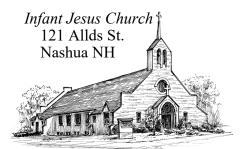
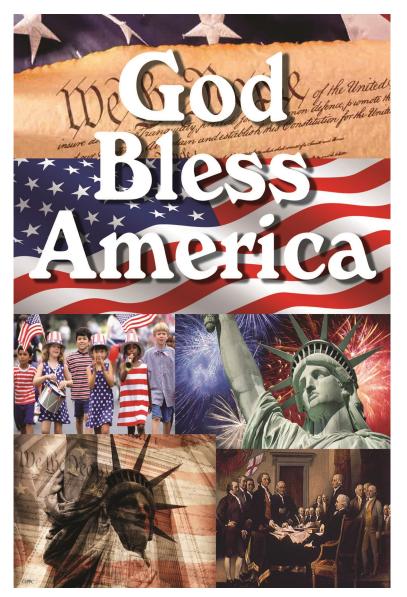
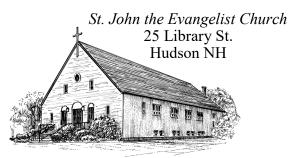
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OUTREACH

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



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

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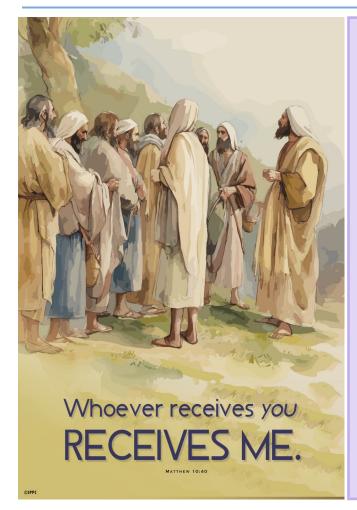
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church.

July 2, 2023





Mass Intentions

Satu	rday		
SJE	4:00 PM		
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July 1 Jeffrey Roome by his family Rita Donah by The Ladies of Ste. Anne July 2 13 Sunday in Ordinary Time Briget Reilly 17th Ann. by her family Mass in Portuguese Deana Cardinale by her family

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July 8

Yvon Theriault by his wife & children Isabelle Dufour by The Ladies of Ste. Anne *July 9 14 Sunday in Ordinary Time* Raymond Burns by Patti Peters Mass in Portuguese Rita Gamache by her niece, Sandy

Weekly Readings July 3 – July 9

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29 **Tuesday**: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27 **Wednesday**: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8 **Friday**: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17;

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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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.

2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We .are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$19,727.00** toward our goal of **\$33,254.00**. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

Stewardship Report

Week Ending ~ June 24 & 25, 2023			
Adult Envelopes (5)	\$2,433.00		
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00		
Loose Cash	\$327.00		
Offertory Total:	\$3,550.00		
Holy Father	\$250.00		
Debt Reduction	\$105.00		
May our loving God bless you			
for your continued generosity!			

Saint John XXIII Parish

Reflection 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Truth or Consequences" was the name of an early TV game show. It ran from the 50's to the late 80's. Contestants had to answer a trivia question correctly within 2 seconds, or face the consequences of performing a zany or embarrassing stunt. Often enough, contestants would answer incorrectly so that they would have to perform the stunt.

We know that Our Lord never came here to play games. Being truth personified, a reality lost on narrow-minded people like the Pharisees and Pontius Pilate, Jesus spoke only words of truth. He did so that we might "have life and have it more abundantly." He speaks to us today of His demands to bring that about.

Note how, in our First Reading, the Christian regard for treating others with care and hospitality is prefigured by the influential Shunammite woman in her treatment of Elisha the prophet, even before she knew that's what he was. As a consequence, she was eventually rewarded with the gift of a son, ridding her of what was regarded in those ancient days as a curse: to be without child. (What a contrast with our world today!)

Our Lord promises us that we will find new life, with good consequences, if we but give a drink of water to "the little ones," namely the poor and needy. Only a generous God can command generosity.

It is up to us to remember that fact when Jesus asks us to take up our cross as a consequence of being His authentic followers. So easy to will that part of His message away. It strikes us in moments of weakness as a demand too much. We often imagine the consequences of cross-carrying as making us too different from everybody else. Our secular society demands that we Catholics conform to its opinions. That means, for example. that we approve of a trans-gender agenda which is in direct contradiction to the Bible and Church teaching about the human body as designed by God.

