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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 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

Monday, April 18, 2016

12:05 PM Danny Thrapp
By the Aponovich Family

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

12:05 PM Dorothy Hurley
By Jeannette Putnam

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

12:05 PM Edward Thrapp
By the Aponovich Family

Thursday, April 21, 2016 ~ St. Anselm

12:05 PM Yvon L. Nadeau

Friday, April 22, 2016

12:05 PM Sophie Narenkiewicz
By the Family

Saturday, April 23, 2016 - Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Doris Powers Gregory and
Kevin M. Boutwell
By Bob Narkunas

Sunday, April 24, 2016 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM Margaret A. Casey
By Dennis and Lena Robert

9:30 AM Priest's Intention

12:00 PM Edward Michael Haney, 1st Anniv.
By his eldest daughter, Dawna Bishop

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 16/17. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Please purchase your tickets in the vestibule after these Masses. We want to ensure 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 have been 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!

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 Scholarship. Applications may be picked up at either the St. Christopher or St. Patrick rectories or by contacting Deputy Grand Knight Robert Everett at (603) 229-7319 or 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.

GIFTS FOR THE LORD’S WORK
Weekend of April 9 and 10

From (188) Envelope Users:	\$6,080.20
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,196.00
- Cash:	\$1,546.00
Electronic Giving Users (14)	\$ 505.00
Total Collection	\$9,327.20

Mass Count: 810

Previous Easter Offerings	\$24,338.46
Easter Offering 4/10/16	\$ 60.00
Total Easter Offering	\$24,398.46

**Mission Appeal to benefit
the St. James Society \$4,350.00**

St. Vincent de Paul
Weekend of April 9 and 10 **\$727.00**

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!

BE A BOOKWORM!

Elise Roy is conducting a community service project called, “Be A Bookworm.” She is collecting used, elementary age chapter books in the back of the church. The books will be donated to area classrooms to benefit students who don’t have adequate resources to obtain reading materials. Your contribution to this project is greatly appreciated! For more info, call Elise at (603) 321-8731.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

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

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

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

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..

St. Christopher School Open House

Students and families interested in joining the St. Christopher School community are invited to attend an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, May 15 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. St. Christopher School offers a superior Catholic elementary education with high academic and moral standards for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through six. No reservation is necessary for the Open House, but parents are welcome to call the school at (603) 882-7442, ext. 114 or visit us on our website at www.StChrisSchoolNH.org.

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.

Music & Texts for Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Texts and Readings pgs. 130 - 132

Collegetown Hymnal

Processional: #273 Sing We Triumphant
Hymns of Praise

Communion Antiphon: Pg. 132

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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. Handwriting on the envelopes can be difficult to discern. We thank you for your contribution.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BABY'S LIFE

The Knights of Columbus, Council # 11907, will host a baby shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua on Sunday, May 1st after the 9:30 AM Mass. Gifts may be placed on the tables that will be set up in the Parish Center after Mass. **The Knights will also be serving coffee and donuts after the Sunday 9:30am Mass.**

Needed items include new baby clothes (size 0-6 months), onesies, diapers, wipes, baby towels, face clothes, etc. Gift cards and monetary donations for maternity clothes and infant car seats would be greatly appreciated.

Care Net assists women experiencing unplanned pregnancies and seeks to prevent abortions by relying heavily on the generosity of Churches and individuals for support.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to this cause. Please contact Mike Dangel at 429-4302 for additional information.

WEEKLY READINGS

April 18 through April 24

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 17: Religious Education classes Grades 1 through 6 in Classrooms 1 - 4 and the outer Gym area.

Monday, April 18: Religious Education classes Grades 7 through 12 in Classrooms 1-4 and the outer Gym area.

Tuesday, April 19: Knights of Columbus meeting in classroom 1; 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, April 21: Boy Scouts meet in classrooms 3 and 4 at 7:00 PM

Friday, April 22: Youth Group meets in classroom 1 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 23: The St. Patrick Parish Dinner will be held in the Gym following the 4:00 PM Mass. We will be collecting diapers and other baby items to benefit Birthright of NH.

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.**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOTE

When making donations to the Capital Campaign, we ask that you put your check or cash donation for this project in a separate envelope marked Capital Campaign. Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope for tracking purposes. Thank you!

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 Bordeleau, 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>

9th ANNUAL PINE HAVEN RECEPTION

**NASHUA CROWN PLAZA HOTEL
MAY 26, 2016 5:30 - 8:00 PM**

Please join Fr. Remo and Fr. Dixon for the 9th annual Pine Haven Reception, to be held at the Nashua Crowne Plaza Hotel on May 26, 2016, from 5:30 to 8:00pm. This event is held to thank the friends who have helped Pine Haven in the past and to provide information on how to assist our boys in the future. Our special guest speaker will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, founder of Grace Before Meals, conference speaker, author and TV host. The evening includes refreshments, music and fun raffle prizes.

Please **RSVP by May 12, 2016** to either Fr. Remo, remozanatta@hotmail.com; Fr. Dixon, dix_143@hotmail.com; or Marisa Spilios, mmspilios@gmail.com, 603-475-7480. Tickets are not required, but reservations are mandatory due to limited space. This is a wonderful opportunity to join your friends for an evening of entertainment and to learn more about the Pine Haven mission. We hope to see you there!

Corpus Christi Chapel Adoration

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

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Divine Mercy Sunday and “Private Revelation”

Recently, 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 17th 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