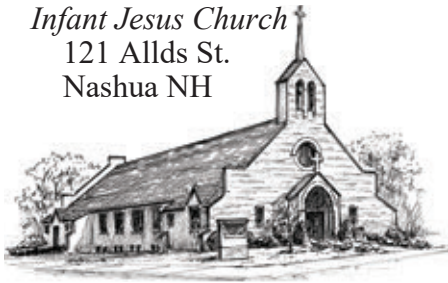
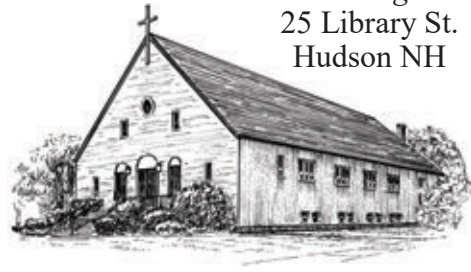


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*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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He causes the  
changes of the times  
and seasons,  
makes kings and  
unmakes them.

He gives wisdom  
to the wise and  
knowledge to those who  
understand.

Daniel 2:21

### **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,  
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lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates  
the sacraments and offers a community of  
worship where all are welcomed.*

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

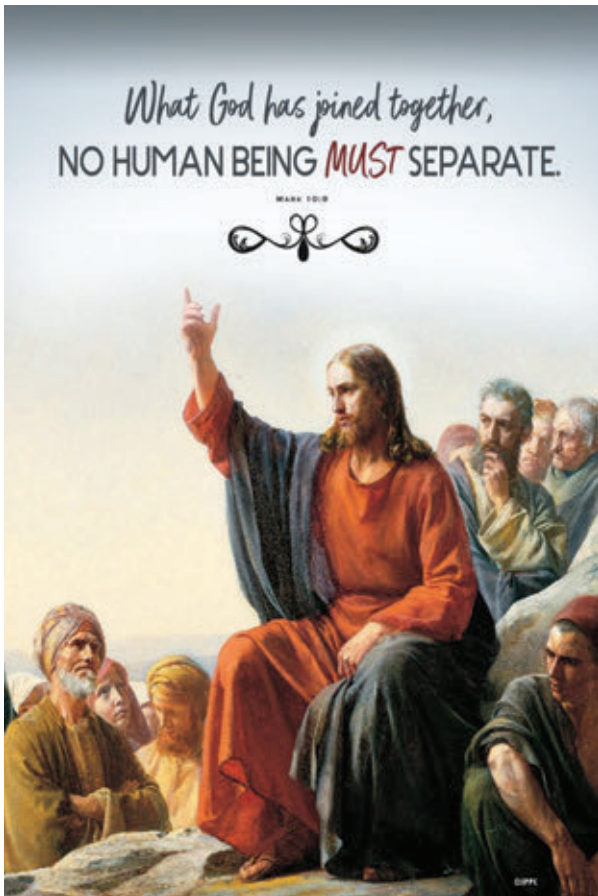
Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese Mass IJ
Sunday	8:00 AM	SJE Church
	10:30 AM	IJ Church

### **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

**October 2 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Connie Bolton by her family

Yvette Blanchette

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

**October 3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intentions of the parishioners

Theresa Duchesne by Lori & Doug Fowler

**October 5**

Robert & Irene Houle by their family

**October 6 St. Bruno**

Intentions of the parishioners

**October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**

Ernest & Eva Charron by their family

**October 8**

Intentions of the parishioners

**October 9 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Charles Malone by his family

Cecile Dumais by Dorothy Sletterink

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

**October 10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Timothy Coulter by his family

Domenic Cardinale by his family

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

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Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM  
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**October 4 – October 10**

**Monday:** Jon 1:1 — 2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13;  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



**FAMILY PROMISE**  
**INFANT JESUS SCHOOL**  
**ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2021**  
**11 AM – 1 PM**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ September 25 & 26 2021	
Adult Envelopes (52)	\$1,641.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (53)	\$906.00
Loose Cash	\$239.00
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,786.00</b>
<b>Priest Retirement Fund</b>	<b>\$797.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	



# Saint John XXIII Parish

## REFLECTION FOR 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

When Morris and Rose Michtom founded their toy company in 1907 in Queens, New York, and later moved to New Jersey, they called it the "Ideal toy company." It lasted under that name for 90 years, only to merge with the Mattel company. The name choice was an unspoken desire on their part to be "the standard of perfection or excellence" which is the very definition of "ideal." Among their creations were "Betsy Wetsy", the "Toni doll," "Lamb Chop puppet," and "Model Cars." Their last big hit was the "Rubik's Cube."

