet turned, His sad inquiry: “Will you also walk away?” I imagine here a collective brief silence. But then St. Peter, who often enough was quite capable of saying “the darndest things,” offered his beautiful and faith-filled answer: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that You are the Holy One of God.” Peter’s answer should well be ours. It makes for a fine prayer in times of doubt.

We must always think of the Eucharist, framed by the Holy Mass, as our great gift. Covid 19 forced us out of our accustomed ways of celebrating. In these “post Covid” days we have an opportunity to review our appreciation of what Christ through the Church has given us. We can check up on our habits of respect owed to the Most Blessed Sacrament. After all, we’re no longer watching it at home wearing pajamas. Certainly not with the parish community, which is an essential component of public worship.

Adding to our joy is seeing (and sometimes hearing) the little ones amid us, who are always good for a laugh, often via what they say. Here are two among many I came across:

– A catechist was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, “Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor’s wife.”

– (My favorite laugh-getter): The children were lined up in the cafeteria of an elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Sister Mary made a note and posted it on the apple tray. “Take only ONE, God is watching.” Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written his own note and posted it near the cookie tray: “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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

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 for more information.

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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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