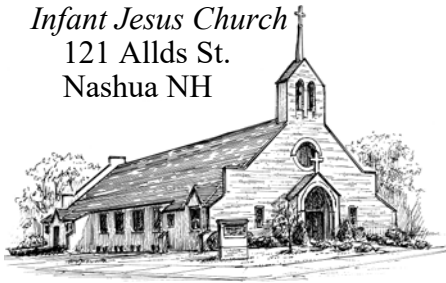
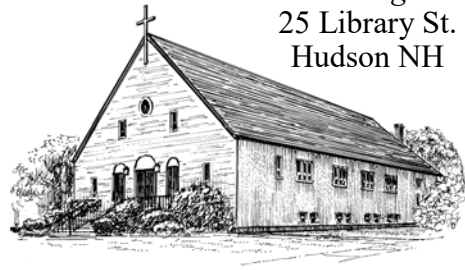


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

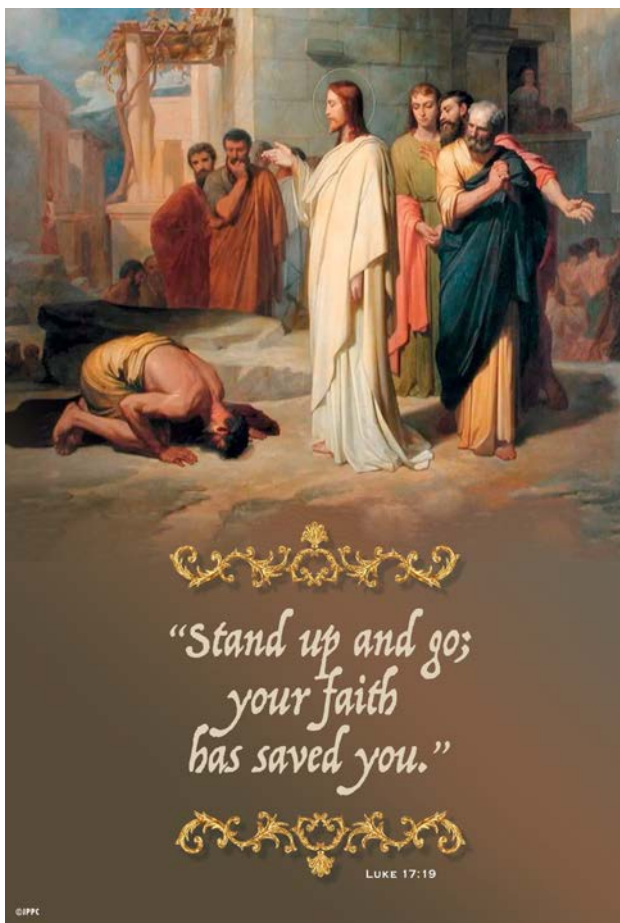
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry	603-883-6048
Corpus Christi Food Pantry:	603-882-6372
NH Catholic Charities:	603-889-9431

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 8 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Cornelia Bolton
 Rachel Lavoie by the Ladies of Ste. Anne
 Mass in Portuguese

October 9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Timothy Coulter by his family
 Ethan Kole Ketcham
 by his family

October 11

Intentions of the Parishioners

October 12

Charles Malone by his family

October 13

Intentions of the Parishioners

October 14

Mary Doyle by the family

October 15 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Tim Sabol 19th Ann.
 by his family
 Hervey & Marie Durocher
 by their family
 Mass in Portuguese

October 16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul Galipeau by Sandy
 Theresa Duchesne by her family

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

JOURNEYSONGS HYMNALS

Journeysongs hymnals are still available. Scripture readings for all three cycle years, hymns, mass settings and rituals are all included in this one book—which means we no longer have to change them every year. The cost of the hymnal is \$20. See Fr. George to purchase your copy

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay contest. The contest is open to any Junior High (grades 6 - 8) and Senior High (grades 9 - 12) student in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus will provide up to six cash awards of \$100 each. Please visit www.catholicnh.org/koc-respectlife for more information

