



Blessed John XXIII Parish

Nashua • Hudson New Hampshire

Mission Statement:

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the parish family of Blessed John XXIII lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates the sacraments and offers a community of worship where all are welcome. By living a life of prayer, service and action, we commit to follow Christ's command to: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Rev. W. Pierre Baker - Pastor
Deacon Edmund C. Hilston
Deacon John St. George
Rev. Cristiano Barbosa - Brazilian Ministry
Rev. Eric T. Delisle - Hospital Ministry
Rev. Andre Bedard - In residence

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St. Vincent de Paul Society: 882-2462 ext. 6
Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 882-6372

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday	4:00 PM	Hudson
	6:00 PM	Nashua
Sunday	8:00 AM	Hudson
	10:30 AM	Nashua
	12:15 PM (Portuguese)	Nashua

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 AM	Hudson
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Nashua

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday	6-7 PM	Nashua
Friday (Sept. to June)	9 AM - Noon	Hudson

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil Mass	6:30 PM	Nashua
Feast Day	9:30 AM	Nashua (with IJ School)
	6:30 PM	Hudson

Prayer Line Ministry:

Monday & Wednesday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 5:30-6 PM Nashua
Saturday 3-3:30 PM Hudson
or by appointment, please call the parish.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents are asked to contact the parish at least two months prior to the baptism to arrange for preparation. Baptisms take place the first full weekend of the month.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please call the parish office at least 6 months prior to the desired date.

Communion Calls for Homebound: Please notify the parish office if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because of illness, age or handicap.

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As I'm sure you have heard many times, the word "Lent" has its ancient origins from a word for "spring", marking a new re-birth. It seems appropriate especially in our northern climes to watch the weather beginning to change, to experience the growing hours of sunlight and to see the snow making way for the spring flowers. It is also a time for our catechumen and candidate to enter into a deeper relationship with God, as they prepare for the immanent reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. For the rest of us, as we watch all these signs, we prepare for the joyous feast of the Lord's Resurrection and the beginning of our new life with God. May we experience a great outpouring of grace as we enter prayerfully and hopefully into these days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Tucked among the numerous opportunities for spiritual growth that you received as a bulletin insert last weekend was a brief notice of the Diocesan Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week. While I realize that most of you will probably never attend, or be interested in attending, it is still worth mentioning. This particular liturgy is the annual occasion for the priests of our diocese to recommit themselves in service and obedience to our bishop. Additionally, Bishop McCormack will bless the sacramental oils which are then distributed to the parishes and institutions of our diocese for use throughout the year. These oils are the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the sacred chrism. Each year, we are invited to send two representatives to receive the oils – I am very pleased and honored to be able to announce that Bob Picard and Rose Houseman have agreed to represent Blessed John XXIII Parish this year.

Thank you for welcoming Father Rick White a couple of weeks ago, while I was away in Turkey. I've heard many stories since my return, and am assured that the positive ministry of Cross International was served by his message. Among the notes that Father White left me was a series of brief thoughts on his concern about the dichotomy of our "invigorating faith", demonstrated at Mass, and the "hurt" he felt when he saw the number of children downstairs who had not attended the Sunday celebration. Now I realize that people may have been going to another Mass – but I think it a challenge for us all as we come together as a parish family on this Valentine's Day. I thank Deacon Carl for persevering with "Storytime" last weekend, another opportunity to see our children worshipping with us. I urge you to speak to families who are not attending our parish on a regular basis – let them know of your concern and what their absence is doing to the Body of Christ.

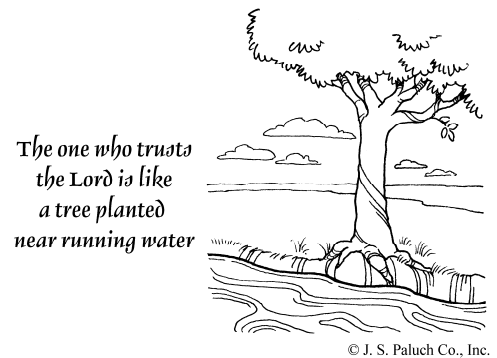
Finally, a Happy Valentine's Day to all, and most especially to the seven engaged couples who are currently preparing for marriage – and for all couples who are growing their love through marriage today!

