

Saint John XXIII Parish

*Easter
Sunday*





Mass Intentions

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 9 Easter Sunday

Hervey & Marie Durocher
by their family

Paul Charron
by his family

April 11

All Souls Intentions

April 12

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April 13

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April 14

John Casey by the family

April 15

In honor of St. Anthony

For a favor obtained

Gloria A. Levesque 3rd Ann.

by Diane & Jeannine Levesque

Mass in Portuguese

April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday

Timothy Coulter

by his family

Paul Charron

by his family

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

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all the faithful across New Hampshire to participate in the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal this spring. "We are building upon our first Future of our Faith campaign from 1995 with this annual diocesan-wide appeal which will fund vital ministries of our Church. By consolidating many Catholic collections, appeals, and causes into this one appeal effort, we move forward as one Church; one body in Christ. With your help, the NHCA will provide these ministries with the resources needed to carry out their important missions." Parishioners will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci further outlining the NHCA with an envelope to give. Envelopes will also be available in pews on the appeal weekend. More information will be coming to our parish in the coming weeks or you can go to catholicnh.org/nhca to learn more today!

Weekly Readings April 10 – April 16

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-3

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Please consider participating in either stewardship program below, which helps our parish to maintain a steady income to manage our budget:

Parish Envelopes

If you are not currently using these weekly offering envelopes and would like to begin, we have extras! Please call us at the parish office, 603-882-2462 ext. 4.

Online Giving

To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

Thank you to all who have made the commitment to support our parish!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Because of an early holiday bulletin deadline, the Stewardship Report for the weekend of April 1 & 2 will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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EASTER REFLECTION

On a day not long ago, I happened to be stopped at a red light behind a large dump truck. There it was, filling my windshield and blocking any forward view, belching out its air brakes and plastered all over on its tailgate were red and yellow reflectors. High up on the top of its tailgate, were these words professionally printed: "It is what it is." Call that what you will, for yours truly it was a sample of "Dump Truck philosophy."

That puzzling proclamation - "it is what it is" - came to mind as I pondered what to produce as a spiritual reflection for this "Feast of feasts." From day one, the secular world has sought to deny that it ever happened. Whatever it is, it certainly is the basis of our faith and simultaneously a test of it. St. Peter's early sermon presented in Acts today "nails it", as we might say. Hear him again: "this man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible." John's gospel proclaims that this same Peter accompanied by the younger disciple, presumably John, "saw and believed."

Despite all of Our Lord's prior hints, together with His outright predictions of it, still "they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead." It makes me ask myself and you at this juncture, "Do we understand?" Dear sisters and brothers, I think we do understand that Jesus had to rise. We conclude that if He had not, then Jesus' story winds up in the ash heap of historical fiction. His death makes no sense. Happily we benefit from the truth of it. The empty tomb holding nothing more than the burial linens, appeals to our minds. But our hearts rejoice from the truth that Jesus is risen, never to die again. His promises are stamped with approval by God the eternal Father. His preaching ratified by the Holy Spirit.

Even though we are not always the best proclaimers of it, we believe that Jesus' resurrection saves us from any persistent pessimism we may feel as we note the way evil seems to prosper. Our baptismal promises, made for most of us through our godparents, make sense as a way of life in response to Christ's promises so wonderfully kept.

So, with our Scriptures at hand and our faith in our hearts, revitalized by the Easter proclamation, and backed up by Christ's very Church, we can face any skeptics with the truth of what we have heard and seen. In simple terms, sometimes found in the unlikeliest of places: "It is what it is." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CMC HEART & HANDS SCHOLARSHIP

The CMC Heart & Hands Scholarship is presented to two students entering grades 7-12 who have made a significant contribution or impact in their community. Learn more about the eligibility requirements and how to apply at www.catholicnh.org/scholarships.

DIOCESAN WHITE MASS

The White Mass will be held at St. Hedwig Church in Manchester on Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. The White Mass is a special opportunity to ask God's blessings for healthcare professionals and to affirm the profound service they give to the sick according to the model of Jesus Christ. At that time the New Hampshire Guild of Catholic Healthcare Professionals will recognize the recipient of the 2023 St. Martin de Porres Award. The St. Martin de Porres Award is awarded by the Guild to an individual who has exemplified the virtues of Catholic healthcare in her or his career as a healthcare professional

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for volunteer tutors to work with children in grades K - 12 in math, literacy, or science. Volunteers for this program work with students who need one-on-one help on a particular topic for a short period of time - or for the entire school year. Volunteer tutors may select the age range of students they'd like to work with, the subjects they feel comfortable with, and days and times they'd like to tutor. Volunteers should have some experience with teaching, tutoring, or helping educate others in another way, but do not need professional certification. Tutoring will take place in a monitored situation at a youth-serving organization primarily during after-school hours and may be virtual or in-person depending on the needs of the student. Volunteers will be expected to pass a background check annually. If you would like to become a volunteer tutor, please contact United Way at tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011

PENNY SALE AT ST. PATRICK'S PELHAM

Join us Saturday, April 15th for the Annual Women's Guild Penny Sale at the St. Patrick Parish Center, 12 Main Street, Pelham, NH. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Main Entrance and you will exit through the Main Entrance. We will be open on Saturday, April 15th from 9am to 3pm. Drawing will begin at 3:30pm Saturday, April 15th. Pick up of items will be Sunday, April 16th, from 12pm to 2pm. Come join the fun. For more information call Therese Soucy at 603-635-3525.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

One goal of Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is to prevent homelessness. Some of our clients are the working poor that struggle, on a weekly basis, to make ends meet, especially with the current rising cost of everyday items such as food and gasoline. To prevent evictions, the Assistance Program works with the client to help pay the rent, to prevent evictions. This act helps to bring stability to a family, especially with school-age children. Thank you for your support in helping to prevent homelessness.

EBOOK - CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Easter is truly the Season of the Eucharist." To enrich the celebration of this Easter Season, the Diocese of Manchester has published a free eBook called Christ Our Passover, a collection of brief excerpts on the Eucharist from documents of the Second Vatican Council and the writings of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, and Pope John Paul II. The eBook is designed to be used at the convenience of individuals or parishes and does not need to be read cover to cover. The book is available at www.catholicnh.org/easter.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.