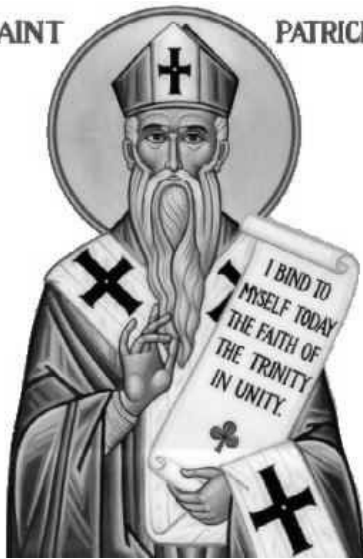


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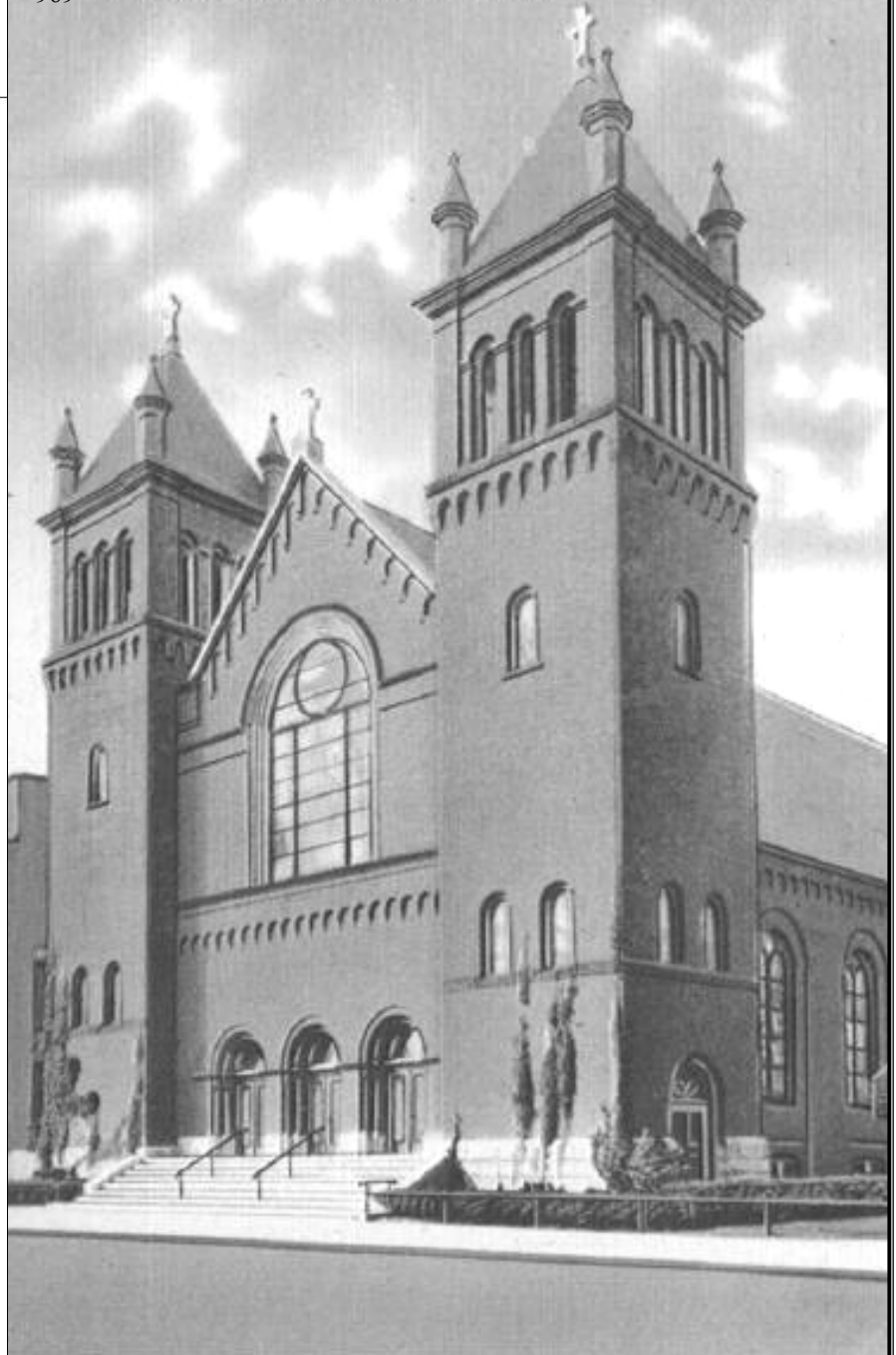
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Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper
Kelly Lockwood, Rel. Education
Gary McDonald, Music Director