Weekly Readings - Oct. 10– Oct. 16, 2022

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ October 1 & 2, 2022	
Adult Envelopes (52)	\$3,015.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (50)	\$845.00
Loose Cash	\$640.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,500.00
Debt Reduction	525.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Want to make a person's spine shiver? Just mention either one of these words: "Covid 19" or "Monkey pox." The actual victims cannot be blamed for being scared. Viruses have compassionate feelings. So we too can be apprehensive about our own good health and the dire consequences of an attack. For instance, the period of forced isolation. The uncertainty of being done with the fight.

The equivalent of our current pandemic in biblical days was leprosy. Today that condition is more softly described as "Hansen's disease", but the affliction is still the same as ever. Modern medicine helps. But even with an array of cosmetics existing, leprosy is a major challenge to hide from the world.

From a spiritual perspective, we know that leprosy in the Bible can also be a stand-in for sin. That's a different virus. Hidden from microscopes but just as destructive to our souls. Sin fights a positive attitude; hates innocence; acts more controlling than a physical addiction.

The Gospel for today paints a picture of God's power and His desire to heal all who ask for it. In the First Reading, a man from the Gentile country of Syria wants to experience both. When he does, he credits Elisha. But Elisha refuses any tangible gift in order to drive home the point that God is the actual healer. So then Naaman asks if he can take some soil from Israel with him, believing for now the ancient conviction that the gods were territorial.

Centuries later, the Nazarene Prophet we know as Jesus heals another Gentile, this time a man from the despised land of Samaria. Leprosy was, then and now, a neutral germ obviously impartial as to who would contract it. All ten people in the story had been afflicted, but the hated Samaritan is the only one who returns to thank Jesus after he went through the prescribed ritual. Jesus wonders about the ten percent yield of gratitude. The lone returner even shouts out his praise of God and then kneels before Jesus. We learn about our obligation to be a grateful people. That's why this story is often read at Mass on our national Thanksgiving Day.

It's a truism that sin is leprosy of the soul. It disfigures us. It outdoes all the "power" of a cosmetic. Of course the outside world takes no notice of our spiritual state. We look the same as ever. But soon enough the symptoms appear. We start to exhibit a sudden cynicism about everything. Our smiles are rare. Our laughter is hollow. And we don't want to pray. It also comes through with our constant hunt for the distraction provided by drugs of all kinds.

No need to think there's no available cure. It's called in technical lingo "The Sacrament of Reconciliation." I can attest to its effectiveness. I experience a combination of relief and gratitude after I make a good confession. I believe that my soul is no longer repulsive to God.

One caution about a good confession: it must be thorough, and not like a certain college freshman's silly mistake. You see, he went to the dorm laundry with his dirty clothes bundled into an old sweatshirt. But he was so embarrassed by how dirty his clothes were that he never opened the bundle. He merely pushed it into a washing machine. When the machine stopped, he just pushed the bundle into a dryer. Finally, he took the still unopened bundle back to his room. He discovered, of course, that the clothes had gotten wet and then dry, but not clean.

Our loving God says, "Don't keep your sins in a safe little bundle when you come to Me. I want to do a thorough cleansing in your life—all the dirty laundry, that is. Only then will you be completely free, especially from fear."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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SISTERS OF HOLY CROSS YARD SALE

The Sisters of Holy Cross will be holding an indoor yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Holy Cross Center 357 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. "How to Deal with Dementia" is a five-week online support group, starting Wednesday, October 19, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call (603) 357-3093 or email mhyzer@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.

CORPUS CHRISTI HELP WANTED

Corpus Christi is looking for a few men to join our team of dedicated volunteers who pick up food from Hannaford on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings. This involves loading the truck with produce, bakery items and meat. The food is brought back to the food pantry and unloaded. This will take approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours each day. If you can help one or more days, please call Maryellen at 603-882-6372.

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