

St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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603-821-5267

MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
Organ & Cantor

Sunday 7:00 AM
9:30 AM
Organ & Cantor

12:00 Noon
Organ & Choir
2nd Sunday - Latin Mass with Choir

Daily 12:05 PM

Latin Mass Saturday 8:00 AM



CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:30 AM

Tues. - Fri. 11:30 AM

Visit our website at:
www.stpatricksnashua.org

OFFICE HOURS

Parish

Monday ~ Thursday: 9:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Religious Education Office

(603) 882-5417

Email: faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com

Cemetery Office

(603) 881-8131

Monday ~ Thursday: 9:00 AM~3:00 PM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 12, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ Palm Sunday

4:00 PM Tillie Waisolonis
By Mary Doyle

Sunday, April 13, 2014 ~ Palm Sunday

7:00 AM Mildred Perry
By the Family

9:30 AM Rev. Thomas F. Crowe, 56th Anniv.
By Richard

12:00 PM Paul Murray
By his daughter Patricia Derr & Family

Monday, April 14, 2014

12:05 PM George P. Poly
By Frank and Ellen Matton

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

12:05 PM Ruth A. Murphy, 2nd Anniversary
By her sister, Mary Dunn

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

12:05 PM William Paré, 12th Anniversary
By Don and Theresa Paré

Thursday, April 17, 2014 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing
of Feet and Eucharistic Procession,
followed by Confession, and Silent
Adoration at the Repository

Friday, April 18, 2014 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM Ecumenical Prayer Service
at the Church of the Good Shepherd

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion,
Veneration of the Cross & Holy
Communion (followed by Confessions)

Saturday, April 19, 2014 ~ THE EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 20, 2014 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz
By the Family

9:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Priest's Intention

Note: No Confessions on Easter Sunday

Thank you for respecting God's Holy Presence by keeping mobile phones and other electronic devices outside of this Sacred Space.

Gifts for the Lord's Work

Weekend of April 5/6

From 224 Envelope Users:	\$ 6,452.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 1,724.12
Cash:	\$ 1,716.00
Electronic Giving Users (23):	\$ 881.00
Total Collection	\$10,773.12

Mass Attendance : 932

St. Vincent de Paul

Week of April 5/6 \$ 674.00

Poor Box money is used to assist the needy who approach our parish for meals, gas and groceries. Indirect assistance is provided through funds given to several local charities, including the Corpus Christi Food Pantry and the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. None of this money is used for parish expenses. Your continuing generosity allows our parish to fulfill the Lord's command to help "the least of my brothers and sisters."

THANK YOU!

Holy Week Collections

During Holy Week, we have two traditional collections that require explanation.

On **Holy Thursday** the entire collection at the evening Mass is transferred to our parish St. Vincent De Paul Society, which provides much assistance to the poor and needy who come our way. This seems fitting because the rite of foot washing, which occurs at Mass, is meant to foster the spirit of charity toward others. The ritual without the deeds of mercy seems quite empty. Hence, the collection allows each person to heed the Lord's command to imitate His act of personal service.

The collection received on **Good Friday** at the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Stations of the Cross goes to support the ancient Christian shrines in the Holy Land. A portion also supports the small and endangered Christian community that bravely resides in that region of the world. This custom of supporting the shrines is a longstanding practice in the Catholic Church.

On **Easter Sunday** and at the **Easter Vigil** we have our standard weekly collection. In the spirit of Easter joy, many people use this occasion to support St. Patrick's Parish with a very generous gift that exceeds their ordinary weekly contribution. The Easter Collection always helps us move toward a balanced budget. If you regularly use envelopes, please use the Easter envelope in your packet. Otherwise, please use the special envelope that was enclosed in your Easter mailing.

Thank you!

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

Upcoming Latin Masses

12:00 Noon

May 4, 2014

2nd Sunday after Easter

Saturday mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

April 12, 2014

Passiontide Feria II

April 19, 2014

HOLY SATURDAY

No 8:00 AM MASS

April 26, 2014

Easter Saturday

“Consoling the Heart of Jesus” Retreat Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a retreat entitled “Consoling the Heart of Jesus.” The retreat will take place on Saturday, April 19th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the St. Patrick Center and will conclude with a final dedication on the weekend of April 26 & 27 in celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy. For more information contact the Rectory at (603) 882-2262.