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. 24, 2015 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:00 PM **Mary K. Sullivan**
By the Family

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

7:00 AM **Isabelle Pierce**
By Dennis & Lena Robert

9:30 AM **Albert Lucas**
By Elona Lucas

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

Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 - Sts. Timothy & Titus

12:05 PM **Todd Ketchum**
By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Trowbridge

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 - St. Angela Merici

12:05 PM **Philip T. Christ, Sr.**
By his daughter Kelly Shimmel

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015 - St. Thomas Aquinas

12:05 PM **Edith Morrison**
By Anne Reynolds

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015

12:05 PM **Laurette & Ralph St. Jean**
By Paul & Sandy Statz

Friday, Jan. 30, 2015

12:05 PM **Albert Lucas, 7th Anniversary**
By Elona Lucas

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**

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

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

January 25, 2015 through February 1, 2015

Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

TAX STATEMENTS

If you will need a tax statement listing your contributions to St. Patrick Parish for the year 2014, please contact the Rectory Office at 603-882-2262 and provide your name and address (and envelope number if available).

Please note that we maintain a record of contributions ONLY for individuals who are registered parishioners. There is no way we can track cash donations that are not in envelopes.

If you attend St. Patrick Church on a regular basis and do not currently receive envelopes but would like to in the future, please contact the office at the number listed above.

Tax statements for the 2014 year will be mailed automatically to those who requested them last year.

Tax statements will be mailed out by February 1st.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

ST. PATRICK PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Sunday mornings 10:45 to 11:45 AM
Monday evenings 7:00 to 8:15 PM
Discovering the Treasures of Jesus Christ Bible Course.
All sessions are held in the Center.

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.

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.

GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK

Week of January 18, 2015

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: From (183) Envelope Users: \$4,878.25; From All Others - Checks: \$1,323.12; - Cash: \$1,827.00; Total Collection: \$8,028.37

Seminarian Fund: \$2,269.00

St. Vincent de Paul
Week of January 18, 2015 \$549.00

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."

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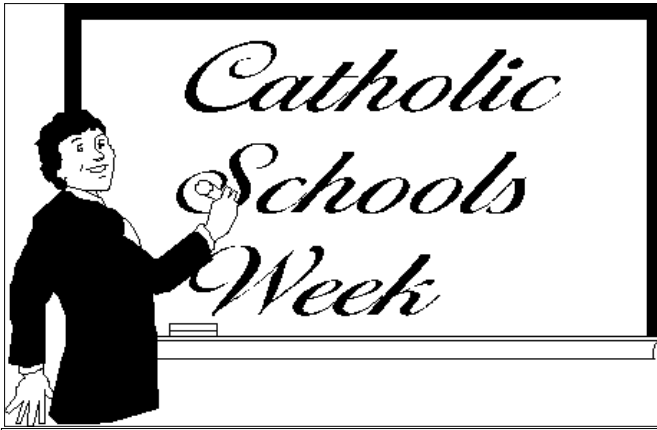
St. Patrick Parish would like to extend their thanks to the following priests who graciously filled in on short notice to cover Masses for Fr. Healey last week after his fall and subsequent surgery.

Our thanks go out to: Fr. Jason Jalbert, Fr. Patrick Gilbert, Fr. Richard Kelley, Fr. John Sledziona and Fr. Marcos Gonzalez. Your willingness to rearrange your schedules in order to assist us is greatly appreciated! Be assured of our continued prayers as you continue to perform your ministry as priests.

