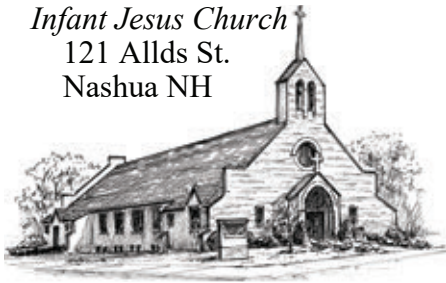
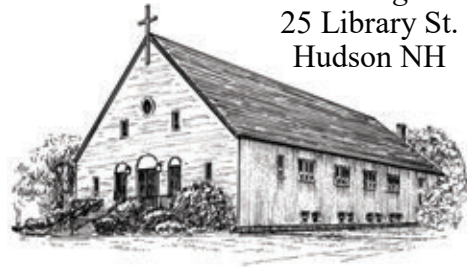


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



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



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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

**September 18 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Don & Fran Gale by Dan & Ginny Dumont

Louise J. (Levesque) & George C. Hills

48th Ann. by their family

Mass in Portuguese

**Sept. 19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intentions of the parishioners

Cecile Dumais by Dorothy Sletterink

**September 21 St. Matthew the Evangelist**

Donald Maynard by Joanne Charron

**September 22**

Intentions of the parishioners

**September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

Doris Labrie by Joanne Charron

**September 24 Native American Day**

Robin Magee by her family

**September 25 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Florence Leveille by her family

Emma Nicol by her friends

Mass in Portuguese

**Sept. 26 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intentions of the parishioners

Christopher Hilston

by Bruce & Claire Tessier

*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.



**September 20- September 26**  
**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13  
**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



**CORPUS CHRISTI YARD SALE**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2021**

**FAMILY PROMISE**  
**INFANT JESUS SCHOOL**  
**ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ September 11 & 12 2021	
<b>Adult Envelopes (70)</b>	<b>\$2,066.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (53)</b>	<b>\$906.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$193.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,165.00</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION FOR 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Say the words “the pursuit of happiness” in conversation with the average educated American, and as he or she reacts with a knowing smile, they’ll recognize a phrase from one of our country’s most precious documents: the Declaration of Independence. In that masterful piece of writing, Thomas Jefferson specified that notion as a human right, alongside life and liberty.

I don’t think I’m far off the mark when I opine that a lot of false understanding has crept into that word “happiness.” Our present day culture is way wrong with their definitions. The root cause of that erroneous outlook lies in the change wrought to the meaning of the last word in the trio: “liberty. Liberty is not license.

Here at the Eucharist we celebrate Christ’s real Presence among us, and call on Him for whatever help we need to lives He espoused. Obviously His way conflicts with the one espoused by our current culture. That puts power, wealth, fame and pleasure aside as ways to happiness. Granted, those four have a mighty drawing power. They have been campaigning to be our life’s goals since long before biblical times.

Jesus spells out His formula quite clearly in today’s Gospel selection: humility and service of others is what makes for true happiness in this life. Nothing else. Yet most thoughtful people think of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her life choices, along with those of every saint in the calendar, young as well as old, as somehow on target with true Christian living. To someone of my advanced age that is of supreme importance as material for examination as what I’ll call the “Great Appointment” is nearer than it was when I was young.

We also know how annoying such a lifestyle is to the opposition, here portrayed as “the wicked” in this weekend’s selection from the Book of Wisdom. “Let’s kill him!” they shriek. The gospels present remarkably similar words on people’s lips on a certain Friday afternoon: “Crucify Him!”

The good news is that we can take comfort from the fact that Jesus is right as rain with His take on these matters, and has been all along. We agree that virtue is best expressed in action. Through humility and service of others.

Another non-Christian Founding Father of our country, Benjamin Franklin, who worked with Thomas Jefferson, wrote this comment about the concept of greatness in 1729, long before 1776:

“If we were as industrious to become good as to make ourselves great, we should become really great by being good, and the number of valuable people would be much increased. But it is a grand mistake to think of being great without goodness,” Franklin continued. “And I pronounce it as certain, that there was never yet a truly great person who was not at the same time truly virtuous.”

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### 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.

### CORPUS CHRISTI YARD SALE OCTOBER 2ND

Please join us for the first annual Corpus Christi Yard Sale, 3 Crown Street, Saturday October 2nd, from 9 AM to 1 PM—RAIN or SHINE! We welcome your gently used, clean donations if you would like to support this event. Household misc., small appliances, linens, towels, kitchenware, bric a brac, decorative items, craft, jewelry, children’s puzzles, small toys. Drop offs will be accepted on Thursday, Sept 30, from 3-6pm and Friday, October 1, 1-6pm., at our 3 Crown St. Driveway. Our storage space is limited and so these will be our only scheduled drop off days, we will not be able to accept clothing or books.

### UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an 8-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline TM Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan. St. Patrick Parish in Nashua will begin the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 6:15p.m. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

For more information or to register, visit <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery>, or contact Adam D’Entremont at [Word@DEntremont.org](mailto:Word@DEntremont.org).

### DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register for this celebration go to the following web address: <https://2021anniversarymass.eventbrite.com>. Please register by September 22, 2021. Once registration has been completed all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall’s Wedding Anniversary Mass! (Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

### CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps our clients in a number of different ways. One such example is that the Assistance Program is currently offering socks and underwear to clients with young, school-age children. A simple act of offering socks and underwear at the start of the school year, helps these children have just a little more confidence. Thank you for your support in helping make this offering available.

### K OF C ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus Council #5162 will be hosting their annual Italian Nite dinner on Saturday, October 16th at 6:00 pm in the St. Kathryn’s parish hall. Tickets are \$12 per adult, and \$6 per child under 12. Come enjoy pasta, meatballs, pulled pork, beef, salad, dessert and all the sides! Win raffle prizes, eat, drink and partake in Italian heritage. Tickets are on sale after all weekend masses from a member of the Knights of Columbus

### PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

On the weekend of September 25-26, the Diocese of Manchester takes up its annual collection in support of the Priests Retirement Trust Fund. The Diocese of Manchester currently has 29 retired priests, many of whom continue to serve us by assisting in parishes and institutions, as their age and health allows. Please consider a gift to this special collection again this year. Please pray for them, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

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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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