

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 25, 2015 - Vigil ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 26, 2015 - 4th Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 AM **Alice Downy & John Welch**
By the Family

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

Monday, April 27, 2015 ~ Easter Weekday

12:05 PM **Carol Lindquist**
By Mr. & Mrs. Richard Levesque

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 ~ St. Peter Claret & St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

12:05 PM **Anthony McMenemy**
By Brenda Annan

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 ~ St. Catherine of Sienna

12:05 PM **Janet Gabrielson**
By Lyn Gabrielson

Thursday, April 30, 2015 ~ St. Pius V

12:05 PM **Frank Novotny**
By Pat & April Fitzgerald

Friday, May 1, 2015 ~ St. Joseph the Worker

12:05 PM **Jeannette E. McCabe**
By her husband William E. McCabe

Saturday, May 2, 2015 - Vigil ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 3, 2015 - 5th Sunday of Easter

7:00 AM **Ron Lavalle**
By Norm and Mary Lavallee

9:30 AM **Marion J. Sweklo Mateoska**
By Bob Narkunas

12:00 PM **Patrick Joseph Terrin**
By Alice Martin

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 18/19

From (199) Envelope Users:	\$6,853.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,086.00
- Cash:	\$1,630.00
Electronic Giving Users (23)	\$ 835.00
Total Collection	\$10,404.50

Mass Count: 816

Additional Easter Offering

Weekend of April 18/19 \$146.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of April 18/19 \$745.00

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

**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.

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, May 10, 2015
5th Sunday after Easter

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

May 2, 2015

St. Athanasius

May 9, 2015

St. Gregory Nazianzen

May 16, 2015

St. Ubald

May 23

Vigil of Pentecost

May 30, 2015

Ember Saturday of Pentecost

LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) in Latin and English are available for purchase for \$50.00. Contact Jack McGreevy at 603-888-5824 for more information or to obtain your missal.

Temporary Change in Confession Times

During Fr. Healey's absence, Father Kerper will begin Sunday confessions 15 minutes earlier: at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM. However, confessions must end by 9:15 AM and 11:45 AM so that he can begin Mass promptly.

Funeral Scheduling

Several months ago we engaged a cleaning service for the church. Our regular weekly cleaning is now done every Monday morning. As a result, we cannot schedule funeral Masses on Mondays.

Diocesan Convocation

Bishop Libasci has called the priests of the Diocese together for the annual Convocation in North Conway on May 4, 5, and 6. Because of the unavailability of a priest-substitute, our regular weekday Mass schedule must be replaced by the one in the box below. Also, confessions will be heard only on Thursday and Friday.

Special Weekday Mass Schedule

May 4 to May 8

Monday, May 4	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 5	No Mass
Wednesday, May 6	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 7	12:05 PM
Friday, May 8	12:05 PM

THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. PHILOMENA

Do you desire to deepen your faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother and prayerfully support St. Patrick's? Women of all ages are invited to join the Society of our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena for an evening meal and special prayers to Our Lady. Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 1st at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For more information, contact Stephanie at (603) 7218-8629 or Anamaree at olphsodality@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY READINGS

April 27 through May 3

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
- 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 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

St. Patrick's Youth Group

The Saint Patrick Youth Group/Bible Study is currently meeting twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, from 7 - 9 pm in Classroom 1 in the center. We invite all teens, ages 12 to 18 to join us for prayer, bible study, pizza and fellowship. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, have some fun, and share our faith. For more information, call Beth Bord at 880-6853. Come join us!

ST. PATRICK PARISH MOST HOLY TRINITY RETREAT

St. Patrick Parish invites all to attend a retreat contemplating the wonder and wisdom of the Most Holy Trinity. The retreat will be offered on the following Saturdays: *May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30*. The final meeting will take place on the morning of the Vigil of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center between 9:30 and 11:00 AM. The cost for the retreat (including materials) is \$40.00. (\$30.00 if attendee already owns the primary reading material).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY SHOWER MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BABY'S LIFE May 2 & 3, 2015 - Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus Council #11907 will host a baby shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua on Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd. Gifts may be placed on the tables that will be set up in the Parish Center after all Masses. The Knights will also be serving Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. Needed items include: new baby clothes (size 0-6 mos.), onesies, diapers, wipes, baby towels, face cloths, etc. Gift cards and monetary donations for maternity clothing and infant car seats would be 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 for your contributions!