The ideal is, according to the dictionary, "a person or thing conceived as embodying such a conception, (of perfection or excellence) or conforming to such a standard, and taken as a model for imitation." So then, Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce ranks as the ideal. It is something to strive for, something to imitate to the best of one's ability.

A married couple, specifically a man and a woman, form "one flesh." It is a positive dynamic. The reverse side, which is divorce, is at best a negative one. Admittedly, there are valid exceptions to Our Lord's absolute teaching. But the ideal remains. It is a call to "reach for the stars" inasmuch as two flawed human beings are capable of it.

The Church's laws reflect that desire of Jesus as Love itself to aid and assist couples to live out their love in the ideal. They are not meant to imprison couples whose struggle is no longer possible and make the ideal impossible to conceive much less achieve.

With the stroke of his pen, St. Mark switches to an easier topic, that of Jesus interacting with children, the gift that results from marital unions. It is telling about the disciples how they regarded the children as nuisances, something we must definitely resist in this anti-child culture of death that surrounds us. Instead, Jesus "becomes indignant" over their attitude and welcomes the children with His warm smile and gentle embraces.

Then Jesus uses the occasion to teach His disciples (and us) about what our attitude about God's kingdom, including its teaching, should be. It is a whole hearted acceptance without any strings attached. Obviously there is no place for the gamesmanship involved in what is called "cafeteria Catholicism." in which a person picks and chooses which teaching of Christ and His Church he or she will believe.

For my conclusion, with a dash of appropriate humor, I offer the following opinion of an unhappy spouse to a marriage counselor: "When I got married I was looking for an ideal. Then it became an ordeal. Now I want a new deal."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## PLANET AID UPDATE

This quarter, our parish received a stipend of \$210.40 for the many pounds of gently used clothing, coats and shoes gathered in our two bins at St. John the Evangelist and Infant Jesus. Thank you for your ongoing support of this organization, committed to reducing waste, saving resources and helping the poorest of the poor through sustainable development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as educating our young people on the importance of protecting the environment. Please place ONLY gently used clothing, coats and shoes in the Plante Aid receptacle bins.

## MAGDALEN COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts located in Warner, NH will hold an Open House on October 9th and 10th for high school students and their parents. A Newman Guide college, Magdalen calls her students to a transformative liberal education of the whole person. Please join us by registering at [magdalen.edu/welcome-weekend-2021](http://magdalen.edu/welcome-weekend-2021). If you have any questions, please contact Marci Houle at 603-456-4113.

## PARISH VEHICLE DONATION

Do you have a vehicle you would be willing to donate to the parish? Our parish van has finally reached the point of "no return" and will not pass inspection. If you can help contact the parish office at 882-2462 ext. 4.

## FAMILY PROMISE HOMESTRETCH 5K

Run to end family homelessness The Family Promise Homestretch 5k takes place October 23rd at Rivier University 420 S. Main Street, Nashua. 9 AM registration, Adults \$25, Kids \$15 or register online at [homestretch5k.com](http://homestretch5k.com). Proceeds benefit Family Promise of Southern NH.

## CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance treats all our clients with compassion. Recently, the Assistance Program helped an elderly woman on a fixed income who has never needed assistance before. She needed a new pair of glasses but due to recent health issues and other untimely auto and home repairs, she was struggling to make ends meet. She needed a little guidance to juggle all the bills and get a new pair of glasses, which the Assistance Program was able to help with. She was extremely appreciative of the help she received. Your generous support makes this act of kindness possible. Thank you

## SAINT GIANNA'S PLACE SEEKING CASE MANAGER

Attention Ladies: Are you looking to make a difference in this world? Are you committed to prolife? Are you interested in directly serving less advantaged women and their children? Do you have Case Management experience? If so, then St. Gianna's has the job for you. We are currently looking for a full-time Case Manager to work in our Catholic 24-hour transitional-housing home. Our Case Manager is responsible for providing case management, advocacy and support services for pregnant women fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse, and human trafficking. Responsibilities also include supporting and assisting the director in the management of residents, volunteers, and staff. Interested Catholic women should visit our website for full details. <https://stgiannasplace.org/employment-opportunities/>

## ST. GIANNA'S PLACE UPDATE

St. Gianna's Place continues to serve our community well. In August we said good-bye to another resident and her family as they graduated from our program to living with family. This young woman made great strides during the months she lived at St. Gianna's Place, and we're proud to see her take this next step toward independent living. Our leadership team has been diligently adding to the list of programs we offer our residents. We're currently developing a mentorship program, and faith formation, parenting classes, and coursework to help with independent living are always top priorities. Please continue to pray for St. Gianna's Place and we will pray for all of you.

## 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 or you can contact Wayne Nadeau directly at 603-459-4324 for tickets.

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Thank you.

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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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