

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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 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**

Monday, May 1, 2017 - St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM **Matthew Quigley, 1st Anniversary**
By the Levesque Family

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - St. Athanasius

12:05 PM **NO MASS**
PRIEST'S CONVOCATION

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - Sts. Philip and James

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

Thursday, May 4, 2017

12:05 PM **Brian Linnehan and Family**
By Sharron Linnehan

Friday, May 5, 2017

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

Saturday, May 6, 2017 - Vigil - 4th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **Regina Waisolonis**
By her daughter Mary Doyle

Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 AM **Patricia Rock**
By Mr. and Mrs. Jay Coffey and 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 April 22 & 23

From (182) Envelope Users: \$4,966.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,147.00
- Cash \$1,488.00
Electronic Giving Users (40) \$1,281.00
Total Collection \$8,882.00

Mass Count: 720

Easter Offering

Weekend of April 15 & 16 \$25,906.00
Weekend of April 22 & 23 \$ 1,722.00
Total Collection: \$27,628.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 4/23/17 **\$456.00**

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!

Special Week Day

Mass Schedule

Because of the mandatory Priests Convocation on May 1 and 2, we must alter our Mass schedule as follows:

Monday, May 1

Mass at 8:00 AM - No confessions

Tuesday, May 2

No Mass - No confessions

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 **\$7,276.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of April 22 & 23. 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.

Trinity Dome Collection

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have authorized a special collection to fund the completion of the dome inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. Contributions can be placed in the special envelopes and dropped in the collection basket. We will receive gifts through May. Thank you!

**Mother's Day
Flower Sale**

St. Patrick's will be sponsoring our annual flower sale to benefit Birthright of Southern NH on **Mother's Day, May 14th, after the 9:30 and the 12:00 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!

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.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

May 14, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Easter

(Missa Cantata)

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

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

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.



Thank you, Boy Scouts!

Recently, a great group of Boy Scouts who use our Parish Center did a great job moving old metal desks, useless furniture, and other junk from our school. They cheerfully and efficiently did this hard work for St. Patrick's. They are eager to find more opportunities to help our parish. Thanks, Boy Scouts! We are happy to have you.

Thank you, Marshall Signs!

On Thursday, April 21, someone damaged our sign on Main Street by attempting to pry off the panel with our schedule. Marshall Signs, who built the sign, promptly repaired the damage for *free*. Thanks to Carl and his associates for generously coming to our aid.

Fr. Michael Kerper

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.

RIVIER PRAYER COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Spirited Theology

*Catholic Teaching, Food and Drink
Have Fun & Learn!*

Please join us for a **Spirited Theology** event on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6:00 PM. The Distinguished Speaker is: **Fr. Michael Sheehan, Franciscans of the Primitive Observance. Topic: 'Mary, Mother of Our Christian Life'**

Spirited Theology is held every second Tuesday of the month at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH --- a great way to connect with fellow Catholics in the area and learn more about our Faith!

We gather together 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* in the side entrance to the hotel. Look for the *Shades* signs to point the way! Food and drink can be ordered from the restaurant. Come early to eat and socialize (pay as you go). Catholic or non-Catholic friends are welcome!

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, Call Father Jason Jalbert (603) 663-0132, or write: jjalbert@rcbm.org.

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

Do you desire to deepen your Faith and foster a special devotion to Our Blessed Mother? Women of all ages are invited to join the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena for an evening meal and prayer. Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 5th at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For more information contact Stephanie at 603-718-8629 or email us at OlphSodality@yahoo.com.

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.

___ 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. _____

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for all the volunteers who have so selflessly given of their time, talent and faith to our Faith Formation students and families this year. They have been generous beyond measure and true witnesses to sharing the Good News of God's Truth and Love.
- Please pray for our First Communicants who are receiving our Lord, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity for the first time May 14, at the 9:30 Mass: Lexa, Benedict, Kathryn, Mia, Heather, Zachery, Francis and Elise.
- Please also pray for our three Confirmation Candidates who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church on May 17, at St. Christopher's 7:00 pm Mass: Katherine, Kateri and Liz.

The last Faith Formation Classes will be May 7, 2017. Thank you for your support over the year. Please keep each other in prayer over the summer.

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.

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

The Blessed Virgin Came to Us in Fatima, Portugal, May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917. Come Join the Celebration on the 100th Anniversary!

Saturday, May 13, 2017

at St. Patrick Parish Center, Nashua, NH

12:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Citizen's Bank Grass Lot & Center Classrooms

Activities Include:

- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Rosary
- Picnic with Great Free Food and Socializing
- Movie: **Finding Fatima**
- Games and Fun

WEEKLY READINGS

April 23 to April 30

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 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

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



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.

Attending to the Bereaved Series

Are you grieving the loss of a family member? Come join us for prayer, sharing, and lunch at the San Damiano House of Prayer, 333 Pawtucket St. in Lowell on the following Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM..

May 13, 2017

Support for those who have lost a spouse

June 17, 2017

Support for those who have lost a sibling or cousin

July 8, 2017

Support for those who have lost a parent, grandparent or godparent.

Loss of Leisure, Loss of Faith

Church-going people often reminisce about the old days of packed services, big choirs, and vibrant parish organizations. But has church life changed because of diminished faith? Or is the absence of leisure the real culprit?

Here's a strange fact: As "labor saving devices" spread everywhere, people seem to have less leisure time. Three powerful and dangerous trends operate here.

First, working hours have slowly but steadily increased. The average person now works 164 hours more per year than they did 20 years ago. This means that nearly a full month of additional work has been crammed into people's lives. Another study discovered that 30% of employees skip at least part of their allotted vacation days. In just one year, 415 million vacation days went unused. Rather than relaxing, people now feel compelled to work. Worse still, some long established laws and regulations that discouraged excessive work have been weakened, repealed, or simply have gone unenforced.

Second, technology has allowed work to invade every inch of space and every moment of time. For many people, work has become a seamless experience that knows no boundaries. Work inexorably spills over into "home space" and "free time."

To witness this trend, ride the Boston Express commuter bus on a return trip from Boston. One evening I sat next to a man who was reviewing his company's capital budget on his laptop; in front of me sat a woman reading through self-evaluations from dozens of employees; and across the aisle another woman was plowing through a hefty pile of applications for tuition assistance. When do these people ever rest, stare out the window at the scenery, read a novel, think or pray?

Third, many leisure activities, especially for children and teenagers, have become hyper-organized, brutally competitive, and driven by the hope of eventual financial reward, specifically snaring scarce athletic scholarships. Everything is now tightly scheduled, governed by intricate rulebooks, and increasingly competitive. Rather than being an end in itself, play has become "marketized," valued primarily for its potential economic payoff. Play, when deprived of spontaneity, just becomes another form of work.

These three pervasive trends have devastating consequences for communities of faith. After all, common worship necessarily requires leisure time; personal spirituality needs at least some mental territory that is entirely "work free." Without a generous amount of leisure, the spiritual dies. And when this happens, churches become lifeless museums used for "holy days."

In the late 19th century, thousands of workers in Europe and the United States demanded more *leisure*. On May 1, 1890, these efforts culminated with massive rallies demanding that the work be limited to 8 hours per day. In 1955, Pope Pius XII deliberately placed the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May Day, thereby showing the Church's support for a proper and holy balance between work and leisure. St. Joseph, pray for us, now more than ever!

Fr. Michael Kerper