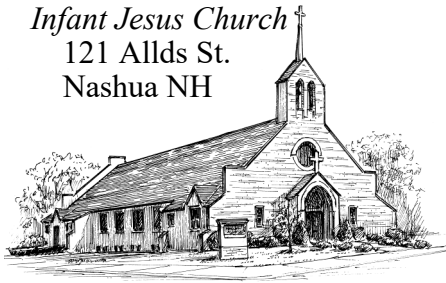


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



St. John the Evangelist Church
25 Library St.
Hudson NH



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Rev. Ethelbert Orabuche (hospital chaplain in residence)

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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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

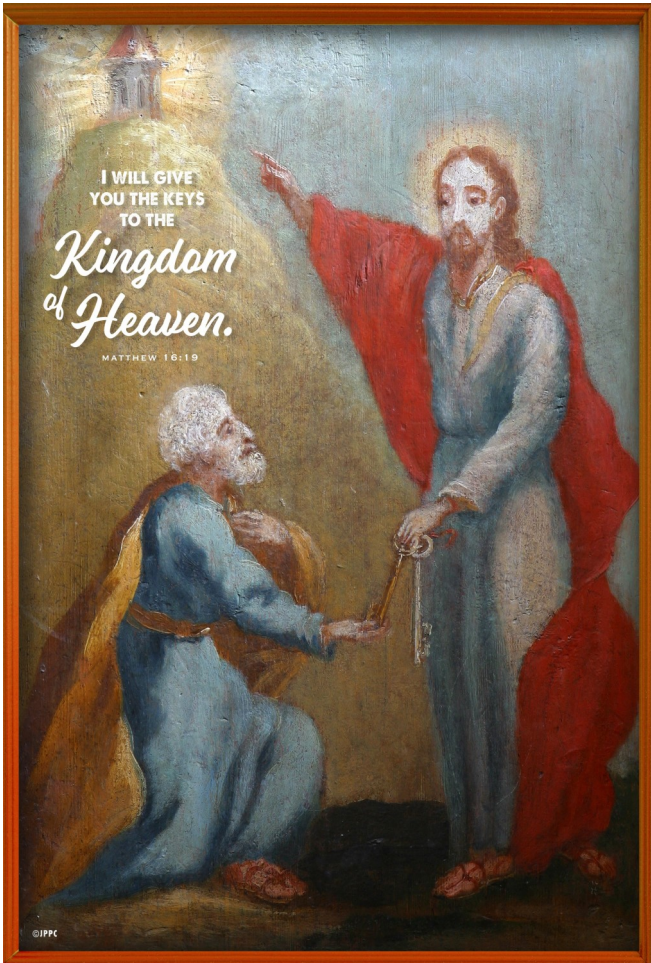
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

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

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 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

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

August 26

Annette DeNitto
by J. DeNitto & family

Josephine Berube
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

August 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary & George Doyle by the family

Mass in Portuguese

Deana Cardinale 7th Ann.
by her family

August 29

All Souls Intentions

August 30

All Souls Intentions

August 31

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September 1

All Souls Intentions

September 2

The Shanholtz Family

Germaine Boucher

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Sept. 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tony Giallanza by the family

Mass in Portuguese

Theresa Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler

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.

Weekly Readings August 28 – September 3

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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 **\$22,042.00** 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.catholienh.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 ~ August 19 & 20 2023

Adult Envelopes (44)	\$1,535.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$864.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,189.00
Fuel Offering	\$420.00
Debt Reduction	\$500.00

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Often enough, the setting of a message enhances its importance.

On Superbowl Sunday, for example, any commercial for products from Pepsi to Pepto-Bismol, gains a wide audience. Sponsors don't mind the cost of their ads based on that assumption.

Today's gospel reading brings us to a momentous step in Our Lord's life. But the setting is not to be discounted. After the polling of His Apostles about His identity, He appoints Peter as "the Rock" foundation of the brand-new Church. His words would one day appear carved with 4-foot-high gold lettering around the base of the dome in the Vatican Basilica named for this same Peter buried below it.

