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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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 15, 2017 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM **People of the Parish**

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

Monday, April 17, 2017 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM **William Paré, 15th Anniversary**
By Terry and Don Paré

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM **Gordon & Ruby Hey**
By the Family

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM **Anet Garneau**
By Estelle Gosselin

Thursday, April 20, 2017 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM **Rita Lavoie**
By Clay & Kathy Rush

Friday, April 21, 2017 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

12:00 PM **In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi**
By Jose Padilla

Saturday, April 22, 2017 - Vigil - Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 PM **Kay & Gene Anderson**
By Elona Lucas

Sunday, April 23, 2017 -

7:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Ennis Family (Matt Sr., Matt Jr, Florence and Priscilla)**
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **George T. Hanafin**
By The Provost Family

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.

GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK
Weekend of April 8 & 9

Due to the Easter Holiday print schedule, offertory information for the weekend of April 8 and 9, 2017 was not available. Offertory information for April 8 & 9 will be available in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

A list of Easter Flower donors will be published on the weekend of May 27th. To ensure that your donation appears in the published list, please be sure to have your flower donations submitted to the office no later than Monday, May 22, 2017. Thank you.

**Faith Formation Registration
for 2017-2018**

This year we will be conducting registration for next year's Faith Formation class in April 2017. Registration forms and fees will be due to the Rectory, to the attention of the Faith Formation office **by April 30**, in order to reserve your child's spot in the program. The forms can also be submitted during class by that date. Registration forms will be in the back of the Church, as well as sent home to currently registered students. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks!



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The **Rev. Martin Kelly Scholarship** applications are now available for graduating H.S. Seniors who are parishioners of St. Patrick or St. Christopher Parishes. Completed applications must be received no later than Friday, April 21, 2017. For more information contact: Rob Everett, Grand Knight, at (603) 229-7319 or rje7@hotmail.com.

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.

Current Special Collections

At St. Patrick's we do not pass the basket for second collections. Instead, we invite people to consider the many appeals that come before us during the year. Currently we are receiving offerings for the following purposes:

St. Patrick's Capital Campaign

St. Patrick Parish received **\$901.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of April 1 and 2. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

Support for the Holy Land Shrines

We will receive donations for the Holy Land Shrines from Good Friday to May 1. Please put your offering in an envelope marked "Shrines."

**Annual Divine Mercy Sunday
Family Celebration**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017 – 10:30 AM
in the Gym at the Parish Center**

All Parish members are welcome to join the Faith Formation Program! We will enjoy faith, food and fellowship to include praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy after sharing in a pancake breakfast! While this is required for all students and families in the Faith Formation Program, all parishioners are welcome!

**Mass for the Healing of
Those Affected by Child Abuse**

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, Bishop Peter A. Libasci, D.D., and the Diocesan Safe Environment Council cordially invite all the Catholic faithful to a special Mass on Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we pray for all those who were abused as children, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 180 Loudon Road, Concord, NH and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, LICSW, Director, Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at jnaff@rcbm.org or 669-3100 Ext. 110.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

May 14, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Easter

(Missa Cantata)

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

April 22, 2017

Easter Saturday

April 29, 2017

St. Peter, Martyr

May 6, 2017

NO MASS

May 13, 2017

St. Robert Bellarmine

May 20, 2017

St. Bernadine of Sienna

May 27, 2017

St. Bede the Venerable

LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

1962 *Roman Catholic Daily Missals in Latin and English* are available for purchase for \$50.00. Contact Jack McGreevy at 603-888-5824 for more information.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, Call Father Jason Jalbert 663-0132, or write: jjalbert@rcbm.org.

REST IN PEACE

Muriel Descoteaux

Carol Miller

Ron Trudeau

ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

Immaculate Conception Parish
216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH
Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Keynote Speaker

Mrs. Pam Deres, MS RN, Manager
SJH Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center

Topics include: Navigating Medicare, Long Term Care, Advanced Directives, Blood Pressure Checks, Home Care Options, Senior Activities, and Memory Care. To register, contact the Immaculate Conception parish office at 603-888-0321. This event is free and open to the public.



ENGAGED COUPLE SEMINARS

Engaged Couple Seminars help couples prepare for marriage by opening doors of self-awareness (for example, looking at family of origin, spirituality, and beliefs about the roles spouses take on in marriage). Fundamental communication styles and preferences are named, discussed, and woven throughout a variety of subjects during the seminar, providing a rich source of information to refer back to as couples enter marriage. Engaged Couple Seminars also provide a place for couples to meet other couples - not only to share the experiences of engagement and planning a wedding, but also to share in the excitement and struggles that go along with planning for a life together.

The next scheduled Engaged Couple Seminar will be held at St. Kathryn's Parish, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**. The program begins at 9:00 AM and runs until 5:00 PM. Cost is \$125.00. Please call Holly Jenness at (603) 888-9779 or email EngagedCoupleSeminar@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA and Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWME.org.

Are you registered?

On Wednesday, April 5, we sent our annual Easter mailing to every household currently in our parish database. If you did not get a letter then you are not registered or we have an incorrect address.

Please let us know by putting the following coupon in the collection basket or sending it to the rectory. Thank you.

I am not registered. Please send me a form.

