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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
*Help for those in Need*  
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**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)  
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, April 9, 2016 - Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM        **Joan B. Hayes**  
By the Telephone Operators  
Breakfast Group

**Sunday, April 10, 2016 ~ Third Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM        **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**  
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM        **Raymond Letendre**  
By Don and Terry Paré

12:00 PM       **Anne Murray**  
By Birthright of Southern NH

**Monday, April 11, 2016 ~ St. Stanislaus**

12:05 PM       **Stephen Guilfooy (father)  
and Stephen Guilfooy (son)**  
By the Dignan Family

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

12:05 PM       **Bradley Nessar**  
By Sharron Linehan

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016 ~ St. Martin I**

12:05 PM       **Lottie Jasinski**  
By the Family

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

12:05 PM       **Alice Downey**  
By the Family

**Friday, April 15, 2016**

12:05 PM       **William Paré**  
By Don and Terry Paré

**Saturday, April 16, 2016 - Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM        **Tillie Waisolonis**  
By Mary Doyle

**Sunday, April 17, 2016 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM        **Mildred Perry**  
By the Family

9:30 AM        **Kay and Gene Anderson**  
By Elona Lucas

12:00 PM       **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.*

**St. Patrick Dinner  
April 23, 2016  
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
in the St. Patrick Gym**

Please join us for food and fun! We'll eat BBQ pulled pork, BBQ chicken, Pasta, Chicken Fingers, sides, appetizers and deserts. There will be dancing, entertainment, kids activities and just getting to know each other better!

Dessert will be an ice cream sundae bar. If you'd like to donate a store bought dessert, it is welcome. The Health Department stipulates that everything we serve should be made in a Health Department Certified kitchen to protect the guests.

Tickets will be sold after the 4:00 PM, 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 12:00 noon Masses on April 9/10 and April 16/17. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Please purchase your tickets in the vestibule after these Masses. We want to insure we have enough food and don't oversell the gym space, so **ticket sales at the door are discouraged.** If you are unable to purchase tickets during the sales times and want to attend, please call and check that we are not sold out and make a reservation so we will know how many folks are attending. **Point of contact for more information is Janet Polaneczky, 603-930-5090.**

For the Year of Mercy, we will be collecting diapers for Birthright of Manchester. Other baby items are welcome. We'll collect during ticket sales and at the Dinner. Thank you in advance for assisting the many Mothers who are choosing LIFE!!!

*“Building on Our Past,  
Securing Our Future”*

**Capital Campaign continues:  
almost \$535,000 raised to date**

Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. To date we have raised just over \$535,000! While this progress is tremendous, we will not reach our goal of \$850,000 without your support.

If you have not decided on your gift to the campaign, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your pledge this week. Please review the suggested gift plans and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift as soon as possible! Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

**Campaign Pledge Reminders**

Campaign Pledge reminders will soon be mailed to parishioners who pledged to the capital campaign. Monthly reminders will be mailed around the 10th of each month. Quarterly reminders will be sent each January, April, July and October. Semi-Annual will be sent January and July. Annual reminders will be mailed each December (allowing for year-end gifts). You may also make payments at your convenience or on the anniversary of your pledge.

Please be sure to include your payment coupon along with your check to ensure proper credit to the capital campaign. If there is an error with your statement, please make a note of it and your account will be updated.

**Thank you!**

***GIFTS FOR THE LORD’S WORK***  
**Weekend of April 2 and 3**

From (189) Envelope Users:	\$5,235.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,182.60
- Cash:	\$1,812.00
Electronic Giving Users (23)	\$1,055.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,284.60</b>

**Mass Count: 750**

Previous Easter Offerings	\$23,738.46
Easter Offering 4/3/16	\$ 600.00
<b>Total Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$24,338.46</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Weekend of April 2 and 3 \$493.00

Poor Box money is used to assist people in temporary need who approach our Parish for financial assistance with clothing, food, utilities, rent, prescriptions, etc. Indirect assistance is also provided through funds given to several local charities, including the Corpus Christi Food Pantry and the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Donations are never used for parish expenses. Your continuing contributions allow our Parish to fulfill the Lord’s command to help “the least of my brothers and sisters.”

Our St. Vincent de Paul members conduct confidential personal visits to provide spiritual and financial support as necessary. If you know of persons, either in or outside the Parish, who might benefit from our assistance, please encourage them to call our dedicated phone line at 821-5267.

