



# 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

## **Blessed John XXIII Parish**

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Nashua NH 03060

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Mass Schedule ext. 1  
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Pastor ext. 5  
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Contact: José Gonçalves

**Infant Jesus School:** 889-2649  
3 Crown St. Nashua NH 03060  
Principal: Mrs. Estelle LaFleur

**Infant Jesus Convent:** 882-0553

## **Outreach:**

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.

# Blessed John XXIII Parish



**A  
NOTE  
FROM  
OUR  
PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

The month of February is coming to a merciful end with our celebrations of the Second Sunday of Lent. That means that Easter is that much closer (Spring, too!) and that the shades of purple and the barren trees will soon be giving way to whites and golds and new buds and blossoms. To help us celebrate the season of Lent in a more meaningful way, our parish will be gathering at Infant Jesus this coming Saturday and Sunday for Faith Festivals. I hope that you will look elsewhere in the bulletin for specific details, but know that these events are open to the parish community, and we would like to have you there. I cannot adequately express my thanks to Dawn Gagnon, our facilitator for Religious Education, and the team who helps her, for providing these consistently wonderful opportunities for us to grow in our spiritual lives.

Our Elect, Tonya Coolbeth and Bruce Parks, will be undergoing the First Scrutiny next Saturday evening at the 4:00 PM Mass. We are trying to move these brief, intense liturgical moments from Mass to Mass so that everyone has the opportunity to witness the faith journey of those anticipating the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. This is our journey, too – we who are already members of the Catholic faith renew that faith in the days of Lent, as we share in the Lord’s victory over sin and death. Please pray for our Elect!

Adult Confirmation sessions begin on Monday night, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. If you have received Baptism and First Eucharist, but have not been confirmed, please contact the parish office, 882-2462. Bishop McCormack will preside over the celebration of Confirmation for Adults on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Saint Joseph’s Cathedral in Manchester.

God’s Peace Be With You!

*Father Paul*



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## This Week at Blessed John XXIII

<b>Monday Mar. 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 3</b>	<b>Thursday 4</b>	<b>Friday 5</b>	<b>Saturday 6</b>	<b>Sunday 7</b>
<i>Prayer Line</i> 10 AM– 4 PM	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 5:30-6 PM-IJ Church <i>Rosary</i> 6 PM - IJ Church <i>School Board</i> 7 PM - Rectory <i>Parish Anniv. Committee</i> 7 PM IJ Church hall <i>Prayer Service (Portuguese)</i> 7 PM - IJ Church	<i>Lenten Movie</i> 9 AM SJE Church <i>Prayer Line</i> 10 AM– 4 PM <i>RCIA</i> 7 PM - Rectory <i>Lenten Movie</i> 7 PM IJ Church	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> 1:30 PM-IJ Church <i>Adoration &amp; Evening Prayer</i> 6-7 PM IJ Church <i>Touching Jesus thru the Church Series</i> 7 PM IJ Church hall <i>Cribbage League</i> 7 PM-Cafeteria	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 9 AM-Noon SJE Church <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 7 PM-SJE Church	<i>Family Lent Festival</i> 3-7 PM IJ Church hall <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 3-3:30 PM SJE Church <i>Bingo (Team B)</i> - 7 PM	<i>Prayer Shawl Ministry</i> 11:30 AM Rectory <i>Family Lent Festival</i> 3-7 PM IJ Church hall

## Mass Intentions

### Monday

**SJE** 8:30 AM

**IJ** 9:30 AM

### Tuesday

**IJ** 6:30 PM

### Wednesday

**SJE** 8:30 AM

### Thursday

**IJ** 6-7 PM

### Friday

**SJE** 8:30 AM

### Saturday

**SJE** 4:00 PM

**IJ** 6:00 PM

### Sunday

**SJE** 8:00 AM

**IJ** 10:30 AM

**IJ** 12:15 PM

**IJ** 6:00 PM

### *March 1 - Lenten Weekday*

Elizabeth Fornash by her family

Intentions of the celebrant

### *March 2 - Lenten Weekday*

Irene McAfee by the Ladies of St. Anne

### *March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel*

Intentions of the celebrant

### *March 4 - St. Casimir*

Eucharistic Adoration & Evening Prayer

### *March 5 - Lenten Weekday*

Alfred Faria by the Rivier Prayer Community

### *March 6 - Anticipated Sunday Masses*

John Chapman (20<sup>th</sup> anniv.) by his family

Roger Boilard by Gloria Parady

### *March 7 - 3rd Sunday of Lent*

Lise Gosselin by Denis & Michelle Rodrigue

Melissa Julien by her family

Rose & Camille Marquis by their family

Mass in Portuguese

Intentions of the parishioners *IJ=Infant Jesus Church SJE=St. John the Evangelist Church*



## Movies for Lent - Week III

“Maximillian, Saint of Auschwitz” (1 hr., 16 min.)

Wednesday, March 3

after 8:30 Mass at St. John’s Church &

7 PM at Infant Jesus Church



## Stations of the Cross

Thursday, Mar. 4, 1:30 PM, at Infant Jesus, with our school children. All are welcome!

& Friday, Mar. 5, 7:00 PM, at St. John’s.

## Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation classes will begin in our parish on Mon., Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. If you were baptized and have received First Eucharist, but were not confirmed, please call the parish office for more information, or to register for the classes.

