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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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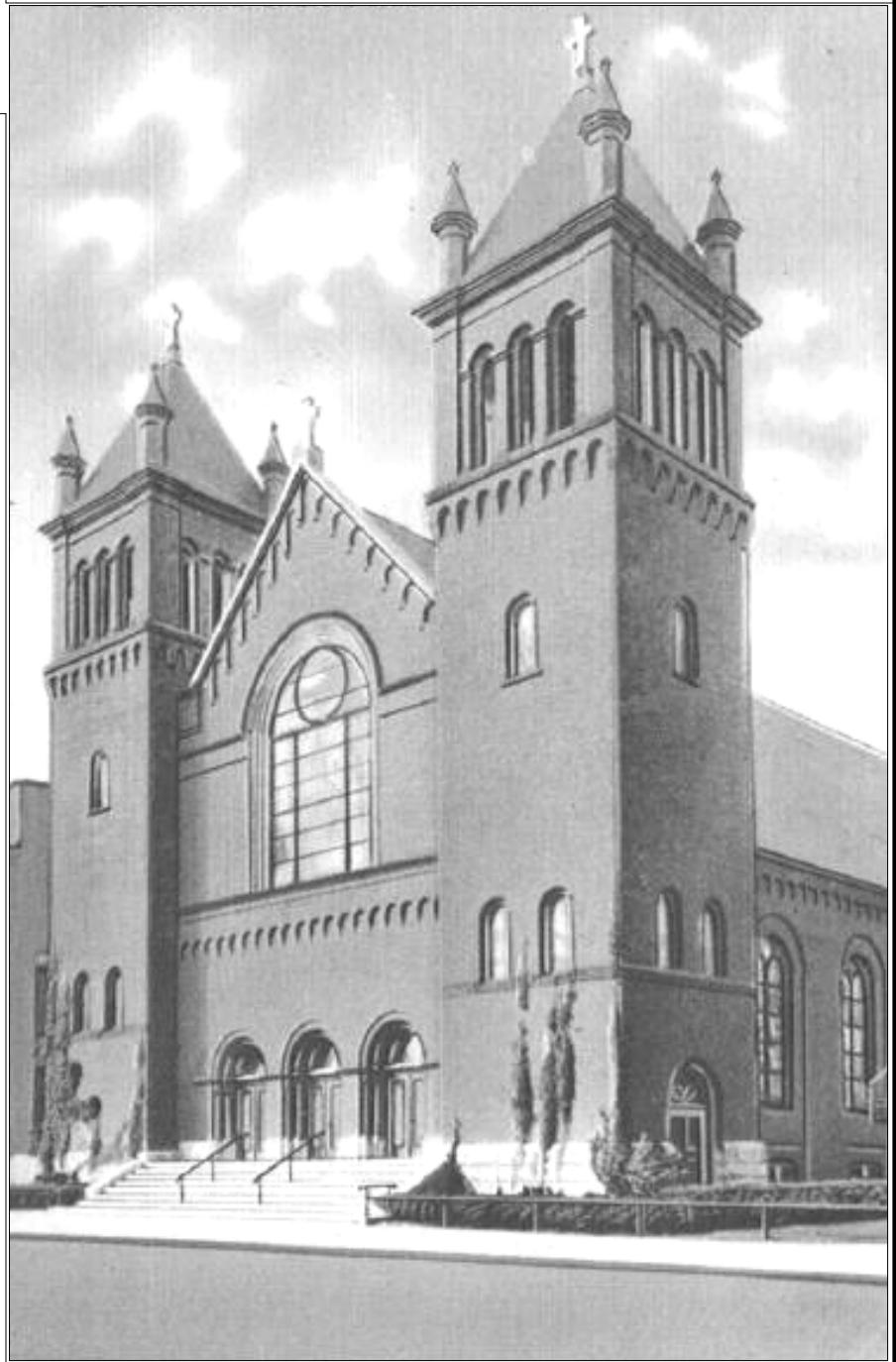
**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)  
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)  
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)  
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

