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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

29 Spring St., Nashua, NH 03060  
Tel. 603-882-2262 Fax: 603-577-9817

*Website: [www.stpatricksnashua.org](http://www.stpatricksnashua.org)*

## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

**Rev. John Healey**  
Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper  
Kelly Lockwood, Rel. Education  
Gary McDonald, Music Director

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
*Help for those in Need*  
Tel. 603-821-5267

### Mass Schedule

Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)  
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)  
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

### Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Sat: 8:00 AM  
Second Sunday of each Month  
at 12:00 PM

### Confession

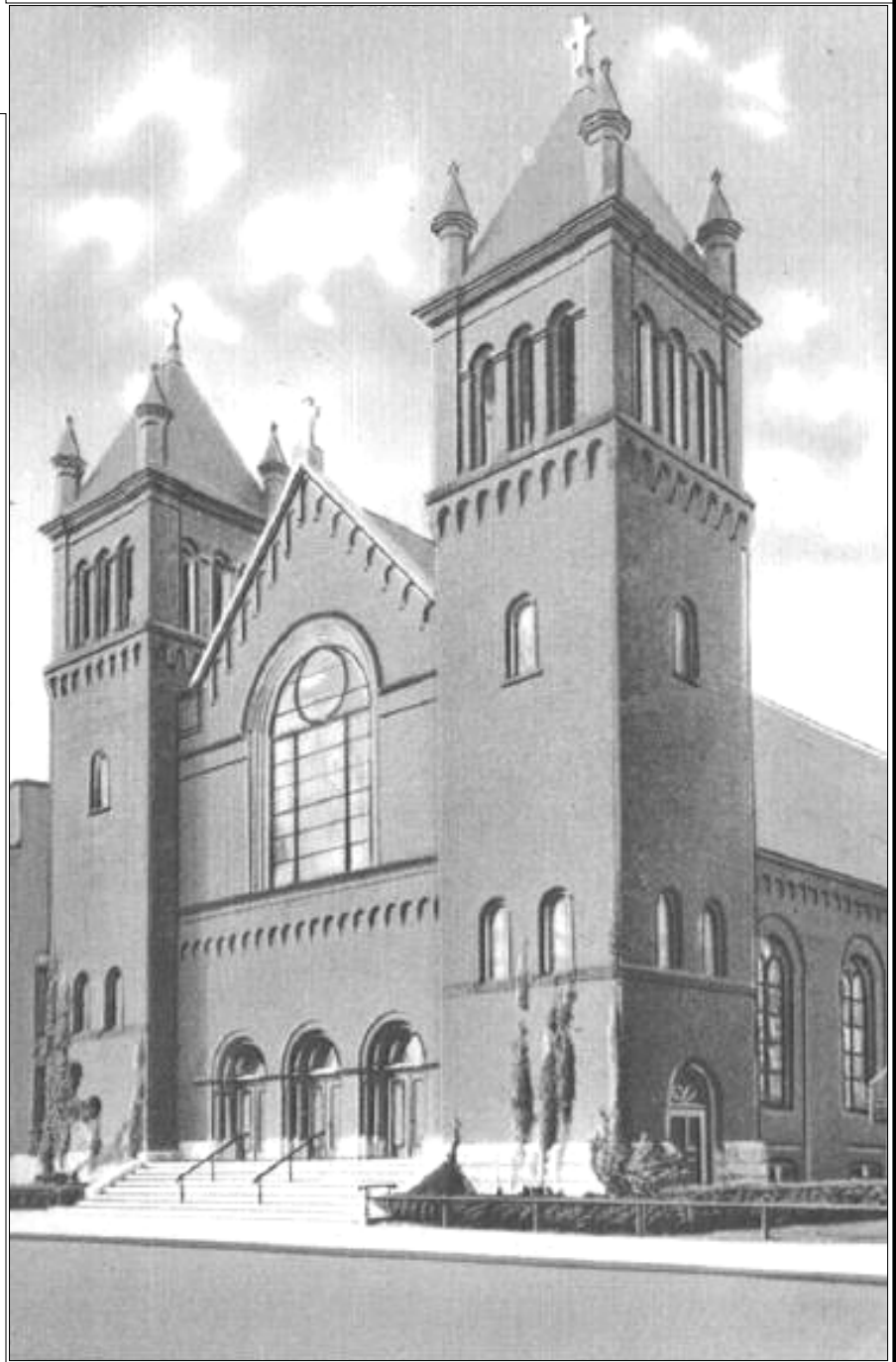
Sat.: 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Fri. - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### Cemetery Office

