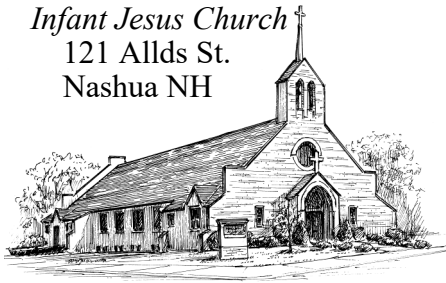


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
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St. John the Evangelist Church
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Hudson NH



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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	8:30 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

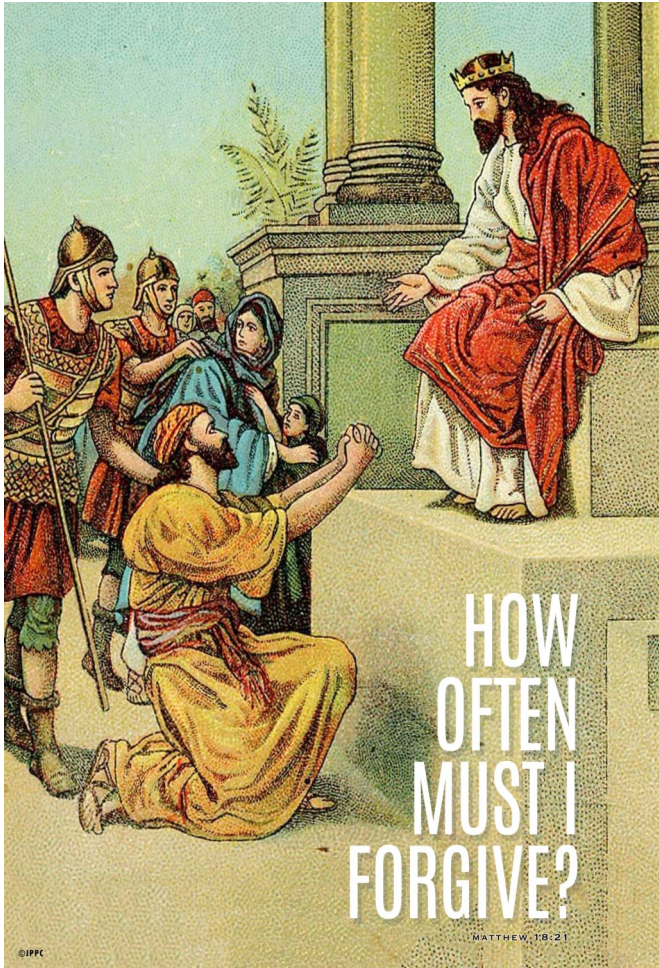
OUTREACH

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

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September 16

Mary Doyle by the family

Ida Chouinard

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

Sept. 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nick Giallanza by his family

William & Florence Boudreau

by their family

September 19

All Souls Intentions

September 20

Theresa Malone by Sandy

September 21

All Souls Intentions

September 22

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September 23

Walter Doyle by a friend

Louise J. (Levesque)

& George C. Hills 50th Ann.

by Diane & Jeannine Levesque

Mass in Portuguese

Sept. 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tony Giallanza by his family

Florence Leveille by her niece Sandy

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 **\$22,192.00** 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 ~ September 9 & 10, 2023

Adult Envelopes (37)	\$1,554.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$421.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,765.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

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



Weekly Readings Sept. 18 – Sept. 24

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

All one must do is experience a heart attack to have new respect for your cardiologist. You not only recognize his medical education, but also the importance of your so-called “ticker” in a way not appreciated before the crisis. I know this personally.

In Our Lord’s time, medicine was comparatively primitive. So, people regarded the heart as the seat of invisible realities, and it made you the person you are. People had a spiritual side, but never spoke of something called the “soul.” Handicapped by this, when Jesus urged people to obey His controversial mandate about forgiveness, He appealed to their hearts. In our day, He might appeal to our deepest sensitivity, or our spiritual core. Nonetheless, there would still be His demand that there should be no place in us for “holding on to a grudge.”