Blessings and Peace!

Father Picard

Mass Intentions

Monday	February 15 - Weekday
SJE 8:30 AM	Intentions of the celebrant
Tuesday	February 16 - Weekday
IJ 6:30 PM	Jeanne Martin by Paul & Joanne Charron
Wednesday	February 17 - Ash Wednesday
SJE 8:30 AM	Ronald Houseman by Charles & Muriel
IJ 9:30 AM	In memory of Msgr. Colin A. MacDonald
IJ 6:30 PM	James Russo by Jean & Lucille Lacroix
Thursday	February 18 - Lenten Weekday
IJ 6-7 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Evening Prayer
Friday	February 19 - Lenten Weekday
SJE 8:30 AM	Robert Rochette by Paulette & family
Saturday	February 20 - Anticipated Sunday Masses
SJE 4:00 PM	George Bouffard by Rita O'Dowd
IJ 6:00 PM	Jeanne D'Arc Sirois (21 st anniv.) by her family
Sunday	February 21 - 1st Sunday of Lent
SJE 8:00 AM	Sadie Rosentel (1 st anniv.) by her family
IJ 10:30 AM	Intentions of the parishioners
IJ 12:15 PM	Mass in Portuguese



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

Lent at Blessed John XXIII

Parish Lenten calendars were included in last week's bulletin. There are additional copies at the church entrances. The calendar includes Mass schedules for our parish, and surrounding parishes, as well as Lenten regulations and special services.

Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM at St. John's and 9:30 AM at Infant Jesus (with our school children -all are welcome) and at 6:30 PM at Infant Jesus. We are asked to **fast** (ages 18 to 59) and **abstain** from eating meat (ages 14 and up) on Ash Wednesday. It is also a time to start your Lenten discipline. What will you give up or take on this year?



Stations of the Cross

Friday, Feb. 19, 7 PM, at St. Johns.

Movies for Lent - Week I

"Assisi Underground" will be shown in church on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, following the 8:30 AM Mass at St. John's and following the 6:30 PM Mass at Infant Jesus. This 2 hour movie is a wartime drama about the role the city of Assisi played in saving Jewish targets of the holocaust, by providing them refuge in the convents and monasteries of that holy city.

Baptism

We warmly welcome *Cameron Menrith So*, son of Sothea and Carmita, into our faith community!

Weekend of Feb. 20 & 21, 2010

MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM (SJE)	Louise O'Connell Bill O'Connell	Muriel Thibodeau Claudette Anger	Aaron Pentheny Cadence Pentheny
6:00 PM (IJ)	Julia Clarke-Pounder Irene Lackner	Bob McKillip Joe Simonson	Rachel Clarke-Pounder Kiera Kennedy
8:00 AM (SJE)	Maria Roberts Carol Rapaglia	Jeannette Erickson Jeannine Levesque	Claire Mutty Shannon Mutty
10:30 AM (IJ)	Diane Dubreuil Carole Clancy	Rob & Michelle Guzas Joan Hilston	Monica Lukitsch Samantha Lukitsch

Community News

Stewardship Report

• Week Ending ~ Feb. 6 & 7, 2010	
Adult Envelopes (332 envelopes)	\$6,597.00
Loose Cash	827.51
Youth Envelopes	6.50
5% Tithe	<u>\$372.00</u>
Balance of Offertory	\$7,059.01
Brazilian Community	\$279.50
Catholic School Education (105 envelopes)	<u>\$1,346.25</u>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Lent with Our School Community

Our students will actively take part in Thursday's Stations of the Cross at 1:30 PM, and they will prepare the readings for the 9:30 AM Monday morning Mass (which begins Mar. 1st). Come join them in prayer!

Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe

This collection on Ash Wednesday, in part, supports the rebuilding of the Church in Central Eastern Europe by training seminarians, lay leaders, and reaching out to young people. A portion of this collection supports the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Sincere thanks for any help you can give.

Daily Lenten Meditations

"The Word Among Us" & "The Little Black Book" of Lenten daily reflections are available at the church entrances this weekend. Please take a copy home with you.

Faith Formation News

Office Hours: Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. 9 AM to 3 PM
E-mail: reled@blessedjohnxxiii.org

Liturgy of the Word (Gr. K, 1 & 2)

Elementary (Gr. 3 to 6)

Youth Ministry (Gr. 7 & 8) & **Confirmation I & II**

There are no sessions in the month of February because of President's Day and school vacation week.

Family Lent Festival will be held on March 6 & 7, from 3 PM to 7 PM at Infant Jesus. Notices were sent out to all children enrolled in Faith Formation. Please call the Faith Formation office for more information.

With Our Sympathy

Please keep *Beatrice Sirois* and *Paul Cote* in your prayers. May our Lord bring comfort to their family and friends who mourn their loss.

Parish Photo Sessions

If you have not had your picture taken, please sign up soon at the main entrance of our churches for the next session on Feb. 26 & 27, at Infant Jesus School cafeteria, which has handicap accessibility. We need you to make our Parish pictorial directory complete!



Knights of Columbus #122

Red Cross Blood Drive Update... Sincere thanks to the **39** donors who came to give "the gift of life!"

Operation Rice Bowl

If you would like to participate in this annual Catholic Relief sponsored Lenten program, please pick up a Rice Bowl on Ash Wednesday at the church entrances.

This Week at Blessed John XXIII

Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	Sunday 21
<p>Office Closed. No School</p> 	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30-6 PM-IJ Church</p> <p>Rosary 6 PM - IJ Church</p> <p>Finance Council 7:15 PM - Center</p> <p>Prayer Service (Portuguese) 7 PM - IJ Church</p>	<p>Lenten Movie 9 AM SJE Church</p> <p>RCIA 7 PM - Rectory</p> <p>Lenten Movie 7 PM IJ Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>Stations of the Cross 1:30 PM IJ Church</p> <p>Adoration & Evening Prayer 6-7 PM IJ Church</p> <p>Touching Jesus thru the Church Series 7 PM IJ Church hall</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration 9 AM-Noon SJE Church</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 7 PM-SJE Church</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation 3-3:30 PM SJE Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bingo (Team F) - 7 PM</p>	<p>Baptism Preparation Session 7 PM Center - Rm. 13</p>



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Prayer Line



A NEW MINISTRY

STARTING FEBRUARY 22ND & 24TH

VIA THE PHONE LINE

What is a Prayer Line?

A Prayer Line is a means of communication whereby a person can telephone for intercessory prayer. The purpose of a Prayer Line is to offer the community the opportunity for prayer via the phone line. The prayer person acts as a conduit for given intentions, by raising ones heart and mind to a loving God for another person.

The Prayer Line Ministry consists of men and women with a deep sense of responsibility to God and people. These are people of maturity and emotional control with a constant and deep prayer life from which their ministry flows.

ALL CONVERSATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

CALL 603-882-2462, ext.8



Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM





INFANT JESUS SCHOOL

3 Crown St.
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889-2649



www.ijsschool.org

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www.ncjhs.org

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Grades K-6 ~ 603.889.2649
www.ijsschool.org

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
Grades PreK-6 ~ 603.882.7442
www.stchrisschoolnh.org

Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance

Help wipe out hunger in Nashua

43 Franklin St.
Nashua NH 882-6372

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every Saturday at 7 PM 883-8833

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Serving the Hudson area

Located at the Parish Center
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