When a person decides to exercise his/her freedom to break God's laws, he/she is like a person who ascends to the top of a tall building and jumps off. For the first several stories he/ she feels great. There are no restraints, no restrictions, no hang-ups. But suppose, ten stories from the ground, he/she realizes that a sudden stop awaits, and that he/she doesn't want to endure its consequences. Can they reverse the falling process? Can you or they stop the fall? Of course not. Thus, in the final ten stories, our tragic character will examine his/her definition of freedom and realize—too late—that it was wrong.

God love you; give you His gift of true freedom; and enjoy your holiday. Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CRAFTERS WANTED

The Parish of the Resurrection is looking for crafters for their Jingle Bell Fair and Holiday Celebration to be held on November 18, 2023. Cost is \$40 per space. Please call the Resurrection parish office at 603-882-0925 for an application and more details

SISTERS OF HOLY CROSS YARD SALE

The Sisters of Holy Cross are hosting an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the Holy Cross Center, 357 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Limited table rentals are available \$25 per table (nonrefundable). For more information or to rent a table email Sister Suzanne Levesque at cscdevoffice@srsofholycross.com. Proceeds to benefit the Sisters of Holy Cross.

PARABLE MAGAZINE CATHOLIC MEDIA AWARDS

Parable Magazine, published by the Diocese of Manchester, the Roman Catholic Church in New Hampshire, was recognized with nine national 2023 Catholic Media Awards during the Catholic Media Conference in Baltimore, Maryland earlier this month.

The magazine earned four first place awards, including: Best Regular Column - Bishop's Column in a Diocesan Magazine, for Bishop Peter A. Libasci's "Bishop's Message" column; Best Feature Article - Diocesan Magazines, and Best Reporting of Social Justice Issues - Rights and Responsibilities, for Paul McAvoy's "No Greater Love" story (about people raising their grandchildren because of their children's struggles with addiction); and Best Regular Column - Family Life, for Simcha Fisher's "Marriage and Family Life" column."Parable is a team effort, and these awards are the result of the remarkable contributions of Kathy Marchocki, former editor, and Gary Bouchard, consulting editor and co-founder-along with our writers, photographers and proofreaders," said Rosemary Ford, Parable editor. "It is an honor to work with such a talented team in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and the stories of the faithful in New Hampshire."

The magazine earned three second place awards for Rev. Andrew Nelson's "7 Days a Pastor: Reflections from Father Andrew Nelson" column in the Best Regular Column – Religious Life category; Best Photograph – Portrait by Jeff Dachowski; and Best Photograph – Immigration/Migration by Tom Roy.

In addition, Parable received an Honorable Mention in the Magazine of the Year – Diocesan Magazine category and in the Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate category for Cori Urban's "Soldier to Servant" story. Complete lists of award recipients are available at www.catholicmediaconference.org/magazine.

<u>Parable Magazine is mailed directly to all registered Catholic parishioners in New Hampshire.</u> It is made possible through the support of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, Bishop Libasci, advertisers, and sponsors. To learn more, visit www.catholicnh.org/parable.

NASHUA FREE "POP-UP" PANTRIES

Free Fresh Food is available at Nashua "Pop-Up Pantries" every weekday at the following locations:

- Monday 11am Harbor Care, High Street, 2pm Sullivan Terrace, Tyler Street,
- **Tuesday** 11am River Pines Mobile Home Park, 11am Major Drive, 2:30pm Ledge Street School,
- Wednesday 11am Nashua PAL, 11am Arlington Street Community Center, 2pm Lamprey Health Care, 22 Prospect St.
- Thursday 11am Nashua Community Music School, 2pm Greater Nashua Dental Connection,
- Friday 11am Crossway Christian Church 33 Pine Street, 2pm Fairgrounds Middle School.

These Pop-Up Pantries are managed by United Way of Greater Nashua with food provided by Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST FRONT STEPS

We are pleased to announce that repair work on the Hudson church steps should be underway by the time this bulletin is published. A few days later than anticipated as the weather hasn't been on our side, but none the less, a "work in progress"...