



Saint John XXIII Parish

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INFANT JESUS

121 Allds St, Nashua

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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November 17, 2024

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 PM St John Evangelist
Saturday, 6:00 PM Infant Jesus
Saturday, 7:30 PM (Brazilian) Infant Jesus
Sunday, 8:30 AM St John Evangelist
Sunday, 10:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Tue/Thu), 8:30 AM Infant Jesus
Daily Mass (Wed/Fri), 8:30 AM St John Evangelist

CONFESSION

Saturday, 3:30 PM St John Evangelist
And after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered on request.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office

HOLY FRIENDSHIP

You are my friends if you do what I command you. —John 15:14

The following excerpt is from Memoirs of the Oratory, St Don Bosco's (d. 1888) unfinished autobiography [it covers just the first 40 years of his life]. At 16 years-of-age Don Bosco met a "saintly pupil"—Louis Comollo—from whom he says, "I began to learn how to live as a Christian."



CHILDREN [detail]
by Pieter Bruegel the Elder (d. 1569)

THAT year I lost one of my dearest companions. Young Paul Braje, my dear, intimate friend, died on in July 10 [1832] after a long illness. He was a model of piety, resignation, and living faith. He thus went to join St Aloysius, whose faithful disciple he had been all his life. He was mourned by the whole college, and all the students turned out for his funeral. For a long time afterwards, during their holidays they would receive holy communion and recite the Little Office of Our Lady or the rosary for the soul of their dead friend.

To make up for this loss, however, God sent me another companion every bit as virtuous as Paul, and even more remarkable in his deeds. This was LOUIS COMOLLO, of whom I will have more to say in a moment.

At the end of my humanities year, I did very well. On strength of my results, my teachers, especially Doctor Banaudi, suggested I should ask to take the exam in philosophy; and, in fact, I was promoted. But as I ended my study of literature, I thought it better to continue my programme normally and take the rhetoric course, i.e. the fifth year of ginnasio [It., Public Secondary School], during 1833-34. It was during that year that I met COMOLLO. The life of this precious friend has been told elsewhere, and those who want can read it there. Here I mention only the incident that led to my noticing him amongst the humanities group.

There was a rumor in the top form that a saintly pupil

was to join us that year. He was said to be the nephew of the provost of Cinzano, an elderly priest with a reputation for sanctity. I was keen to get to know him, but I did not know his name. This is how we met: At that time it was common practice to initiate new students through a dangerous game called cavallina. The giddy and less studious ones loved it, and generally they were the most skillful at it.

For several days they watched a reserved youngster of fifteen years who had just registered at the college take his seat and settle down to read or study, heedless of the din going on round him. A boorish fellow came up to him, grabbed his arm, and insisted that he join them at cavallina.

"I don't know how," was the other's mortified and humble reply. "I don't know how; I've never played these games before."

"You better join us," said the aggressor, "or I'll kick and beat you till you do."

"You can treat me as you please, but I don't know what the game is, nor do I care to learn."

His crude and ill-natured fellow student grabbed his arm, shoved him, and gave him two slaps that were heard all over the room. That made my blood boil. But I held back for a moment to see if the boy under attack would give the offender what he had coming. He could easily have done so because he was older and stronger than the bully. You can imagine everyone's astonishment when the good youth, countenance red and almost livid, looked with pity at his malicious companion, and replied only, "Are you satisfied? Now go in peace; I've already forgiven you."

That heroic act made me want to know his name. It was, in fact, Louis COMOLLO, nephew of the provost of Cinzano, whose praises I had heard so often.

From that moment on, he became my close friend, and I can say that from him I began to learn how to live as a Christian. I trusted him completely and he trusted me. We needed each other: I needed spiritual help; he needed a bodyguard.

The shy and retiring COMOLLO never even tried to stand up to the vicious insults of our companions, whereas all of them—including those older and bigger than I—respected my mettle and my strength.

That became evident one day when certain boys were bent on making fun of COMOLLO and another good-natured lad called Anthony Candelo. I wanted to intervene on their behalf, but the bullies gave me no heed. Another day when the harmless pair were being abused again, I shouted, "You'd better watch out. I'll deal with the next one who lays a finger on them."

