



# 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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**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.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 8 - St. John of God</b>
<b>SJE 8:30 AM</b>	Intentions of the celebrant
<b>IJ 9:30 AM</b>	Noella Michaud (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv.)/Ladies of St. Anne
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 9 - St. Frances of Rome</b>
<b>IJ 6:30 PM</b>	Dorothy Marcoux by Lawrence Skodis & family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 10 - Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>SJE 8:30 AM</b>	Robert Gauvreau by Paul & Joanne Charron
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 11 - Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>IJ 6-7 PM</b>	Eucharistic Adoration & Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 12 - Lenten Weekday</b>
<b>SJE 8:30 AM</b>	In thanksgiving for Padre Pio's intercession
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 13 - Anticipated Sunday Masses</b>
<b>SJE 4:00 PM</b>	Lorraine Farren by Roger & Mary Fortin
<b>IJ 6:00 PM</b>	George Delude by Paul & Joanne Charron
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 14 - 4th Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>SJE 8:00 AM</b>	Intentions of the parishioners
<b>IJ 10:30 AM</b>	Hector Chartrain (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.) by his family
	Robert Fournier (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.) by his family
<b>IJ 12:15 PM</b>	Mass in Portuguese

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

## Movies for Lent - Week IV

“Priests - The Concert at Armagh Cathedral” (1 hr.)  
 Wednesday, March 10  
 after 8:30 Mass at St. John’s Church &  
 7 PM at Infant Jesus Church



## Stations of the Cross

Thursday, Mar. 11, 1:30 PM, at Infant Jesus,  
 led by our school children from grades 2 R &  
 6 N. All are welcome!  
 & Friday, Mar. 12, 7:00 PM, at Infant Jesus.

## Mass with Our School Community

Infant Jesus School students from grades KA & 6A will take an active roll as servers and lectors at this Monday’s, (Mar. 8) 9:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to join staff & students from our school community at these morning Masses, on Mondays, during Lent.

## Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation classes begin in our parish this Monday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at the rectory. If you were baptized and have received First Eucharist, but were not confirmed, please speak with Fr. Pierre this weekend.

# REPENT



the kingdom  
 of heaven  
 is at hand

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## Weekend of Mar. 13 & 14, 2010

MASS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>4:00 PM</b> (SJE)	Elaine Lavallee Dan Dumont	Hector St. Gelais Patricia St. Gelais	William Horgan Ashley Felch
<b>6:00 PM</b> (IJ)	Mike Morin Pam Morin	Louise Dichard Lorette Marcoux	Monica Lukitsch Samantha Lukitsch
<b>8:00 AM</b> (SJE)	Jon Ciemiewicz Paul Keane	Anabelle Ciemiewicz Lisa Ferentino	Lauren Ferentino Kiera Kennedy
<b>10:30 AM</b> (IJ)	Joan Hilston Carole Clancy	Tom Thorp - Linda Thorp Maria Russo	Alex Madden Noah Tardif

# Blessed John XXIII Parish

## Stewardship Report

• Week Ending ~ Feb. 27 & 28, 2010	
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (271 envelopes)	<b>\$5,730.50</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>653.70</b>
<b>Youth Envelopes</b>	<b>7.50</b>
<b>5% Tithe</b>	<b><u>\$319.60</u></b>
<b>Balance of Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,072.10</b>
<b>Brazilian Community</b>	<b>\$251.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Through the use of your envelopes next weekend, this collection helps fund six Catholic organizations. Your gift helps to support agricultural development, provides outreach services to survivors of human trafficking and supplies pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. Sincere thanks for any help you can give.

## Hand Carved Religious Items

Next weekend, a representative from the School of Joy, located in Beit Sahour, (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 & 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 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 Lenten Workshop - March 27

Our pastor, Fr. Pierre, will lead this one day workshop on "The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus" Saturday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Church hall, from 9 AM to 2 PM. This is an in-depth journey through the Gospel accounts. Participants are asked to bring a Bible. Please call the parish office at 882-2462, ext. 3 to sign up, so that we can have the necessary materials available.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The members of our Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry are busily knitting and crocheting prayer shawls. If anyone knows of anyone who might derive some comfort from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Pam Morin at 603-548-0049.

## With Our Sympathy...

Please keep *Theresa G. Bernard* in your prayers. May our Lord bring comfort to her family and friends mourning her loss.

## 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 next Sunday, **March 13.**

## Prayer Intention Book

We invite you to enter your prayer requests/petitions in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.

## This Week at Blessed John XXIII

Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13	Sunday 14
<b>Prayer Line</b> 10 AM- 4 PM  <b>Adult Confirmation Preparation</b> 7 PM Rectory	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 5:30-6 PM-IJ Church  <b>Rosary</b> 6 PM - IJ Church  <b>Prayer Service (Portuguese)</b> 7 PM - IJ Church  <b>Pastoral Council</b> 7:15 PM - Rectory	<b>Lenten Movie</b> 9 AM SJE Church  <b>Prayer Line</b> 10 AM- 4 PM  <b>RCIA</b> 7 PM - Rectory  <b>Lenten Movie</b> 7 PM IJ Church	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 1:30 PM-IJ Church  <b>Adoration &amp; Evening Prayer</b> 6-7 PM IJ Church	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 9 AM-Noon SJE Church  <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 7 PM-IJ Church	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 3-3:30 PM SJE Church  <b>Bingo (Team C) - 7 PM</b>	<b>Youth Retreat Team mtg.</b> Noon-4 PM SJE Church hall  <b>Parish Family-Movie Night</b> 4-6 PM IJ Church hall

# Community News

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## Friends-N-Faith News

### *Easter Candy Baskets*

Boxes will be placed at all church entrances from next weekend, Mar. 13 & 14 to Mar. 28 (Palm Sunday), for donations of candy, small toys, fillers & baskets.