**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 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

**Monday, April 25, 2016 ~ St. Mark**

12:05 PM       **Robert Murray**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

12:05 PM       **Paul Grace**  
By Fr. Kerper

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016**

12:05 PM       **Barbara Hayes &  
Robert and Marie Walter**  
By David Hayes

**Thursday, April 28, 2016 ~ St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignion**

12:05 PM       **Priest's Intention**

**Friday, April 29, 2016 ~ St. Catherine of Siena**

12:05 PM       **Priest's Intention**

**Saturday, April 30, 2016 - Vigil - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM        **Jafar and Yvette M. Shoja (living)**  
**40th Wedding Anniversary**  
By Benoit Shoja

**Sunday, May 1, 2016 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

9:30 AM        **Jeanette E. McCabe**  
By William E. McCabe

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 outside of this Sacred Place.*

***GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK***  
**Weekend of April 16 and 17**

From (186) Envelope Users:	\$4,879.20
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,424.50
- Cash:	\$1,552.00
Electronic Giving Users (28)	\$1,035.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$8,890.70</b>

**Mass Count: 833**

Previous Easter Offerings	\$24,398.46
Easter Offering 4/17/16	\$ 125.00
<b>Total Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$24,523.46</b>

**Mission Appeal to benefit  
the St. James Society**

Previous Total	\$4,350.00
Weekend of 4/17/16	\$ 405.00
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$4,755.00</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 4/17/16    **\$ 887.00**

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.

## 5th Sunday in Easter

April 24, 2016

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

**Capital Campaign continues:  
almost \$568,884 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 \$568,884! While this progress is tremendous, we need your support to reach our goal of \$850,000.

We invite you prayerfully to 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!**

#### **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!

#### **Corpus Christi Chapel Adoration**

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

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

**Liturgy of the Word** Missalette

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 132 - 133

**Collegeville Hymnal**

**Processional:** # 293 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Communion Antiphon:** Pg. 133

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia. *John 15: 1,5*

**Recessional:** #288 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

### **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 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..

#### **Sacrament of the Sick**

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

## Special Mass Schedule for May 2-4

All active priests must attend the Diocesan Convocation in Whitefield, NH. This event will begin on the afternoon of Monday, May 2 and conclude on Wednesday, May 4. During this time, we will follow an altered Mass schedule.

Monday, May 2      Mass at 7:00 AM  
Tuesday, May 3      No Mass  
Wednesday, May 4    Mass at 7:00 PM

We will not be able to provide Confessions on these three days. Thank you for your kind accommodation to these changes.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BABY'S LIFE

The Knights of Columbus, Council # 11907 will host a baby shower for CareNet Pregnancy Center of Nashua on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

CareNet 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.

## **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.

## **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 24:** Religious Education Classes grades 1 - 6 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer gym area.
- **Monday, April 25:** Religious Education classes grades 7-12 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer gym area.
- **Thursday, April 28:** Boy Scouts in Classrooms 3 and 4 beginning at 7:00 PM
- **Sunday, May 1:** Make a Difference in a Baby's Life Baby Shower and K of C Coffee and Donuts in the Gym after the 9:30 AM Mass.
- **Sunday, May 1:** Religious Education Classes grades 1-6 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer gym area.
- **Monday, May 2:** Religious Education Classes grades 7-12 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer gym area.

*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.***

## **St. Christopher School Open House** **Sunday, May 15th ~ 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

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](http://www.StChrisSchoolNH.org).

## 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>

## Corpus Christi Food Pantry

The Corpus Christi Food Pantry provides temporary food assistance to families in need. If you are able to drop off a donation in the vestibule, we are in need of the following items this month. Cold Cereal, cereal bars, mac and cheese, canned meat; spam, hash, Vienna sausage and Chili, toiletry items; toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant and shampoo are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance to all our parishioners for your continued generosity. Questions? Please call 882-6372 or email [corpuschristifp@outlook.com](mailto:corpuschristifp@outlook.com)

## WEEKLY READINGS

April 25 through May 1

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

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

## Mother's Day Flower Sale

Proceeds benefit Birthright of Southern NH

St. Patrick's will be sponsoring our annual flower sale to benefit Birthright of Southern NH on Mother's Day, May 8th, after the 9:30 AM and the 12:00 PM Masses. Carnations will be available for purchase for a suggested donation of at least one dollar (\$1.00) per carnation.