But what about that original setting? Caesarea Philippi was at the time a city located about 25 miles northeast of Galilee, within the area ruled by Herod's son Philip the tetrarch. It held a mainly non-Jewish population. Its central feature was a huge temple, which Philip had enriched with a facade of glistening marble. Philip had renamed it Caesarea, which means "Caesar's town." Obviously to curry favor from the emperor. Then he had the gall to add his own name "Philipi" to guarantee that he'd get the credit. The Jewish historian Josephus was to write that "No one could look at the town, even from a distance without seeing that pile of white shining marble and thinking of the might and divinity of Rome." Into that magnificent setting comes a homeless and penniless Galilean Jew, a young carpenter with twelve very ordinary men. Here he led an extraordinary conversation that St. Matthew allows us to "overhear."

From this whole scene I derive three characteristics of Jesus that draw me to Him, and hopefully you as well. First of all, He certainly had a healthy flair for the dramatic. I say "healthy" to differentiate Him from showoffs and dictators the world over, who devise parades to buttress their egos and intimidate their people. Our Lord knew that long ago day that this conversation would be included in the gospel. He also knew that we would hear or read about it in the future. So, we would picture its setting.

Second, Jesus' conviction and self-confidence about the rightness of His mission, with no intimidation from the world. He certainly was not a frightened rube from a small town overwhelmed by a type of Times Square. All of that was fluff to Him. At best a second Tower of Babel destined for destruction.

Third, and most importantly, Jesus' willingness to forgive Peter his well-documented faults. This former Simon bar Jonah would become St. Peter. A preacher of faith, knowledge, strength of conviction, and loyal love. One who would only consent to be crucified if they would do it to him upside down so as not to disrespect his Master.

The good news in all of this for us is that Jesus still has and always will have these loving characteristics in Him. As we decide to form a mature partnership with Him, relishing His example, we will tell His good news to all we meet by word and example. And then, someday, we will know Him up close and personal to experience a peace only dreamed of here on earth.

Meanwhile, we will strive to live with courage and accept the truth of this advice in the particular setting of our lives: "Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is."

God love you and give you His courage.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

We invite you to visit Saint Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH on September 16, 2023 for a Eucharistic Revival Retreat led by the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love. The retreat begins at 8:00 AM with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass; then, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations, music, and Confession; talks on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith; and small group discussions. Snacks and coffee will be provided, but please bring lunch. There is no fee to attend the retreat, but please register so that we may have a head count for planning purposes. For a printable schedule and registration form or to register online, please visit stkathryns.org/pr. You may also register by calling the parish office at 603.882.7793.

41ST ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT

All Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 41st Annual Scout Retreat Fri. Sept. 15 – Sun. Sept. 17, 2023 at Camp Fatima in Gilman Iron Works NH. The cost is \$20 per scout and \$13 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! Put on by Fr. Ray Ball & the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee. American Heritage Girls, Venture Crews, and Knights of Columbus Squires are also invited to attend.

To register: <https://2023scoutretreat.eventbrite.com/> Info: www.catholicnh.org/scout or FrRay3@gmail.com or (603) 224-4393 x1 or www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat

NASHUA SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATION

Join the Nashua Senior Activity Center (70 Temple Street, Nashua) on Thursday, September 14 from 5:00—6:00 p.m. for their 45th anniversary serving the Nashua community. Enjoy a complimentary cake cutting while marking this milestone for the 100% self-supporting Nashua senior Center. Mayor Donchess will present a proclamation. The Board of Directors, staff, and members encourage all residents of the greater Nashua community to visit the Center during this event to help us celebrate and to experience the many benefits that the Center offers the community. 2023 marks the 45th anniversary of the Senior center's service to the Nashua community.

SCRIPTURAL PRAYER WITH SR. CLAIRE PROVOST

Sr. Claire Provost will be facilitating the next teaching of her monthly series, Scriptural Prayer, at the Presentation of Mary (PMA) on Monday evening, August 28th, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Those attending will meet in the faculty gathering room on the first floor. All are welcome! Please contact Sr. Claire at cprovost@rivier.edu to sign up. Attendees should park in the school parking lot which is located in the back of the building and enter on the right-hand side of the building through the door near the sisters' parking area. The future scheduled dates are: September 25th, and October 30th.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST FRONT STEPS

We are pleased to announce that repair work on the Hudson church steps looks fantastic. Thanks to St. Hillaire Masonry for a great job. The only thing we are waiting on are the new railings (which are custom made) to complete the project. *We have heard from the fabricator and the ETA on the railings looks to be about two weeks*