### *Parish Family Movie Night*

March 14<sup>th</sup> - 4-6 PM Infant Jesus Church hall

*Please read the insert for further details about these, and other, upcoming Friends-N-Faith events.*

## 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.

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### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation...**

Saturdays: at St. John's, from 3-3:30 PM  
(before 4 PM Mass)

Tuesdays: at Infant Jesus, from 5:30-6 PM  
(before 6:30 PM Mass)

### **The Rosary is Recited...**

Tuesdays: at Infant Jesus, 6 PM (before Mass)

### **Eucharistic Adoration & Evening Prayer...**

Thursdays: 6-7:00 PM, at Infant Jesus

### **Eucharistic Adoration...**

Fridays: 9 AM to Noon, at St. John's  
(following 8:30 AM Mass)

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## Matching Funds - Corpus Christi Pantry

During March and April, Corpus Christi Pantry has the opportunity to receive a proportional share of \$1 million dollars of matching funds through the Feinstein foundation of Providence RI. Any donation of money or food that you are able to send to the pantry during these months, to help feed the hungry of Nashua, will be eligible for these funds. Non-perishable food items can be brought to the pantry storage area at Infant Jesus. For more information, please call the pantry at 882-6372.

## Cluster Corner

**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

### **Families of Nazareth Movement (FNM) Events**

Local members of the FNM will host a pastoral visit from Fr. Jaroslaw Zaniewski, who is credited with establishing this international ecclesial movement, in the U.S. This visitation includes Mass:

Mon., Mar. 15 - 6:30 PM at St. Christopher's

Tues., Mar. 16 - 6:30 PM Thomas More College

Wed., Mar. 17 - 7 PM Blessed John XXIII Parish  
at St. John the Evangelist Church, followed  
by Irish tea, coffee & dessert

Thu., Mar. 18 - 5-6 PM Potluck supper, at 6 PM  
presentation about FNM, and 7 PM Mass,  
at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack.

All of these events are free and open to the public.

**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 Beaupré, 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.

## **The People's Vote On The Definition Of Marriage**

by the Most Reverend John B. McCormack, D.D.,

Bishop of Manchester NH

On Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the citizens of many towns in New Hampshire will offer a simple warrant article at their town meetings: that the citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines marriage. I urge the citizens of this state to vote on Tuesday in favor of this article.

Since time immemorial, marriage has been understood as committed union between a man and a woman. Up until just a few years ago, few if any people anywhere in the world would have considered that marriage would ever be redefined at all, let alone to involve two people of the same sex. And yet, last year, the New Hampshire Legislature voted to do just that. By the barest of margins – 7 votes in the House and 2 votes in the Senate – the most fundamental institution of our society was changed. Most surprisingly, this change, which affects the fundamental societal relationship of what it means to be married, occurred without consulting the people.

Although the Catholic Church, of course, has its own teachings concerning the nature and the sacredness of marriage, the universal role that marriage plays in our world is something which does not revolve around religious beliefs. It is worth remembering that the nature of marriage as a union between a man and a woman is something which predates Christianity or Judaism, existing in the earliest recorded history.

It is difficult to imagine a more ancient and fundamental institution in our society than marriage. For that reason, as a citizen of New Hampshire, I would have hoped that the legislature would have acted with greater thoughtful consideration and restraint before throwing out thousands of years of tradition. A decision about how our society defines marriage is not something which should depend on the results of a partisan election. The consequence of the marriage vote last year is that, instead of being viewed as the cornerstone of our society, marriage is now going to be viewed as something which is susceptible to being defined and redefined according to the changing will of the legislature. It seems that we are now looking at a future where the definition of marriage will hinge on the attitudes of elected officials in any particular two year legislative session. A constitutional amendment is the only way to resolve this problem.

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## *The People's Vote On The Definition Of Marriage* (continued)

New Hampshire's founding fathers wisely established the constitutional amendment process to ensure that the people of the state have the final say regarding what our laws are. On a number of occasions throughout our history, we have determined as a citizenry that there are issues which are too important to be left to the decision-making of the legislature. There have been amendments with far less impact on all the people of our state that have been passed. For example, if we think it is essential to have the populace vote on whether highway funds should solely be directed to highway purposes, then surely we can ask the men and women of New Hampshire if they want to redefine marriage.

That is why I urge the citizens of New Hampshire to cast their votes on Tuesday in favor of the warrant articles which would call for the people of New Hampshire to be given the opportunity to vote on how marriage is to be defined under the laws of New Hampshire. I trust the people will support the longstanding meaning of marriage and the value this traditional understanding has in our society. Marriage is too critical to our social fabric to let it unravel on a rushed reaction to a particular view of the moment. Let the people be allowed to decide on this most basic of issues—our legal definition of marriage.



## INFANT JESUS SCHOOL

3 Crown St.  
Nashua NH 03060  
889-2649



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

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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

*Mailing address:* 121 Allds St.  
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