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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 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**

Monday, April 10, 2017

12:05 PM **Rita Spellman, 7th Anniversary**
By Martha Horton

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

12:05 PM **Rita Lavoie**
By The Triangle Credit Union

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

12:05 PM **Don Mayo**
By the Family

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
*Followed by Adoration & Confessions
until 10:00 PM*

Friday, April 14, 2017 - GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**
Good Shepherd Church

3:00 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Followed by Confessions

7:00 PM **SOLEMN LITURGY
OF THE PASSION**
*Inculdes Veneration of the Cross
& Holy Communion
Followed by Confessions*

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**
(Quiet Mass)

9:30 AM **People of the Parish**
(Organ & Cantor)

12:00 PM **People of the Parish**
(Organ & Choir)

*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 1 & 2

From (149) Envelope Users: \$5,049.50
From All Others - Checks: \$1,106.00
- Cash \$1,884.00
Electronic Giving Users (34) \$1,809.00
Total Collection \$9,848.50

Mass Count: 710

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 4/2/17 **\$998.00**

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 will we 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.

St. Patrick Parish

Nashua, NH

Pre-Easter Confessions

Monday, April 10	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 11	11:15 AM to 11:55 AM
Wednesday, April 12	11:15 AM to 11:55 AM
Saturday, April 15	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM [2 priests]

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday

April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Followed by Adoration & Confessions until 10 PM

Good Friday

April 14

Ecumenical Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon
[At Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, our next door neighbor]

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM
Followed by Confessions

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 7:00 PM
[Includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion]
Followed by Confessions

Holy Saturday

April 15

Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 16

Masses

7:00 AM (Quiet Mass) **9:30 AM** (Organ/Cantor) **12:00 Noon** (Organ/Choir)

Note: All Easter Masses are in English. No Confessions on Easter Day.

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 for the weekend of April 1 and 2. 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.

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!

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.

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)

April 15, 2017

Holy Saturday

No Service

April 22, 2017

Easter Saturday

April 29, 2017

St. Peter, Martyr

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.



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.

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

WEEKLY READINGS

April 9 to April 16

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)

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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 April 2nd or later. 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.

Cross or Crucifix?

Through the centuries Christians have debated whether the Cross, the principal symbol of Christian faith, should be empty or bear the image of Christ crucified. Early Christians used simple crosses, which were very easy to make. Eventually Christians began to make crosses from gold or other precious metals. These were frequently adorned with gems and other ornaments, which accented the Cross as an instrument of victory, not defeat.

In the 13th century, the Latin-speaking Church of the West gradually adopted the Cross *with* the Crucified Christ attached. Two types emerged: some displayed Christ as already dead (indicated by the wound in His side); and some showed Him as alive and suffering. The Greek-speaking Christians of the East did not use crucifixes. Instead they preferred icons that depicted Christ on the Cross, but without the graphic realism of the Italians, Spaniards, and other Catholics.

After the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, Catholicism became closely identified with the Crucifix and Protestants with the plain Cross. (However, Martin Luther and Anglicans continued to use crucifixes.) This holds true even today. Rarely will you see a crucifix in a Protestant church.

The Catholic option for the Crucifix as opposed to the empty Cross has a clear purpose: it emphasizes that the Son of God's glory was manifested *in a visible and public way* on the Cross and *in the flesh*. St. Paul strongly emphasized this, notably in his letter to the Phillipians: "*(Christ Jesus) humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him.*" The exaltation of Christ happened *on the Cross*. Hence, the image of the Crucified One on the Cross replicates what was seen by the multitude on Good Friday.

Of course, if the Resurrection is forgotten, denied, or improperly understood, the Crucifix loses its true meaning. It becomes nothing more than the depiction of one of the many thousands executed by the Roman imperial state. Seen from the perspective of Easter Sunday, the image of the dead or suffering Christ is the first step in His glorification -- an act that extends through Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension Thursday, and -- finally -- His Second Coming. When we see a crucifix we must strive to see the whole story: the *public* event of His death and the Mystery of His Risen Life, which exceeds all human attempts at depiction.

Fr. Michael Kerper