Annual Seminarian Collection

Through the remainder of January we will receive donations to the Annual Seminarian Collection. Envelope users will find a special envelope for this purpose in their packets. Everyone else is invited to use one of the special envelopes which can be found on the back tables and in the vestibule. This collection helps to fund the long and costly education of our seminarians who, we pray, will eventually be ordained for priestly service in our Diocese. Thank you!

Father Michael Kerper



Superintendent's Message

A blessed and joyous New Year!

Each year during the last week of January we observe Catholic Schools Week, a celebration of our wonderful and extraordinary heritage of Catholic education in parishes, towns, and cities across the nation. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 is "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Each school in the diocese will be celebrating the week in its own special way as we thank the Lord for the many graces and blessings which enable our schools to provide for the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical well-being of our students.

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: _____

REST IN PEACE

William Holland

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

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.

Saint Francis of Assisi School

Winter Open House Schedule

Sunday, January 25th at 12:15pm
(Science & Education Fair!)
 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 or call (603) 424-3312.

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. You can also visit us at 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.

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 and the cost is \$9.00. For more information contact Bill Donroe at 432-6066 or bdonroe@comcast.net.



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

“May the Gospel be the solid terrain where you advance with courage. Called to be ‘living exegesis’ of the Gospel, may that be, dear consecrated, the foundation and ultimate reference of your life and mission.” (Pope Francis) Come read the open Gospel in the lives of Consecrated Persons! Visit our website at 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. For more information contact Mary Ellen Mahon at (603) 663-0159 or by email at 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.

The Sign of Peace

Occasionally people who visit St. Patrick's ask: What happened to the sign of peace? We stopped doing it for two reasons. First, two year's ago the Diocese asked us to warn people about physical contact during the flu season. Rather than make such an announcement at every Mass, we just stopped the sign of peace and haven't restored it, except on a few occasions.

Second, our church holds 850 people. The average Mass has less than 200 people, widely scattered throughout the church. Many have no one nearby. In light of this it became obvious that we were not really following the rubrics. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: "It is appropriate, however, that each person offer the sign of peace only to those nearest and in a sober manner." Waving to someone 20 feet away doesn't seem to be a "sober" or reverent gesture. Quite the opposite. It can seem silly.

Those who wrote the rubrics surely foresaw a situation like ours, and so they made it optional. The relevant rubric states: "Then, if appropriate, the Deacon or the Priest, adds, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." Given the size of our church and the preference for scattering, the sign of peace does not seem appropriate – usually. For example, at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve we had the sign of peace because everyone had a neighbor. To omit it at that Mass, which had many visitors, would have seemed a little odd, even inappropriate.

Most people who have expressed an opinion about the sign of peace have favored dropping it, not primarily for hygienic reasons but because they felt that the waving, chatting, and so forth immediately before Holy Communion was somewhat irreverent.

Of course, some people don't like the sign of peace because they regard it as a post-Vatican II innovation. But it isn't. From the earliest times, the Eucharist has had a sign of peace. In its original form it was actually a true kiss, wet lips touching someone's face. Gradually, the kissing became somewhat awkward as the Church grew, even attracting some new members who were more interested in the kissing than the rest of Mass. In response, the kissing was shifted from the face to the hands of the nearest person. Eventually, the kiss of peace became completely "stylized" as a very stiff embrace among only bishops, priests, and deacon. It completely disappeared among the lay faithful. Hence, the sign of peace as we now have it is really a *restoration* of an old tradition, though in a modified form.

We must always remember that the sign of peace is not about sociability or "building community." Rather, it was always a symbolic affirmation of the need for reconciliation before daring to approach the altar for Holy Communion. At one time, the kiss of peace was exchanged at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful (Intercessions). It was placed there to signify that communal prayer should always conclude with mutual forgiveness. Eventually, it followed the Lord's Prayer as the symbolic response to the petition, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." For a long time, exchanging the kiss of peace was a necessary prerequisite for receiving Holy Communion.

In itself, the sign of peace is quite minor, indeed optional. Though we may dispense with the ritual, we may never put aside its true meaning: Reconciliation with enemies, especially easy. Keeping the Lord's commandment is not.

Fr. Michael Kerper