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Tel. 603-881-8131



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
& INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015- Vigil - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM      **Rita Shugrue**  
By Mary Downey

**Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM      **George Shuman**  
By his sister-in-law, Elona Lucas

9:30 AM      **Katherine McCarthy &  
Rita McCarthy Meehan**  
By the Family

12:00 PM     **The People of the Parish**

**Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 - The Presentation of the Lord**

12:05 PM     **Harlan MacDonald**  
By Ray Chagnon

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 - St. Blasé & St. Ansgar**

12:05 PM     **Francis Sylvester, Anna Brennan,  
& Roy Parker**  
By Diane Sylvester & Mary Parker

**Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015**

12:05 PM     **Olivette C. Lemire, 9th Anniversary**  
By her nephew Richard

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015 ~ St. Agatha**

12:05 PM     **Sam Giordano**  
By Ray Chagnon

**Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 ~ St. Paul Miki & Companions**

12:05 PM     **Priest's Intention**

**Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015- Vigil - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM      **Phyllis Guisso**  
By her son, Lazarus Guisso

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM      **Andrew & Gloris Palanski**  
By Kevin & Susan Palanski

9:30 AM      **Cornelius L. Hanafin**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM     **Tom McGreevy**  
By Jack McGreevy

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

***GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK***

Weekend of January 24 & 25, 2015

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| From (127) Envelope Users:    | \$4,399.25        |
| From All Others - Checks:     | \$ 868.12         |
| - Cash:                       | \$1,283.00        |
| Electronic Giving Users ( 13) | \$ 486.00         |
| <b>Total Collection</b>       | <b>\$7,036.37</b> |

**Mass Count: 576**

**Seminarian Fund:**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Previous Total</b>   | \$2,269.00        |
| Jan. 25/25, 2015 Total: | \$ 180.00         |
| <b>Grand Total:</b>     | <b>\$2,449.00</b> |

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of Jan. 24/25, 2015      \$468.00

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!**

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (22-32)

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**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 603-881-8131.

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon
Sunday, February 8, 2015
Sexagesima Sunday
Sunday, March 8, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent II

Saturday Mornings
8:00 AM
(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

February 7, 2015
St. Romuald

February 14, 2015
St. Valentine

February 21, 2015
Saturday after Ash Wednesday II

February 28, 2015
Ember Saturday II

March 7, 2015
Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 14, 2015
Feria of Lent II

March 21, 2015
Feria of Lent II

March 28, 2015
Passiontide Feria

LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) in Latin and English are available for purchase for \$50.00. Contact Jack McGreevy at 603-888-5824 for more information or to obtain your missal.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass. All who are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick are welcome to receive it at that time. If you know of someone who is in declining health and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 603-882-2262 to schedule an appointment.

Blessing of Throats

In keeping with ancient custom, we will have the collective blessing of throats at the conclusion of the weekend Masses on January 31/February 1, the weekend closest to the memorial of St. Blase. The individual blessing of throats will be offered during the 12:05 Mass on Tuesday, February 3, the actual feast of St. Blaise.

Meetings with Ushers

Fr. Kerper requests that all ushers remain after the weekend Masses on February 7/8 for a brief meeting. During these meetings we will review the procedures for handling and securing the collection. Also, we need more ushers (men and women). Please consider offering your services. We will meet in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

UPDATED ADDRESS INFORMATION

St. Patrick Parish is in the process of installing a new parish database program. If you have not received the recent mailings we have sent out and want to ensure receipt of future mailings, please fill out the form below and return it to St. Patrick Church, 29 Spring St., Nashua, NH 03060 Attn: Rosemary Daly, or you can drop it in the offertory basket at Mass.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ST. PATRICK PARISH MOST HOLY TRINITY RETREAT

St. Patrick Parish invites all to attend a retreat contemplating the wonder and wisdom of the Most Holy Trinity. The source for the retreat is the Marians of Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge, MA. The retreat will be offered on 11 consecutive Saturday mornings beginning on Saturday, March 21, 2015 through May 30, 2015. The final meeting will take place on the morning of the Vigil of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

All sessions will be held in the Parish Center on Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 11:00 AM. The cost for the retreat (including materials) is \$40.00. (\$30.00 if retreatant already owns the primary reading material).