Please contact Mike Dangel at 429-4302 for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass for all who wish to receive it. Unable to travel? Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

REST IN PEACE

Joan Osgood

Mother's Day Flower Sale to 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 10th, 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 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!

Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts Social Sunday, May 3, 2015 - Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us in the center for coffee, donuts, juice, rolls, bagels and more, as well as a time of fellowship, on Sunday, May 3rd after the 7:00 and 9:30 AM Masses. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

BIBLE STUDY!

Please join us on Sunday, 10:45 - 11:45 AM. Monday evening lessons will resume in the Fall. The lessons use the Discovering the Treasures of Jesus Christ Bible Course and follow the Faith Formation Calendar. Bible Study meets when Faith Formation meets, giving parents and adults the opportunity to be nourished by God's word at the same time as the children and young adults are learning in their Faith Formation classes. All are welcome!

Community News

Updated Guide for NH Catholics on End-of-Life Decision-Making Available

Three Beliefs is a guide prepared by the Diocese of Manchester to assist Catholics in forming their consciences about end-of-life healthcare decisions. The guide contains a NH Advance Directive form that is both consistent with NH law and Catholic teaching and answers frequently asked questions about end-of-life treatment and care from a Catholic perspective. To download or order a copy of Three Beliefs, visit catholicnh.org/threebeliefs or call 669-3100.

Camp Fatima & Camp Bernadette Spring Open House

Camp Fatima & Camp Bernadette are having their Spring Open House on May 2nd and 3rd from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days (rain or shine). The directors and staff will be on hand to give tours and answer questions. If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.campsfatimabernadette.org or contact Mr. Michael Drumm via email, at mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org.

An Invitation from the Carmelite Sisters of Concord

In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila's birth, the Carmelite Sisters of Concord invite you to attend a special event at the Parish Center of St. John's Church, 72 South Main St. Concord, Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Sr. Hilary Case, OCD will give two conferences on St. Teresa and the Journey of Prayer and Contemplation. We will also share a special video, "The Daughters of St. Teresa," which portrays the sisters of a variety of U.S. Carmels, and a virtual choir of Carmelites singing "Nada Te Turbe," original music with visuals composed by Sr. Claire Sokol, OCD of the Carmel of Reno, NV. We will close our day with Sr. Claire's virtual choir singing the Salve Regina. Please bring your lunch. Coffee will be available. There will be time to exchange with some of the Carmelite Sisters and also with members of the Secular Carmelites.

E-mail: sisters@concordcarmel.org, or call 603-225-5791 and ask for Sr. Louise for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 @ 7:30 PM ST. LOUIS CHURCH HALL

Would you like to help others in the community while having fun and making new friends? Come learn more about The Daughters of Isabella! We are having an open meeting Tuesday May 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Come join us in the Church Hall at St. Louis Church – West Hollis St. Nashua. Our Circle is open to all Catholic Women ages 16 and up. Our focus is to provide charitable activities and social interaction. For more details please contact Micheline Coen at 603-889-8849.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH



CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY Corpus Christi Food Pantry Seeking Volunteers

Do you have a small window of your day, some time to share? An hour or two goes a long way at the pantry while sorting, stocking, shopping and smiling! Volunteer hours are Monday or Wednesday mornings 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Tuesday or Thursday afternoons 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Those who can lift approx. 30 lbs. would be a great asset, however this not a requirement.