Birthright is a pregnancy help center that supports mothers and children in all of their needs. We encourage you to support this wonderful organization and to celebrate all the Moms in your life!

## 9th ANNUAL PINE HAVEN BOYS CENTER RECEPTION NASHUA CROWN PLAZA HOTEL MAY 26, 2016 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Please join Fr. Remo Zanatta and Fr. Dixon for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Pine Haven Boys Center Reception, to be held at the Nashua Crowne Plaza Hotel on May 26, 2016, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. 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](mailto:remozanatta@hotmail.com); Fr. Dixon Choolakkal, C.R.S. at [dix\\_143@hotmail.com](mailto:dix_143@hotmail.com); or Marisa Spilios, [mmspilios@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## 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.

## *Pope Francis and "Irregular" Marriages*

Pope Francis, in his long-awaited document called "*The Joy of Love*," frequently uses the term "irregular marriage." The "irregularity" refers to the absence of something necessary to bring about the Sacrament of Matrimony between a man and a woman. The two most common causes of "irregularity" are: first, contracting a civil marriage without the proper involvement of the Church; and second, the existence of a prior marital bond -- civil or religious -- on the part of one or both parties.

The first cause of "irregularity" can be dealt with quite easily. It simply requires the renewal of one's marriage vows in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses. After this happens, the marriage becomes "regular," which simply means "according to the rules." The two people now have received the Sacrament of Matrimony.

The second cause of "irregularity" -- the existence of a previous marriage -- is much more complex. This brings us into the realm of annulments. If the previous marriage had been contracted only civilly, a person needs to do three simple things: first, prove that he or she is a baptized Catholic; second, present the marriage certificate and divorce decree; and third, swear that the marriage had never been blessed -- convalidated -- by a priest or deacon. In our Diocese, these "documentary cases" take only a few weeks to complete.

However, if the previous marriage had been "regular" to begin with, then the process becomes much more complicated. In these cases one must prove that some sort of impediment existed prior to the wedding and made it impossible for one or both spouses to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Depending on circumstances, this can take a very long time. Moreover, some cases, which would probably receive a decree of nullity, never get completed because documents or witnesses may be missing. This happens more frequently in poor countries, which lack good records and ease of communication. As a result, many Catholics become trapped in "irregular" marriages until the previous spouse -- or current spouse -- dies.

Contrary to media reports, Pope Francis has not changed anything about the Church's understanding of divorce and remarriage. After all, Church teaching, which flows directly from the Lord, is indisputable and clear: every sacramental marriage is permanent and impossible to dissolve. (And please remember: Annulments do not dissolve marriages; rather they declare that a particular marriage was not sacramental, and hence not permanent.)

Though the Holy Father has not changed anything, he has reminded us that not all "irregular" marriages are the same. Some have children, others don't. Some have spouses who have remained faithful for many years, others are marked by promiscuity or other disorders. Some have standard conjugal relations, others are "celibate." Some consist of young people whose lives are unsettled; others involve old people who may be severely incapacitated. Some can be easily "regularized," others cannot. The variety of situations is enormous.

Pope Francis has made another very important point: *Conformity to the law is no guarantee of virtuous living*. Indeed, grave sins, such as spousal abuse and multiple offenses against life, exist within many "regular" marriages. These sins are often hidden, whereas the "irregular" nature of some marriages has a "public quality" because the situation can be documented. The Holy Father, who has described the Church as a "field hospital" on a battlefield, wants us to recognize that we're all among the wounded. And perhaps some wounds are more grievous than "irregularity."

*Fr. Michael Kerper*