**Thank you!**

**Annual Mission Appeal**  
**April 9 - 10 , 2016**

This weekend, Fr. Patrick McIntyre will be with us for our annual mission appeal. Fr. McIntyre works with the Society of St. James, which Richard Cardinal Cushing established in 1958. The Society consists of diocesan priests who volunteer for a minimum of five years to work in Latin America. As in the past, we will pass the basket a second time for those who would like to support this very worthy group of priests. We will also receive offerings through the month of April. Please place your gift in an envelope marked “Mission Appeal” and place it in the basket or drop it at the rectory. St. Patrick’s parish always responds very generously to these appeals. Thank you!

**Easter Vigil**  
**Baptized in Christ**  
Kevin S. Gilbert  
Dimple Demavivas Arambuld  
Matthew Dylan Fontanez

**Received into the  
Full Communion  
of the Catholic Church**  
John Burnham  
Clark Ingram

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**Baptized in Christ**  
Charlotte May King  
March 20, 2016

Amelia Mary Schwartz  
March 27, 2016

Camille Janiak  
April 3, 2016

## **UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon  
Sunday, May 8, 2016  
**Sunday after the Ascension**

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

April 16, 2016  
**Saturday of Our Lady**

April 23, 2016  
**Saturday of Our Lady**

April 30, 2016  
**St. Catherine of Siena**

May 7, 2016  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

May 14, 2016  
**Vigil of Pentecost**

May 21, 2016  
**Ember Saturday of Pentecost**

May 28, 2016  
**St. Augustine of Canterbury**

## **Music & Texts for Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM**

**Liturgy of the Word** Missalette

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 127 - 130

**Collegeville Hymnal**

**Processional:** # 280 Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the  
Holy Anthem Rise

**Communion Antiphon:** Pg. 130

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the break-  
ing of the bread, alleluia. Jn 21:12-13

**Recessional:** #289 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

## **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Thank you for your generous contributions to our  
Easter Flower Fund. Donations continue to come in.  
We will print a **COMPLETE** list of donors (including  
names already published) at **PENTECOST** so that  
everyone is represented.

Please forgive any misspellings of names. Hand-  
writing on the envelopes can be difficult to discern.  
We thank you for your contribution.

## **Knights of Columbus Rev. Martin T. Kelly Scholarship Applications Being Accepted through April 22**

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 is accepting  
applications for its annual Rev. Martin T. Kelly Schol-  
arship. Applications may be picked up at either the St.  
Christopher or St. Patrick rectories or by contacting Dep-  
uty Grand Knight Robert Everett at (603) 229-7319 or  
[rje7@hotmail.com](mailto:rje7@hotmail.com). Please put Rev. Martin T. Kelly  
Scholarship in the subject line. All applications must be  
received no later than April 22, 2016.

## **ST. PATRICK & HOLY CROSS CEMETERIES**



St. Patrick Parish has two beautiful ceme-  
teries located in Hudson, NH - St. Patrick  
Cemetery on Derry Road and Holy Cross  
Cemetery on Ledge Road. For more infor-  
mation on available lots, please contact  
Margie Gray at 603-881-8131.

## THANK YOU!

The proper celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter requires much planning, coordination, and physical labor. Many good people at St. Patrick's gave an enormous amount of time to organize the worship of the Lord during Holy Week and Easter. Their generosity, creativity, patience, and simple joy are great blessings to our parish. Without them our worship would be impoverished and chaotic. I am greatly indebted to them for all that they do. May the Risen Lord bless them abundantly for their service to Him!

Fr. Michael Kerper

## WEEKLY READINGS

April 11 through April 17

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Below is a list of Parish meetings being held in the Parish Center this week. (PAL uses the gym Monday through Saturday, unless otherwise arranged in advance).

- **Sunday, April 10:** Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 in Classrooms 1 - 4 and outer Gym area.
- **Monday, April 11:** Religious Education Classes Grades 7 - 12 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer Gym area.
- **Thursday, April 14:** Outreach meets in Classroom 1 at 7:00 PM
- **Thursday, April 14:** Boy Scouts meet in Classrooms 3 and 4 at 6:30 PM

Please note: Schedule is subject to change. To schedule a meeting or an event in the Center, please contact Rosemary Daly in the Office at 603-882-2262.

## ELDER CARE FAIR

**Saturday, April 16 - 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon**  
Immaculate Conception Parish Gathering Hall

Come learn how to plan for a safe future for you or a loved one. Topics will cover the spectrum from stay-at-home services to long-term care. Keynote speaker is Kathi Rice-Orshak, VP Mission Integration and Ethics, St. Joseph Hospital. Please join us on Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon in the parish center. A continental breakfast will be served. The program is free and open to the public. Please call 888-0321 to register.