SISTER ELIZABETH'S BIBLE STUDY

Adults: Mondays & Tuesdays ~ 7:00-8:00 PM

Teens (Youth Group): Fridays ~ 7:00-9:00 PM

For information call Sr. Elizabeth at 882-0893 or 882-2262.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday/12:00 noon ~ 8:00 PM

43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

Understanding Catholicism

The Understanding Catholicism series continues on Sundays from 1:30-3:30pm in the parish center. The RCIA team facilitates the discussion series that gives anyone interested in the Catholic Faith a place to ask and answer questions about the Church. Upcoming topic: **4/13 The Mystery of the Cross.**

Questions? Email UCath.st.patrick@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 14, 2014

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

You are invited to join other NH Catholics in a statewide day of reconciliation. All parishes will open their doors to welcome you on Monday of Holy Week, April 14. St. Patrick Parish will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For a complete listing of participating parishes, visit our website www.catholicnh.org.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to open your heart and allow the Lord to fill it with grace.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who did so much work to prepare for Bishop Libasci's visit last Sunday. Everyone had a wonderful time at the post-Mass reception; and the combined choir, altar servers, and masters of ceremonies worked harmoniously to present to the Lord a very fitting worship on Passion Sunday. Bishop Libasci certainly enjoyed his time among us. Everyone's generous work, some seen and much unseen, is much appreciated.

Fr. Michael Kerper

Confirmed in the Holy Spirit

Congratulations to our Confirmandi who were Confirmed on Sunday, March 30th!

Jocelyn Chaput

Jon D'Ortona

Jake Emmons

Christopher Geis

Jonathan Geis

Alexander Glavin

Cameron Jackson

Riley Murray

Bradford Nadeau

Heather Roscoe

Kathryn Stoncius

Christine Tringali

Irelynne West

Please remember them in prayer.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11907 The Reverend Martin T. Kelly Scholarship

Council 11907 will be offering a \$500.00 scholarship to Catholic students who will graduate this year and are members of St. Patrick Parish, St. Christopher Parish or are sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters (including step and foster) of current members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11907.

Fr. Kelly was the Pastor of St. Patrick Parish from 1992 until he entered eternal life in 2011. Prior to his ordination as a Roman Catholic Priest, Fr. Kelly taught Latin for the Nashua School District at Nashua High School. The members of Council 11907 find it fitting to offer this scholarship to a graduating senior in Fr. Kelly's memory.

The following information must be received no later than April 19, 2014: (Registrations are on the parish website)

1. Completed Application
2. Copy of applicants high school transcripts (including SAT scores if applicable)
3. Summary of extracurricular and community activities for at least the last year (this can include jobs and volunteer positions)
4. Minimum of one page essay covering the following:
 - A. Why do you wish to attend college?
 - B. How are your future goals related to your Catholic faith? (What being Catholic means to you).
 - C. What the principles of the Knights of Columbus mean to you? (the principles of the Order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism).

Return completed applications to: Robert Everett, 220 Derry Rd., #40, Hudson, NH 03051-6620. Telephone (603) 229-7319.

Men of St. Joseph Forming

On Saturday, April 26, we will have a "start up" meeting to assess the possibility of forming a local "Men of St. Joseph" group here at St. Patrick's. The Men of St. Joseph is a group that provides regular opportunities for Catholic men to come together for informal fellowship, prayer, and mutual support in the faith. Interested men are invited to meet in the Parish Center after the 8:00 AM Mass. We will provide coffee and light refreshments.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

All Catholics from the day following their fourteenth birthday, are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent regardless of age.

Catholics, from the day following their eighteenth birthday until the day following their fifty-ninth birthday, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days only one full meal may be taken; no eating between meals is allowed. Food may be taken on two other occasions during the day, but the combined total must not equal a full meal. Liquids (frappes and milk shakes are not considered liquids) do not break the fast. Those whose health truly does not permit fast or abstinence are excused.