A considerable number of the taller and bolder spirits ganged together to threaten me while COMOLLO got two smacks in the face. At that I forgot myself completely. Brute strength moved me, not reason. With no chair or stick within reach, I grabbed one of my fellow students by the shoulders and swung him round like a club to beat the others. I knocked down four of them; the rest took to their heels yelling for mercy. Then what? At that moment the teacher came into the room. Seeing arms and legs flying

everywhere amidst an out-of-this-world uproar, he began to shout and to strike blows left and right. The storm was about to burst upon me when he learned the cause of the disturbance. He demanded a replay of the action, or at least a show of my strength. The teacher laughed, and so did all the pupils. Everyone was so amazed that I escaped the punishment I deserved.

COMOLLO had a different lesson to teach me. When we could speak between ourselves, he said to me, "John my friend, I'm amazed how strong you are. But, believe me, God didn't give you strength to massacre your companions. His will is that we should love one another, forgive one another, and return good for evil."

I could only wonder at my companion's charity. I put myself entirely into his hands and let him guide me where and how he wished. By agreement with our friend Garigliano, we went together for confession, communion, meditation, spiritual reading, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and serving Holy Mass. COMOLLO knew how to organize us with such gentle courtesy and sweetness that we could not refuse him.

I remember one day when we were passing a church; I was so engaged in chattering with a companion that I forgot to raise my cap. He corrected me at once, but so graciously: "John my friend," he said, "you're so lost in talking to men that you forget even the Lord's house."

SCHEDULE

- Nov 19 (Tue), St Josaphat (Bishop, Martyr)
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (Infant Jesus)
- Nov 20 (Wed), St Frances Xavier, S.J.
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (St John Evangelist)
- Nov 21 (Thu), Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (Infant Jesus)
- Nov 22 (Fri), St Cecilia (Virgin, Martyr)
8:30 AM | Daily Mass (St John Evangelist)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Nov 16 (Sat), 4:00 PM Catherine Roome (req. by family)
- Nov 16 (Sat), 6:00 PM St John XXIII Parishioners
- Nov 23 (Sat), 4:00 PM Florence Leveille (req. by Sandy)
- Nov 24 (Sat), 6:00 PM St John XXIII Parishioners
- All Nov 16-24 Masses All Souls (as req. by parishioners)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

OFFERING

3 Nov '24 (31st Sunday Ordinary Time): \$3,918.00
10 Nov '24 (32nd Sunday Ordinary Time): \$2,018.50

A break down of donations
will be offered in the coming weeks.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the many parishioners who've stepped forward to offer assistance as I assume my duties here at St John XXIII!

NOTES

1. The diocese requires offering to be counted by two parishioners. If you would be willing to help, please let me know.
2. If you would like to serve as a Lector at any of the weekend Masses, please let me know.
3. For those who are gluten intolerant, Low-Gluten Hosts are available at every Mass.
4. If anyone desires to take Holy Communion to a home-bound family member or neighbor, please see me. The parish will provide a pyx and burse and Rite of Communion Outside of Mass.
5. Missalettes for the coming 2025 Liturgical Year have been ordered and should arrive by the end of the month.
6. I've begun to get a handle on parish finances (assets and liabilities). I will call a Parish Finance Committee, most likely in early December, to present the information.
7. Canon Law requires the parish to have a Finance Committee. I'm asking for three or more parishioners to restart the committee. I'm not asking anyone to do the work—I'll do that—, but I need committee members to regularly review (i.e., quarterly) parish finances. Certain actions require consent of the Parish Finance Committee. In addition, the pastor needs to make an accounting of all monies donated to the parish.
8. Similarly, I'm asking for three or more parishioners to help restart the Parish Council. Certain actions require consent of both the Finance Committee and Parish Council.
9. Within the next few weeks I will establish Rectory Office Hours similar to all other parishes in the deanery.

REQUESTED

1. Please let me know if you would like any activity brought into the life of the parish. (Weekly adoration has already been suggested!) Day? Time?
2. Sacramental Confession is offered for the half-hour prior to the start of the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass. There's usually a half-hour before the end of confessions and the start of Mass. I'm open to suggestions for more making the sacrament more available and convenient at both churches.

The parish will offer a Thanksgiving Day Mass. The time and location will be posted next weekend.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

PARABLE MAGAZINE [the diocesan magazine] presents a PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI, July 16-24, 2025. Highlights will include: Rome's St John Lateran Basilica, St Mary Major Basilica, the Holy Stairs; St Paul Outside the Walls; the Catacombs; Assisi and the Basilica of St Francis; Vatican City (Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica and the Holy Door, Papal Audience, Papal Blessing in St Peter's Square). For more information:

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