Thank you to the many parishioners who have generously donated to our pantry. We are Blessed to have your support and prayerfully remember you each day as we assist our neighbors in Nashua. Non perishable Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, and Pancake Mix, as well as, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toiletry items are on our "wish list" this month. For more information, email Susan Dignan at Corpuschristifp@aol.com, or call 882-6372.

RCIA Institute: Making Disciples

Has your parish been offering RCIA ministry for years and you still wonder if there might be a better way of offering the process? Do the neophytes return for mystagogy after their initiation and evolve into joy-filled and active Catholics? There is an RCIA Institute coming to our diocese on Friday evening, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at Rivier University in Nashua and presented by nationally known presenters Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal of TeamRCIA.org in San Jose, California. If you are new to RCIA ministry or seasoned and looking for fresh ideas that prove successful, consider joining others from around the diocese and New England. More information and flyer is available at catholicnh.org/rcia-institute or contact Eileen Smith 663-0174 esmith@rcbm.org or Fran Doucette 663-0173 fdoucette@rcbm.org

Easter Fire/Paschal Candle

Though Catholic liturgy is overwhelmingly Roman in origin and style, a few elements come from other cultures, including the Irish. Only one traditional ritual universally observed originated with the Irish - the blessing of the Easter fire. This ritual, which begins the Easter Vigil, became part of the Roman rite only in the Middle Ages; but it has existed in Ireland since the time of St. Patrick. Indeed, one of the most dramatic events in the life of St. Patrick was the illegal kindling of the Easter bonfire on the Hill of Slane in 433.

During that time, King Laeghaire, the High King of Ireland, jealously guarded his right to ignite a bonfire marking the start of the major Celtic religious festival in the spring. Just as the king was about to light his fire on the Hill of Tara, he noticed the Easter fire already blazing on the Hill of Slane. From St. Patrick's standpoint, the Easter fire, which was ignited without the king's permission, symbolized the priority of the Risen Christ over all worldly political power. The king, of course, was very threatened by this new faith in Christ; and demanded that St. Patrick appear before him on Easter Sunday morning to explain his bold defiance. St. Patrick, accompanied by many Christian believers robed in the white garments of Easter, marched in grand procession to the king's residence. As they walked along they sang the great Irish hymn, *Luireach Phadraig*, the Breastplate of St. Patrick. The king was no match for St. Patrick, and fervent faith in the Risen One soon swept over the Irish nation.

The Easter fire is closely connected with the Paschal Candle, which stands to the right of our pulpit. At the Easter Vigil, the candle is lit directly from the blessed fire on our front steps. The flame of the Paschal Candle always points back to the Easter fire.

Throughout the Easter season, which runs from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, the Paschal Candle stands between the pulpit and the altar. [Note: The Paschal Candle used to be removed after the Ascension. This was changed about 45 years ago.] More than a mere decoration, this large candle acts as a multi-faceted symbol of the Risen Christ dwelling in our midst.

First, the burning flame at the top recalls that Jesus is "the Light of the world." This flame first appeared at the Easter Vigil as the first glimmer of light in the entirely dark church. People lit their own candles from it, an act that reminds us that whatever light we have comes from Christ himself.

Second, if you look closely at the candle you will notice five small nails embedded in the wax. These little nails - really pins with small wax heads - were inserted into the candle after it was blessed. As the nails were pushed in, the following prayer was recited: "By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and protect us." These nails symbolize the five wounds of Jesus: in his two hands, two feet, and pierced side. Because the Risen Christ continued to bear and manifest his wounds after the Resurrection, the "wounds" are symbolically reproduced on the candle.

Third, the candle bears the Greek letters Alpha (a regular "A") and Omega (an inverted "U"). These letters are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They have long been associated with Jesus, the One who is both the *beginning* and the *end* of all things.

While the Paschal Candle has special prominence during the Easter Season, it remains in the church throughout the year. At every celebration of Baptism, we light it. At every funeral outside of the Easter Season, it stands at the head of the body, reminding us of the abiding presences of the Risen Christ at the beginning of one's life at baptism and at the end -- the Mass of Christian Burial.

Fr. Michael Kerper