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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Priest-in-Residence

**Rosemary Daly**, *Office Manager*  
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**Gary MacDonald**, *Music Director*  
**Paul & Jennifer Murano**,  
*Faith Formation*  
**David Santerre**, *Maintenance*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
*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

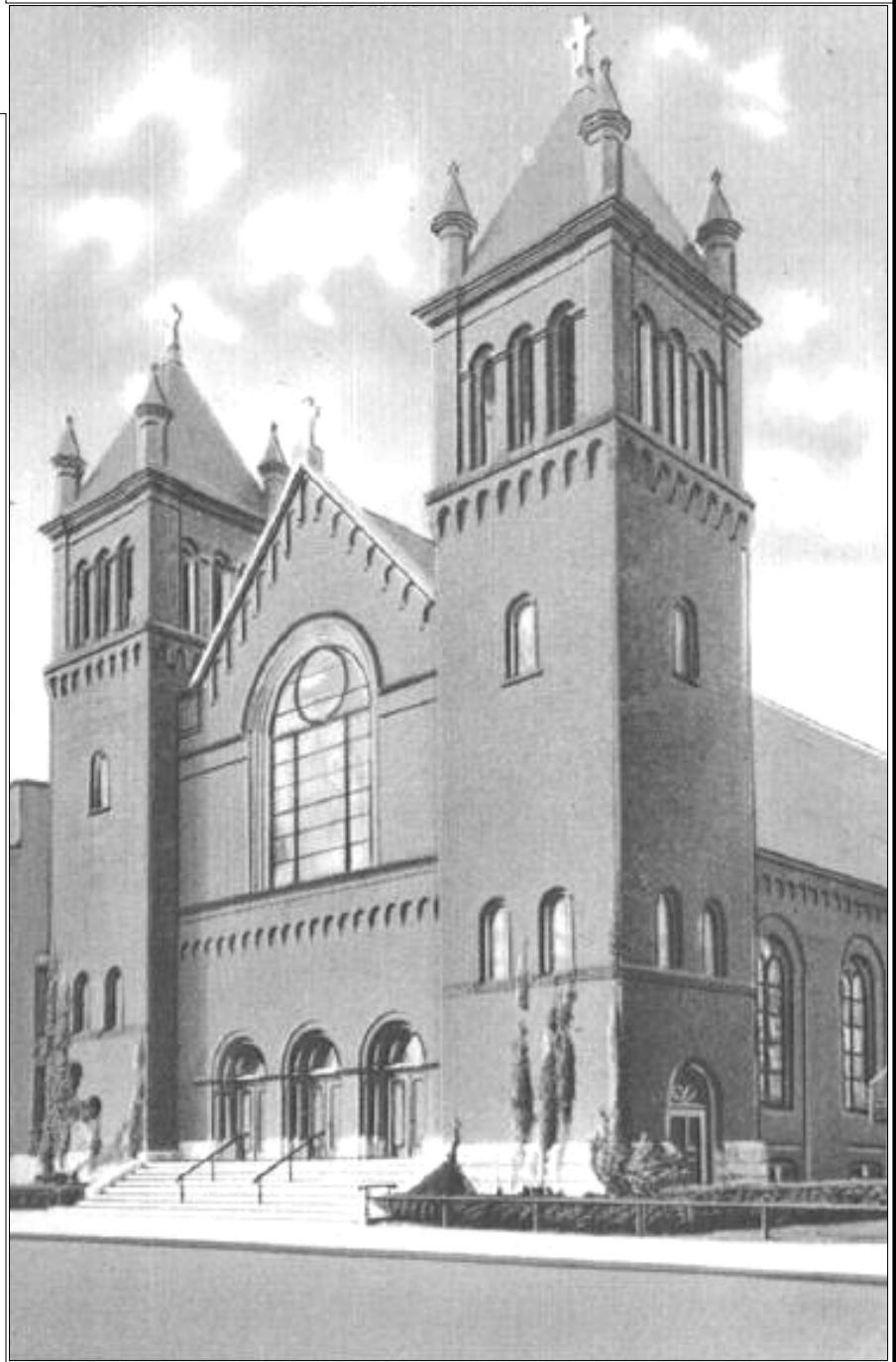
Sat. 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### 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 22, 2017 - Vigil - Divine Mercy Sunday**

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

**Sunday, April 23, 2017 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

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**

**Monday, April 24, 2017 - St. Francis of Sigmaringen**

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

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017 - St. Mark**

12:05 PM **John Mercier**  
By Eugene Mercier

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

12:05 PM **Michael Mercier**  
By Eugene Mercier

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

12:05 PM **For Those Who Have No One  
to Pray for Them**

**Friday, April 28, 2017 - St. Peter Chanel**

12:00 PM **Jeannette E. McCabe**  
By William E. McCabe

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 - Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM **Therese Desautels**  
By the Family

**Sunday, April 30, 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

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

9:30 AM **Margaret A. Hanafin**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **The Benefactors of the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

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

***GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK***

**Weekend of April 15 & 16**

**EASTER OFFERING**

From (296) Envelope Users: \$19,176.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$ 2,033.00  
- Cash \$ 2,928.00  
Electronic Giving Users (40) \$ 1,769.00  
**Total Collection \$25,906.00**

**Mass Count: 1,085**

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 14**

*This collection benefits the Holy Land Shrines*

Checks: \$ 245.00  
Cash \$1,235.00  
**Total Collection: \$1,480.00**

**HOLY THURSDAY - April 13**

*This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society*

Checks: \$ 819.00  
Cash \$ 695.00  
**Total Collection: \$1,514.00**

**Weekend of April 8 & 9**

From (161) Envelope Users: \$4,811.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,320.00  
- Cash \$1,816.00  
Electronic Giving Users (25) \$ 996.00  
**Total Collection \$8,943.00**

**Mass Count: 809**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 4/9/17 **\$1,200.00**  
Weekend of 4/16/17 **\$ 741.00**

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!**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 23, 2017

### *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 8 and 9 and **\$3,505.00** on the weekend of April 15 and 16. 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." The Good Friday offering of **\$1,480.00** will benefit the Shrines.



## Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who spent an enormous amount of time preparing our church for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. We have a very committed group of women who lovingly and efficiently took care of the endless tasks necessary to celebrate the complex liturgies of Holy Week.

Likewise, we have a great team of men and boys who spent hours planning and rehearsing all the ceremonies of Holy Week.

Moreover, some of these men and boys did "double duty," showing up to help on Easter Sunday after having served at the 2 hour and 20 minute Easter Vigil.

Special thanks to our organists, cantors, and choir members who provided the wonderful music for our Easter Masses and Holy Week ceremonies.

The generosity of all these people shows forth the goodness that resides within St. Patrick Parish.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

## UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

May 14, 2017

### **Fourth Sunday after Easter**

*(Missa Cantata)*

(Followed by a light luncheon)

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Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

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**

## **St. Christopher School Spring Open House**

St. Christopher School invites area families to see for themselves all that St. Chris offers during its Spring Open House for prospective students! This drop-in Open House will take place **Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. We are located at 20 Cushing Avenue in Nashua. No reservation is necessary for the Open House, but parents are welcome to call the school at 882-7442, ext. 114 for more information or you may visit us on our website at [www.StChrisSchoolNH.org](http://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.

## 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!



## RIVIER PRAYER COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Mass and Healing Service: April 28, 2017

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, Friday, April 28 at 7:00 PM. Reverend Marcel Martel, from St. Teresa and St. Mary's parishes, will preside over Mass and will offer to anoint those present after Mass. Prayer teams from the Rivier Prayer Community of Nashua will be available to pray with individuals for healing. For more information please call (603) 889-3483. All are Welcome.

### Life in the Spirit Seminar May 5 to June 16, 2017

The Rivier Prayer Community of Nashua will present a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" at Rivier University, Memorial Hall, on Friday evenings from May 5th to June 16th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM; registration begins at 7:00 PM. The seminar's theme is "a New Pentecost, Seven Teachings to Prepare for a New Life in the Spirit". It will be presented using a DVD teaching format with discussion questions, personal testimonies and fellowship. For more information, please call (603) 889-3483. All are welcome.

## 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.

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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](http://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 23 to April 30

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

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

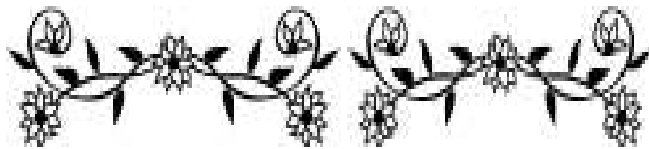
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



### 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](mailto:rje7@hotmail.com).

### 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.

## *Christians: Always aliens*

The Roman Breviary begins the Easter Season with the First Epistle of St. Peter. Rather than addressing believers as Christians, St. Peter refers to them as "all those living as *aliens* in the Dispersion" (cf. 1 Peter 1:1). The word "alien" translates the Greek word "paroikia," which means a foreigner who lives among people who hold common citizenship in a specific country. These "foreigners" come to the "host country" as exiles from their homeland, which has undergone some type of disaster.

From very early times, local groups of Christians came to be called "parishes," which comes from "paroikia." The word "parochial" is even more clearly derived from the Greek. Christians, then, viewed themselves as groups of exiles living *within* hostile societies and cultures.

This Christian self-identification as "aliens" and "exiles" flows from Israel's own self-understanding. Beginning with Abraham, God's Chosen People were always moving, always a minority, always displaced, and always profoundly different from the Gentile nations.

God, through the Law and the Prophets, constantly exhorted the Israelites to view the "resident aliens" within their own society as indispensable reminders of their own status as "aliens," notably during 400 years of slavery in Egypt. Hence, aliens were accorded numerous rights and any abuse of aliens was regarded as gravely offensive to God because He had embedded them within Israel.

Early Christians like St. Peter understood themselves as a continuation of Israel, and so immediately picked up the term "parish" -- exile/alien community -- for themselves.

The Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our exile/alien status in two ways. First, through Baptism we have become closely united with Christ and therefore "pulled out" of the broader human community. In this regard, Christians resemble Israel, which God "pulled out" of the Gentile nations.

Second, we are "exiles" and "refugees" in that we are *truly displaced* from our true homeland. How so? Our homeland is our place of *origin* and our *destination*. Neither is truly here. As such, all earthly citizenship is provisional, not permanent.

In that the Risen Christ has defied and conquered death, he is the true "alien," who gloriously leads us away from this "valley of tears" back toward our Homeland, which is Heaven. Every parish, then, is not a permanent destination but merely a way station on the journey home.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*