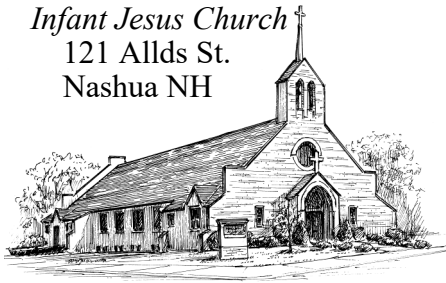
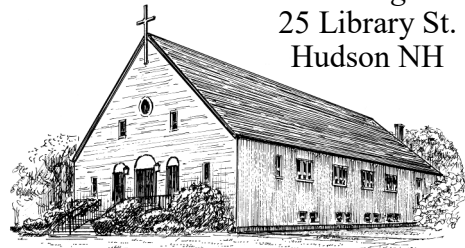


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*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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### *Clergy:*

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastor ext. 5

Deacon Carl Hilston (retired)

Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

Rev. Ethelbert Orabucho (hospital chaplain in residence)

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

April 29

Walter Doyle by a friend  
Helen Fraser  
by the Bereavement Committee  
Mass in Portuguese

April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chantal Tardif  
by Jeanne & Louis Michaud  
Madeline (Charron) Martin  
by Joanne Charron

May 2

All Souls Intentions

May 3

All Souls Intentions

May 4

All Souls Intentions

May 5

All Souls Intentions

May 6

Richard Shanholtz by the family  
Claire Polinski by Guy & Julie Jean  
Mass in Portuguese

May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Yves Martin 4th Ann.  
by Jeanne & Louis Michaud  
Douglas Duchesne by his family

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

**Weekly Readings May 1 – May 7**

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14  
**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ April 22 & 23, 2023

<b>Adult Envelopes (45)</b>	<b>\$1,692.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (49)</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$393.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,905.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

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

**2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

This weekend we kickoff the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body, an initiative for our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It will also consolidate six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities NH parish appeal and the Parable magazine drive. I am grateful for your continued generosity to our parish and to these vital ministries. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, Parable magazine, Catholic Charities N.H., and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarian Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in N.H.) plus to Parable Magazine and the Catholic Charities N.H. special collection appeal. **Our parish goal this year is \$33,254.00** and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs. Together, we are many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail, visit the Appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170



# Saint John XXIII Parish

## REFLECTION - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Not being by choice a pet owner, I find it reassuring when someone else's animal of choice is described as "liking me." My initial response, in particular to a large and energetic canine, is tension within and without for a few minutes until the aforementioned doggie judges me approved. Perhaps all this stems from me not having, or being allowed to have, a pet pooch as I grew up.

I do remember from my childhood that a small dog and even a cat were allowed in our house, but I believe that was because there were less than 6 of us small humans around as well.

At any rate Our good Lord had no such problems. In His human nature of course He certainly knew sheep and their shepherds. Who knows? He may have had a pet lamb in those 30 years of His hidden life in Nazareth.

Here in our famous gospel passage today, He goes so far as to declare Himself "The Good Shepherd." It was a title His listeners in those halcyon days would know and understand.

Always the alert and creative teacher, Jesus would seize the moment to declare a truth worth remembering. The Holy Spirit was especially delighted, and so He inspired the New Testament gospel writers to include such teachings in their compositions for the benefit of the Church. Which is to say for all of us and anyone who would take up their Bibles to read all about it.

The good shepherd always had a loving relationship with his dependent flock. He was also very protective of them and was wary of predators always on the move and yes, even human agents of harm. So, if we humble ourselves to be considered as sheep in His flock, our Divine Shepherd will never let us be led astray nor be harmed in any way.

Our Church designates this "Good Shepherd Sunday" to be a Day of Prayer for Vocations. While the word "vocation" applies to single and married persons, the word meaning a "calling from God" for the Church this Sunday is particularly focused on prayer for an increase of permanent deacons, priests, and consecrated religious.

As for priests in particular, I think we Catholics in the States surely know we have a distinct shortage of same. Witness the reduced availability of priests, reduced Mass schedules and other changes made necessary by the reduced numbers as compared to just the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Believing God the Good Shepherd is fully in charge, I tend to agree with our late Pope Benedict XVI that the Church of the future will be smaller and more devout. Nevertheless, she will still need priests. I can assure you that if the calling is authentic it is a great and rewarding life. But gray hairs and bald patches tell the story. So we should turn to prayer about it all. And do our part in telling any young man in our circle whom we believe has all the signs to consider the priesthood as his calling, all the while knowing that God will do His part. The Good Shepherd will be pleased with your faith, as He was on so many occasions while He was here in person. So true is this: "If the Church is ever to get on its feet, it must first get on its knees."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed shawls available for those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggles or challenges. To receive a shawl, contact Dotti Reed at 603-275-7345 or the parish office.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Full Time, Part Time and per diem employment opportunity. There are currently openings in Nursing, Dietary, Cooks, Environmental Services and Maintenance, in Manchester, Windham, Dover, Berlin, and Laconia. For more information please, visit [www.cc-nh.org/us/jobs](http://www.cc-nh.org/us/jobs) or contact Dawn Pelletier, at (603) 851-5836 or [dpelletier@nhcc.org](mailto:dpelletier@nhcc.org).

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## CORPUS CHRISTI NEW PANTRY DIRECTOR

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is pleased to announce that they have hired a new Food Pantry Director, Jacqueline Chaisson-Warner. We look forward to having her as a member of the Corpus Christi Food Pantry family.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP – SURVIVING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

Are you struggling with life changes, isolation, and difficulties resulting from separation or divorce? Catholic Charities NH is hosting a five-week online support group called "Surviving Divorce and Separation." This group is designed for individuals who are facing new realities during or after separation or divorce. You will have the opportunity to both receive and offer support to others experiencing similar situations, and together, discover that you are not alone. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 24th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To learn more or register, please visit [www.cc-nh.org/separation](http://www.cc-nh.org/separation).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise needs babysitters on Monday and Tuesday evenings to watch kids while the parents take their classes. They also need weekend and evening "hosts" to answer the door, accept donations, and help residents unlock the cleaning and supply closets. For more information or to volunteer call Matthew Hodgkiss at 603- 883-7338, ext. 3, or by email at [matthew.hodgkiss@familypromisesnh.org](mailto:matthew.hodgkiss@familypromisesnh.org)

## CHRISTOPHER WEST PRESENTATION

Where do we come from and where are we going? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive. Tuesday, May 9th 7-9:30 pm St. Patrick Parish, Pelham, NH Tickets are \$25 per person and can be bought through St. Patrick's parish office (603-635-3525) or online at: <https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com> View the trailer at: <https://vimeo.com/260114539>