To register for the retreat, please complete the following form and send it, as well as your check made out to Mr. John Kiely, 8 Louisburg Square, #6, Nashua, NH 03060.

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### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

## Community News

### OPEN HOUSE AT NASHUA CATHOLIC 6 Bartlett Ave., Nashua, NH 03064 Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Nashua Catholic is a vibrant Christ-centered 7th and 8th grade junior high school, challenging students to raise their personal expectations from classroom to playing field each day. Interscholastic athletics provide a wide variety of opportunity for our student athletes. A broad spectrum of extra-curricular activities includes clubs from drama to chess, Mathcounts to writing, service to Minecraft. Nashua busing is available. Nashua Catholic is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Call Mary Kirkwood, Admissions Coordinator, for more information. Tel. 603-882-7011. Website: [www.ncrjhs.org](http://www.ncrjhs.org).

## Saint Francis of Assisi School

Winter Open House Schedule  
Saturday, February 7th at 9:45am  
Thursday, February 12th at 6:00pm

We are a joyfully and authentically Catholic elementary school situated on a beautiful 14-acre campus. Experience the Peace of Christ! For more information visit us at: [www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call (603) 424-3312.

## ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL 20 Cushing Ave., Nashua, NH 03064

Are you interested in a St. Christopher School education for your child? Applications are being accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year. We invite you to meet our students and teachers, see our building, and learn all that St. Chris has to offer your child. For more information about Open Houses or to schedule a tour of our facilities, call Jackie Langenfeld at 603-882-7442, ext. 114.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND April 10-12, 2015

Come to a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*<sup>TM</sup> weekend in southern Maine, April 10-12, ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Enjoy a private room for two overnights. Come experience, through Scripture, the profound mercy and love of God. Pre-registration is needed. Registration deadline is Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

For information visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) To discuss registration or for additional information, contact **Annette Rioux** at 207-321-7885; or email [Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org)

## World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage and Papal Mass

The 8th World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22 to 27, 2015. Pope Francis will celebrate a public Mass on Sunday, September 27. The Diocese of Manchester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the World Meeting and Papal Mass. Families and those who minister to families can join others from around the country and the world to explore issues that affect family life. For information and pilgrimage details visit [www.catholicnh.org/wmof](http://www.catholicnh.org/wmof).

## **NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR CAMPS FATIMA & BERNADETTE**

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting online registrations for the 2015 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15.

For more information or to request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email [mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org](mailto:mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org). You can also visit us at [www.campsfatimabernadette.org](http://www.campsfatimabernadette.org).

## **CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**


Corpus Christi Food Pantry is collecting **non-perishable items** such as canned meat, vegetables, peanut butter, tomato sauce, pasta and rice, and toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant. The need is great, especially at this time of year. Please drop off donations in the back of the church in the vestibule during Mass times. Thank you for your support! Questions? Call Susan Dignan, Corpus Christi Food Pantry Program Director at 882-6372.

### **2015 Saint Martin de Porres Award Call for Nominations Deadline February 20, 2015**

The Guild of Catholic Healthcare Professionals currently is accepting nominations for the Saint Martin de Porres Award, which recognizes an individual who has exemplified the virtues of Catholic healthcare in her or his career as a healthcare professional. The recipient will be recognized following the annual White Mass on April 22, 2015. Nominations are due by February 20, 2015. For more information, visit [www.catholicnh.org/whitemass](http://www.catholicnh.org/whitemass).

### **Men of St. Joseph Mass and Breakfast**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all men of the Diocese to honor our Patron, St. Joseph, at a special Mass and breakfast on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Seating for Mass is open, and no registration is required. Seating for breakfast is limited to the first 250 registrants. Register on-line at [mensbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com](http://mensbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com) and the cost is \$9.00. For more information contact Bill Donroe at 432-6066 or [bdonroe@comcast.net](mailto:bdonroe@comcast.net).