I am registered. Here is my correct address:

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Tel. No. _____

Cash, Checks, and E-Giving

In these changing times, cash and checks are becoming obsolete. This widespread trend has an impact on our parish. Banks, including ours, now prefer electronic “cashless” transactions.

In light of this remarkable change, we respectfully encourage everyone to consider using the “Bill Pay” service of their bank or credit union. This involves replacing cash or paper checks with an electronic check sent to St. Patrick Parish. Many already do this for their other recurring payments, such as cable TV, insurance premiums, and so on. It is a fairly easy process to add St. Patrick’s. Switching to electronic giving will help the parish in four ways:

- Saving money by eliminating costly church envelopes.
- Making it easier to generate documentation for tax purposes.
- Simplifying the complex process of counting loose cash in the weekly collection.
- Providing a stable flow of income uninterrupted by vacations and bad weather.

At the moment, about 10% of our income arrives in our bank account in some electronic form. Please take a look at your current on-line “Bill Pay” options and consider helping our parish adjust to the new ways of the banking system. Also, please take a look at the alternative on-line giving system on the parish website: www.stpatricksnashua.org.

Thanks for your generous and constant presence and support. *Please note that there is no obligation to participate in the online donation program.*

Fr. Michael Kerper

WEEKLY READINGS

April 16 to April 23

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Thinking About Remarriage

“Thinking about Remarriage” is a daylong program for couples where one or both were previously married and who are thinking about marriage or who are engaged to be married. This program helps couples take an in-depth look at and discuss major issues related to remarriage. The next session will be on May 20. Learn more at catholicnh.org/tar or contact Maureen Haas to register at (603) 669-3100, Ext. 195 or email Maureen at mhaas@rcbm.org.

4th Annual Catholic Literature Conference

“20th Century Catholic Literature”

Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

St. Peter’s Church,/Christ the King Parish
Concord, NH

Join us for a day of engaging and enlightening discussion of literary works from a Catholic perspective.

Speakers

Dr. Peter Kreeft:

A Canticle of Leibowitz:

The Greatest Science Fiction Novel of All Time

Joseph Pearce

Hilaire Belloc: Defender of the Faith

Dr. Amy Fahey

A Saga of Saints and Sinners

Sigrid Undset’s *Kristin Lavransdatter*

Fr. Michael Kerper

The Diary of a Country Priest

“An Anti-Depressant for Today’s Believing Catholics”

Tickets are \$25. Lunch is included. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2jEEuQQ>.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Easter Thoughts

In a lecture given 16 years ago, Jean-Luc Nancy, a somewhat prominent French philosopher, made a chilling statement about our age: "*The day will perhaps come... when we shall characterize all contemporary thinking as the slow and heavy gravitational movement around the black sun of atheism.*" The poetic phrase, "*the black sun of atheism,*" portends the gradual extension of pitch black unbelief into every sector of life. Perhaps you feel it in your own life; perhaps you see it within your own family. How does one respond to the onset of darkness emitted by "*the black sun of atheism*"?

Some respond by holding high the glorious image of the Risen Christ, an invincible hero dressed in dazzling gold, wearing a sparkling crown, threatening to wipe out the infidels once and for all. For sure, this image appeals to some. However, for those touched by *the black sun of atheism* it is unbelievable. And so it is, for the biblical reports of the Resurrection offer a very different image.

To begin with, no evangelist ever describes the Easter event directly. Instead we are offered just one faint -- yet powerful -- image: *the tiny flicker of morning light rising slowly from the darkness of night.* This image, common to all four gospels, appears in Luke as: *On day one of the week at the crack of dawn.*

Note two crucial details: 1) Jesus rises precisely at the *thin border* between night darkness and morning light; and 2) the gospels specify the precise day of his rising. Each detail is saturated with deep meaning.

First, the Resurrection of Jesus is not a single flash of light that forever wipes out all darkness. It does not. And if we propose such an image, we make the Easter event unbelievable for people *know* that darkness persists. Rather, we must always remember that Jesus rises up from *within* darkness and that darkness always remains in the background.

Almost all the recorded appearances of the Risen Christ happened amid darkness. The first and second appearances to the frightened apostles happened at night. The two disciples who met the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus did not recognize him until nightfall. And St. John describes the meeting between the Risen Christ and the apostles who were out fishing as having happened at the "crack of dawn," the border between darkness and light.

Why does the Risen Christ not cast out all darkness once and for all? The answer is found in the second detail: The Resurrection occurs on "*day one*" of the week. As such, it is not the end of the story, rather it begins something new. And the newness breaks in gradually because human eyes, accustomed to darkness and despair, need much time to adjust slowly to light and hope. The Risen Christ graciously accommodates Himself to our wounded humanity. And so He does *not* appear as a blazing fireball but as a small flickering light.

Samuel Beckett, the great Irish playwright, a man sometimes called an atheist, has an elegant text that inadvertently expresses the reality of the Risen Christ. Beckett, in his novel Malone Dies, wrote this: *A bright light is not necessary. A taper is all one needs to live in strangeness, if it faithfully burns.*

In the world today, seemingly under *the black sun of atheism*, the Risen One is not a bright light. However, he is a "taper" that "faithfully burns," thereby allowing us to live amidst much strangeness with endless hope and abundant joy. Happy Easter!

Fr. Michael Kerper