## Liturgical Ministers Corner

**Holy Week Surveys & New Schedules...**are available in the sacristy at St. John’s and the main entrance at Infant Jesus. Please pick them up, and return the Holy Week surveys no later than Sunday, **Mar. 13.**

## Weekend of Mar. 6 & 7, 2010

MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>4:00 PM</b> (SJE)	Gwen Bates Carol Rapaglia	James Bates Claudette Anger	Aaron Pentheny Cadence Pentheny
<b>6:00 PM</b> (IJ)	Diane Dubreuil Maria Roberts	Sharon Nagy Julie Boilard	Katie Nagy
<b>8:00 AM</b> (SJE)	Jeannette Erickson Ron DiStasio	Tammy Chouinard Joanne Sirois	Carolyn Nichols Katelyn Nichols - Cameryn Nichols
<b>10:30 AM</b> (IJ)	Julia Clarke-Pounder Priscille Guerette	Florence Boudreau Laurie Collins - Al Poliquin	Rachel Clarke-Pounder

# Community News

## Stewardship Report

• Week Ending ~ Feb. 20 & 21, 2010	
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (294 envelopes)	<b>\$5,818.50</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>1,159.15</b>
<b>Youth Envelopes</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>5% Tithe</b>	<b><u>\$350.00</u></b>
<b>Balance of Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,639.65</b>
<b>Brazilian Community</b>	<b>\$236.25</b>
<b>Aid to Eastern Europe Church</b> (Ash Wednesday)	<b>\$676.71</b>
<b>Catholic School Education</b>	<b>\$1,489.25</b>
	(2-21-10) <b><u>100.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,589.25</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## Hand Carved Religious Items

On March 13 & 14, Maysoon Khair, a representative from the School of Joy, located in Beit Sahour, the town of the shepherds (just a few miles from the birthplace of our Savior) will be with us after all Masses with a display of hand carved olive wood items such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the Last Supper and beautiful religious statues. Come take a look at the beautiful work done by the older students. Proceeds assist the school in their mission to improve the overall quality of life for students who have low academic achievement, children with special needs and those who are poor or orphaned, in the greater Bethlehem area.

## Parish Prayer Line Ministry

A Prayer line is a means of communication whereby a person can telephone for intercessory prayer. The prayer person acts as a conduit for given intentions, by raising ones heart and mind to a loving God for another person. All are welcome to call the parish at 882-2462, ext. 8, on Mondays & Wednesdays, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

## Weekend Retreat/Spiritual Direction

Sr. Eleanor LaBranche, CSC, here at Infant Jesus Convent, is now qualified and available to provide Spiritual Direction. She will also offer a Weekend Retreat for Women, Mar. 12-13 & 14. For further information, you may contact her at: 882-0553. Fliers are available at the church entrances.

## Faith Formation News

**Office Hours:** Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. 9 AM to 3 PM

**E-mail:** reled@blessedjohnxxiii.org

**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.

## Winter Cribbage League

The Knights of Columbus Council 5162 are sponsoring this next session, Thurs., Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9:00 PM, in the school cafeteria. All parishioners welcome!

## Cluster Corner

**Confess-A-Thon/Mission...**The Franciscan Friars of the Primitive Observance who live poor among the poor in Lawrence MA, will be available for 42 hours of confessions and a Lenten Mission entitled 'Staying God-centered in a me-centered culture' at St. Kathryn's. Whether its been days or many years, the friars will be there to welcome you to experience the Lord's Mercy in confession:

Mar. 6 (8 AM-9 PM), Mar. 7 (Noon-9 PM)

Mar. 8-9 (8 AM-9 PM) & Mar. 10 (6 AM-9 PM)

Mass and the Mission Talk will be on March 8-10, at 9 AM & 7 PM, with a reflection on the Lord's Passion on Sun., Mar. 7, at 4 PM. All are welcome!

**Friday Night Chowder...**hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 5162 on Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) at St. Kathryn Church hall. New England clam chowder or mushroom soup, salad, roll, dessert & beverage are served from 5 to 6:30 PM. \$6/person. Children may have a PB & J sandwich, drink & cookie for \$2.50. All are welcome. Proceeds from these dinners are used to support vocations within the Diocese of Manchester.

## News from Our Neighbors

**Pilgrimage to the Canadian Shrines...**In Mary's Company, from Somersworth, is again sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Canadian Shrines, Fri., June 25 to Mon., June 28. Flyers/registration forms are available at the main entrance at Infant Jesus and St. John's. Visits to St. Anne de Beupré, St. Joseph Oratory, other shrines, a stop in Old Québec are on the itinerary. A deposit of \$65/person is required by Mar. 20. The trip fills up quickly. For more information, please call Jeannine Gagnon at 882-1557.



## INFANT JESUS SCHOOL

3 Crown St.  
Nashua NH 03060  
889-2649



[www.ijsschool.org](http://www.ijsschool.org)

## DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS of Greater Nashua



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## *Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance*

*Help wipe out hunger in Nashua*

43 Franklin St.  
Nashua NH 882-6372

## **BLESSED JOHN XXIII BINGO EAGLES WING FUNCTION CENTER.. 10 SPRUCE ST. - NASHUA NH**



*every Saturday at 7 PM* 883-8833

## ***St. Vincent de Paul Society***

*Serving the Hudson area*

Located at the Parish Center  
on 23 Library St. - Hudson NH  
882-2462, ext. 6

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