This matter of Christ-like forgiveness has all the difficulty of moving a mountain with a shovel. It also contradicts every natural impulse we have not to forgive. To hold on to a grudge, or devise ways to exact revenge against the offender. That behavior is often the “stuff” of courtroom confrontation. What keeps personal attorneys busy.

Our American psyche has a way of making us hell bent on protecting our rights. Christ is not against us having our rights. But He cannot tolerate our being “hell bent” on anything. He is both all-just and all-merciful.

But do we ever consider God’s “rights”? After all, He is our creator. He made us from mere dust. Hasn’t He then had the “right, so to speak” to call upon us, His creatures, to choose His way of thinking and acting? True as that is, notice how He “stands back” and grants us the power to disagree with Him! Amazing! But on our part, there lies sin, and every other evil.

Christopher de Vinck, a husband, father and grandfather, and veteran public-school teacher of 40 years, in his book, *The Power of the Powerless*, tells a simple but provocative story. He writes:

One spring afternoon my five-year-old son David and I were planting raspberry bushes along the side of the garage. A neighbor joined us for a few moments. David pointed to the ground. “Look Daddy! What’s that?” I stopped talking to my neighbor and looked down. “A beetle.” I said. David was impressed and pleased with the discovery of this fancy, colorful creature.

My neighbor lifted his foot and stepped on the insect, giving his shoe an extra twist in the dirt. “That ought to do it,” he laughed. David looked up at me, waiting for an explanation, a reason. That night, just before I turned off the light in his bedroom, David whispered “I liked that beetle, Daddy.” “I did too,” I whispered back.

Deinck concludes his story by writing, “We have the power to choose.” God love you and give you the grace to choose wisely.

God love you and help you to choose forgiveness

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Purchase reusable Fight Hunger shopping bags at Hannaford Supermarket during the month of September and Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance will receive \$1 for each bag. Hannaford is located at 175 Coliseum Ave, Nashua. Suggested items for the month of September include, men’s and women’s deodorant, tissues, Shampoo, (size 24 oz or smaller), small bottles of dish soap, hand soap, Coffee, 16 oz or smaller, canned tuna, Spam, canned corn, mayonaise, salad dressing and pasta sauce.

ST. KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS “ALL THINGS CATHOLIC”

St. Kathryn Religious Goods located at St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson is open Tuesday - Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and Saturday from 9 AM to Noon. The store carries a wide variety of Catholic reading materials, rosaries, statuary, children’s items, artwork, gifts, medals, and new items are arriving all the time. St. Kathryn Religious Goods, staffed by volunteers, plays an important part of the parish outreach ministry to spread the Catholic faith in southern NH, northern MA and beyond. Visit www.stkathryns.org/store or call 603-595-4463 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

AT THE DAY CAFÉ AT ST. PATRICK’S

St. Patrick’s Parish in downtown Nashua is looking for volunteers for its community outreach called The Day Café. The Day Café operates Monday through Friday, from 7:00-9:30AM. The Parish Center opens its doors to all members of our community for fellowship, friendship, networking as well as coffee, beverages, and snacks. Some of our visitors are unhoused, struggling, and adjusting to Nashua. The opportunities include greeting, listening, pouring coffee, serving snacks, and cleaning up. We also need people who will enjoy playing cards with our friends. Even one 2.5 hour shift can make a difference. Contact St. Patrick Parish Office at 603-882-2262 for more information on this opportunity.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International and will be celebrated on September 24th. Please be sure to make your priest feel special, loved and appreciated on Celebrate Priesthood Sunday!

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUPS

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

CARE OF CREATION

Sept. 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, marking the start of the Season of Creation (through Oct. 4), an annual celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As the USCCB states, “We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation.” Visit www.catholicnh.org/environment for more information.

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, September 25th, 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 date October 30th.