**WAKE UP THE WORLD!**  
— 2015 Year of Consecrated Life —

“Together let us thank the Father, who called us to follow Jesus by fully embracing the Gospel and serving the Church, and poured into our hearts the Holy Spirit, the source of our joy and our witness to God’s love and mercy before the world.” (Pope Francis) Come see the gift that is worth celebrating! Visit us at: [catholicnh.org/religious](http://catholicnh.org/religious)

### **Annual Lenten Morning Reflection Breakfast for Catholic Women**

The NH Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all the women of the Diocese to a Lenten Morning Reflection Breakfast on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at St. Mary Parish in Rochester. Presenter Soha Menassa, Project Manager for Catholic Relief Services Lebanon, will tell stories of how Catholics are helping Syrians in the midst of the humanitarian crisis in their country and in neighboring countries. The morning includes Rosary, breakfast, and the presentation. Cost is \$10. Register online at [lentbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com](http://lentbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com). For more information contact Mary Ellen Mahon at (603) 663-0159 or by email at [memahon@rcbm.org](mailto:memahon@rcbm.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

The Responsorial Psalm today says, “Teach me your ways, O Lord!” Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 13 - 15, 2015 and May 19 - 21, 2015. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

## *St. Blase and the Fourteen Holy Helpers*

Every year of February 3 the Church remembers St. Blase, best known as the saint invoked against throat problems. We know just three facts about him: first, he was born in the 3rd century; second, he became the bishop of Sebaste, Armenia; and third, he was executed sometime during the early 4th century. Despite the scarcity of facts, St. Blase became hugely popular in the Middle Ages because people remembered a *single act of kindness*. According to an old story, St. Blase once saved a young boy from choking on a fish bone. The boy's mother sought the bishop's intervention, he somehow acted, the bone was dislodged, and the boy's life was saved. To contemporary people this doesn't seem very spectacular, but it left a strong impression, so much so that St. Blase became the patron saint of throats. Hence, we have the very old custom of blessing throats on his annual feast day.

While the story of St. Blase is fairly well known, his membership in a band of saints called the "Fourteen Holy Helpers" is not. This group, also known as the "Auxiliaries," became hugely popular in the Middle Ages, especially among German-speaking Christians. It consists of 11 men and 3 women. Here's the complete list: George, Blase, Elmo, Pantaleon, Vitus, Christopher, Denys, Cyriacus, Acacius, Eustace, Giles, Margaret, Barbara, and Catherine of Alexandria. All died as martyrs, many of them directly faced down powerful political leaders, several lived as hermits, and many healed people, either physically or spiritually.

St. Pantaleon, also known as Panteleimon, is perhaps the best known and has the most fascinating story. According to the traditional story, he was born to an unbelieving father named Eustorgius and a Christian mother named Eubula. His mother took charge of his upbringing and raised him as a Christian. As a young man, he excelled in medical science, such as it was in the 3rd century, and soon became the personal physician to the Emperor.

Upon settling into his plush new job, Panteleon enjoyed the riotous lifestyle of the Emperor's court. As a result, he abandoned his Christian faith, much to the horror of his mother. After a time of unbelief, a Christian named Hermolaos "reconverted" Pantaleon, who then left his position with the Emperor, and did something quite shocking: he sold off his assets and began to provide *free health care!* This, of course, did not sit well with non-Christian physicians who quickly denounced him to the authorities. He was arrested, along with Hermolaos, and sentenced to death. But they had a tough time killing him. According to tradition, he survived 6 attempts to kill him, including drowning, burning, and being thrown to wild animals. (He did not survive decapitation.) Because of this, Eastern Christians bestowed on him the title "Great Martyr and Wonder Worker." More important, though, was his heroic generosity in treating people without charge. Indeed, this generosity fulfilled the meaning of his Greek name, Panteleon -- *Most Merciful One*, a truly godly term.

The medieval devotion to the Fourteen Holy Helpers taught people a key lesson: We are never alone with our troubles, physical or otherwise, because the Friends of God care for us always, even if we forget them.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*