## K of C Annual Pro-Life Seminar

**April 17, 2016 - 12:00 to 4:00 PM**  
St. Joseph Cathedral, Church Hall  
Manchester, NH

Come and hear guest speaker, Dr. Ryan Topping, professor at Thomas More College in Merrimack, lecture on "The Christian Family: the Key to Building a Culture of Life." Luncheon will be provided by the Daughters of Isabella. A free will offering will be accepted. Registration deadline for the luncheon and seminar is Wednesday, April 15, 2016. Please contact Ron DiStasio at (603)595-7837 or by email at rddistasio@comcast.net for more information.

## It's All About Love Concert

You are invited to join us for a concert called **It's All About Love**, with soprano **Marie-Line Morin**, accompanied by pianists Lucille Fortin and Jan Boredeau, on Saturday, **April 30**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **St. Anthony of Padua Church** in Manchester. Dr. Morin will sing sacred, classical and popular songs, including French songs, while sharing reflections about her journey as a French Canadian immigrant. Professor at Laval University in Quebec, she recently came to the U.S. to care for two of her siblings having a disability, which led to a Listening Ministry project, associated with the Institute of Psychoreligious Counseling that she founded. Suggested donation: \$20 per person, will benefit this project. Details at: <http://bit.ly/1V9W2Sk>

## Corpus Christi Chapel Adoration

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday ~ 12 - 8 PM  
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

## Sacrament of the Sick

Offered every Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass. For individual arrangements call the office at 603-882-2262.

## *Divine Mercy Sunday and “Private Revelation”*

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the Feast of Divine Mercy, which now coincides with the Second Sunday of Easter. After Pope St. John Paul II formally established the feast, the Church decided to keep the prayers and readings of Easter II in place.

Pope St. John Paul’s decision to establish the feast was extraordinary because the Divine Mercy Devotion originated in the *private revelation* received by St. Faustina in the 1930’s.

The term *private revelation* refers to spiritual experiences – visions, spoken words (also called locutions), and miraculous occurrences – given to individual believers *after* the death of the last apostle, the so-called “closing of public revelation.” These occasions of *private* revelation never add anything to *public* revelation – the core of our faith as reflected in Sacred Scripture and the constant teaching of the church.

So, what’s the point of having private revelation if it doesn’t add anything? In some respects, private revelation is related to the charism of prophecy. The Hebrew prophets drew people’s attention to forgotten or subdued aspects of God’s *public* revelation. In a similar way, recipients of private revelation emphasize some particular part of God’s overall message. In the case of St. Faustina, her mystical writings and associated devotions all stress the unfathomable mystery of Divine Mercy.

Private revelation is intimately tied up with the particular concerns of specific historical periods. In its core, genuine private revelation always repeats standard biblical teaching, but it does so with language and images attuned to a specific era. As such, devotions linked to private revelation arise, become popular, and sometimes completely disappear. Take devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which emerged from the spiritual experiences of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. At one time almost every Catholic Church had an image of the Sacred Heart and many people practiced First Friday devotions. Now almost no one keeps the nine First Fridays and in newer churches one almost never sees the Sacred Heart. The devotion served its purpose and has now declined.

The Divine Mercy Devotion emerged within the historical conditions of the 1930’s, a time marked by endless war, economic disaster, deep pessimism about the prospects for humanity, and growing doubt about the very existence of a loving God. Moreover, many people still envisioned the Lord as a vengeful and distant judge who granted salvation to very few people. In light of the terrible situation in Europe, especially in St. Faustina’s own homeland of Poland, the Divine Mercy Devotion flourished because it provided consolation and hope to suffering people. Like the prophetic movement of ancient Israel, the Divine Mercy Devotion corrected an unbalanced view of Christ as an “angry God.”

How should we regard private revelation? While always admitting its possibility, the church never requires anyone to believe any private revelation, even when transmitted by canonized saints. This position rests on two points. First, *public* revelation needs no supplement. All that we need to know has already been revealed. Second, private revelation gets filtered through human beings who can make theological mistakes. There are no instances of absolutely “infallible” private revelation.

In the case of the Divine Mercy Devotion, one finds nothing really new, just the simple and beautiful reaffirmation that Mercy is God’s greatest attribute. The Easter Octave is the perfect day for the Feast of Divine Mercy, which has become brilliantly visible through the Easter Mystery: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*