Community News

CHRISM MASS - ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM

Corner of Lowell and Pine Streets, Manchester, NH

RSVP by April 8, 2014

Please join the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester and the priests in the diocese for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass. These oils will be distributed among the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Manchester for use during the next year. At this special Mass, all priests will be given the opportunity to renew their priestly promises during the Liturgy. General seating is available for those who would like to attend. For more information : www.Catholicnh.org.

NH CATHOLIC YOUTHFEST

St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH

Saturday, May 3, 2014 ~ 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Cost: \$30 if registered by April 19th; \$45 after April 19th. Youthfest is open to students in grades 6 through 12. To register, please call Sr. Elizabeth at 603-882-0893 or email her at: sister.elizabeth@ymail.com.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Interfaith Observance

Monday, April 28, 2014 ~ 7:00 PM

Rivier University Dion Center Reception Rm. 16

Featured Speaker: Thomas Doherty, Ph.D.

Brandeis professor, historian & author

This event, sponsored by Temple Beth Abraham and Rivier University is free and open to the public.

MARIAN MASS AND BREAKFAST

The NH Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the diocese to participate in the Marian Mass on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. At 7:30 AM we will pray the Rosary and Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM with Bishop Libasci presiding. A catered hot breakfast will follow Mass and is \$10 per person. For more information, visit us on the web at marian2014.eventbrite.com Download Flyer.

ST. PATRICK & HOLY CROSS CEMETERIES



St. Patrick Parish has two beautiful cemeteries located in Hudson, NH - St. Patrick Cemetery on Derry Road and Holy Cross Cemetery on Ledge Road. For more information on available lots, please contact Margie Gray at 881-8131.

Worshipping the Wood of the Cross?

At the solemn liturgy on Good Friday, the priest holds the Cross aloft and three times sings, “This is the wood of the Cross.” The choir responds, “Come let us worship.” For many, this direct focus on the “wood” seems strange, even a bit idolatrous. After all, do we not worship God alone, not wood?

Here we must understand the “wood” as the visible manifestation of God’s merciful desire to save humanity. Hence, the “worship” of the Cross actually reaches God; it does not terminate in the “thing.”

We discover the richer and broader meaning of the “wood” by examining the beautiful Latin hymn which begins with the words “*Pange lingua.*” This hymn, written by a man named Fortunatus in the 6th century, has been part of the classical Latin liturgy for many centuries. In his hymn, Fortunatus mentions three forms of the wood.

First, he includes a beautiful reference to the manger, obviously constructed from wood. As Jesus emerges from the womb of His mother, His flesh immediately contacts wood, a foreshadowing of the “wood of the Cross.” To reinforce the connection with the Passion, Fortunatus describes Mary’s act of wrapping His body in “a tight-drawn band that fastens the hands and feet of God.” Here we have an image of the Jewish burial custom of wrapping corpses in strips of cloth. What Mary did on the day of His birth before placing him on the wood of the manger, she will repeat when His dead body is removed from the wood of the cross.

Second, Fortunatus focuses much attention to the “wood of the Cross,” but he “personalizes” the tree, addressing it as if it could hear his words and respond. The tree is not viewed as an enemy of Christ. Instead, Fortunatus praises it as “noble in its glory among all other trees.” The tree willingly accepts its task as the instrument of death, but it also serves as the grand throne from which the Savior rules as King. Likewise, Fortunatus speaks of the nails as “loving” because they held the body of Christ in place so that He could complete the plan of salvation.

Third, Fortunatus points to yet another wooden object: Noah’s ark! Addressing the wood of the Cross, Fortunatus says, “You alone were worthy to bear the victim of the world and, *like the ark*, to give shelter to a shipwrecked world – an ark which the sacred blood, poured from the body of the Lamb, has anointed.” Here we have a recollection of God’s saving will manifested by His rescuing of Noah and his family. Noah’s wooden ark saved a small segment of humanity; through the wood of the Cross the Lord offers salvation to all.

This ancient Latin hymn helps us to look at the Cross in a new way. Though Divine love culminates in the historical death of Christ, the wood of the Cross manifests the infinite love of God that extends endlessly backwards and forward. When we “worship” the Cross, then, we really worship God, who is love.

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