

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Help for those in Need
Tel. 603-821-5267

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 1, 2017 - Vigil - 5th Sunday in Lent

4:00 PM **Stephen Proulx**
By the Family

Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 5th Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz**
By the Family

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

12:00 PM **Maria de Lourdes & Ruys Dias**
By the Family

Monday, April 3, 2017

12:05 PM **James and Molly Wynne**
By the Belton Family

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 - St. Isidore

12:05 PM **Philip Christ, Jr.**
By the Shimmel Family

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 - St. Vincent Ferrer

12:05 PM **George and Anna Belanger,**
76th Wedding Anniversary
By their daughter Martha Horton

Thursday, April 6, 2017

12:05 PM **Dorothy Hurley**

Friday, April 7, 2017

12:05 PM **Tillie Waisolonis**
By Mary Doyle

Saturday, April 8, 2017 - Vigil - PALM SUNDAY

4:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, April 9, 2017 - PALM SUNDAY

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

9:30 AM **Bruce and Clara Pettengill**
By the Aponovich 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 March 25 & 26

From (147) Envelope Users: \$4,261.00
From All Others - Checks: \$ 852.00
- Cash \$1,415.00
Electronic Giving Users (39) \$2,073.00
Total Collection \$8,601.00

Mass Count: 700

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 3/26/17 **\$322.00**

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!

**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!

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.

REST IN PEACE

Agnes Buckley
Paul Caya
Virginia Rosytinis

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 **\$3,442.00** towards the Capital Campaign for the weekend of March 25 and 26, either as one-time gifts or payments on pledges. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

**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!

K of C LENTEN FISH DINNERS

**April 7, 2017
St. Christopher Church Hall
62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH**

Join us for a baked haddock dinner with baked potato, sweet golden corn, coleslaw, rolls and beverage, as well as our famous dessert table on Friday evenings during Lent. Doors open at 4:30 PM and dinner is served until 6:30 PM. Fish Dinner cost is \$12 per person; Pizza slices are \$2.00 each. We accept cash, check, and credit cards. For Take Out options, call 603-717-4980.

Hosted by K of C St. Boniface Council 11907
www.kofc11907.org

**ST. PATRICK PARISH
LENTEN SCHEDULE**



DAILY MASS
(Monday - Friday)

12:05 PM

SATURDAY MASS
(Extraordinary Form)

8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday

3:00 PM

(Traditional St. Alphonsus version)

7:00 PM

(Biblical version with organ)

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

April 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY

(Low Mass)

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

April 8, 2017

Passiontide Feria

April 15, 2017

Holy Saturday

No Service

April 22, 2017

Easter Saturday

April 29, 2017

St. Peter, Martyr

ST. PATRICK LENTEN MOVIES!

All parishioners are invited to join us for a classic Catholic movie next weekend! Come and enjoy pizza, the movie and fellowship in the parish center. Pizza orders will be taken when you arrive (\$1 per slice or \$6 per cheese pizza - specialty pizzas will be priced accordingly). You also are welcome to bring your own food. Folding chairs and benches will be provided. Feel free to bring your own chair if you'd like something a bit more comfortable. A discussion period will follow the movie presentations.

Child care is not available during these presentations.

OF GODS AND MEN

Saturday, April 8, 2017 @ 5:15 PM

Sunday, April 9, 2017 @ 2:15 PM

St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 2

Of Gods and Men is the inspiring story of a group of Trappist monks living in community and mission in 1996 Algeria. They work together in harmony with their Muslim neighbors providing medical assistance to the community until a group of radical Islamist terrorists threaten their way of life. The movie depicts their struggle as a community as they deal with the increasing violence. Ultimately, most of the monks are seized during a raid and martyred. It is a story of faith, courage and martyrdom. This movie is rated PG13.

Spirited Theology Catholic Teaching, Food and Drink Have Fun & Learn!

Please join us for a **Spirited Theology** event on Tuesday, April 11th, at 6:00 PM at the Radisson Hotel, Nashua, NH.

Guest Speaker:

**Ryan Topping, D. Phil. (Oxon.),
Fellow, Thomas More College
of the Liberal Arts**

Topic: Christ's Passion and Our Suffering

Spirited Theology, held every second Tuesday of the month, is a great way to connect with fellow Catholics and learn more about our Faith.

Gathering starts at 6:00 PM for food and fellowship. The guest speaker begins at 7:00 PM. Events are held in the room just outside of *Shade Bar & Grill* near the side entrance to the hotel. Look for the *Shades* signs to point the way. Food and drink may be ordered from the restaurant. Come early to eat and socialize (pay as you go). Catholic or non-Catholic friends are welcome.

Tea and Tours at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School Friday, April 7, 2017 12:30-1:30 PM

Join us for a casual, and informative afternoon at Nashua Catholic. You will be able to meet our principal, discuss curriculum, and step into classes on our tours. Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th grade students a rigorous, Catholic based curriculum and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our commitment to student service activity, a full contingent of extracurricular activities, and three seasons of Tri-County League athletic participation round out each student's day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School.

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.

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

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.

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 Cantic 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 April 2nd or later. Lunch is included. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2jEEuQQ>.

WEEKLY READINGS

April 2 to April 9

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 (3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 (27:11-54)

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Why Purple Veils?

For several centuries, the Church required that all crucifixes, statues, and paintings displayed in churches be covered over from Passion Sunday (the 5th Sunday of Lent) until the singing of the Gloria at the Easter Vigil.

Beginning in the mid-1960s the practice became optional. In the United States the bishops actually banned it. A few years ago the bishops again made it optional. St. Patrick's resumed the old practice in 2012.

This practice began when churches had crosses rather than crucifixes. In most cases the crosses were made of gold or silver and lavishly adorned with jewels. These "triumphant" crosses, which never bore images of the Suffering Christ, were regarded as too festive for the austere season of Lent. Hence, the Church began veiling them to conceal their beauty. Gradually, the Church covered *all* images, except the stations of the cross and stained glass windows.

Through the years, various explanations have emerged for the practice of veiling. Here are two, which are somewhat interrelated.

First, in some cultures, the act of covering images -- and mirrors -- manifested grieving. During the period of mourning, the deceased person was accorded *complete attention*. As such, all images became *distractions* from the memory of the dead person and were concealed. The veils, then, served to concentrate everyone's focus on the deceased. The same thing happens in the church: When the veils drop down over the images, we no longer have anything else to see except the uninteresting purple veils. We are freed to ponder the Passion of Christ, which now has no rival, at least for two weeks.

Second, Lent is a time of fasting, which requires taming appetites and relinquishing excess. Among our appetites is a taste for visual beauty. Some churches, like St. Patrick's, have many beautiful objects, which may provide sensual enjoyment, the so-called "feasting of the eyes." The veiling of these objects withdraws them from our vision and produces a mandatory "fast." This temporary veiling -- like fasting from food -- intensifies our appetite for beauty and makes us more appreciative of the veiled objects when we see them again at Easter.

Think of how the Paschal Mystery works. The Resurrection of Christ would be quite "uneventful" without His Passion and Death -- the ultimate veiling of the Son of God. Good Friday and Easter Sunday necessarily go together. Two weeks of purple veils make the Easter lilies all the more spectacular.

Fr. Michael Kerper