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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor

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Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
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Rel. Educ. Paul & Jennifer Murano

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
*Help for those in Need*  
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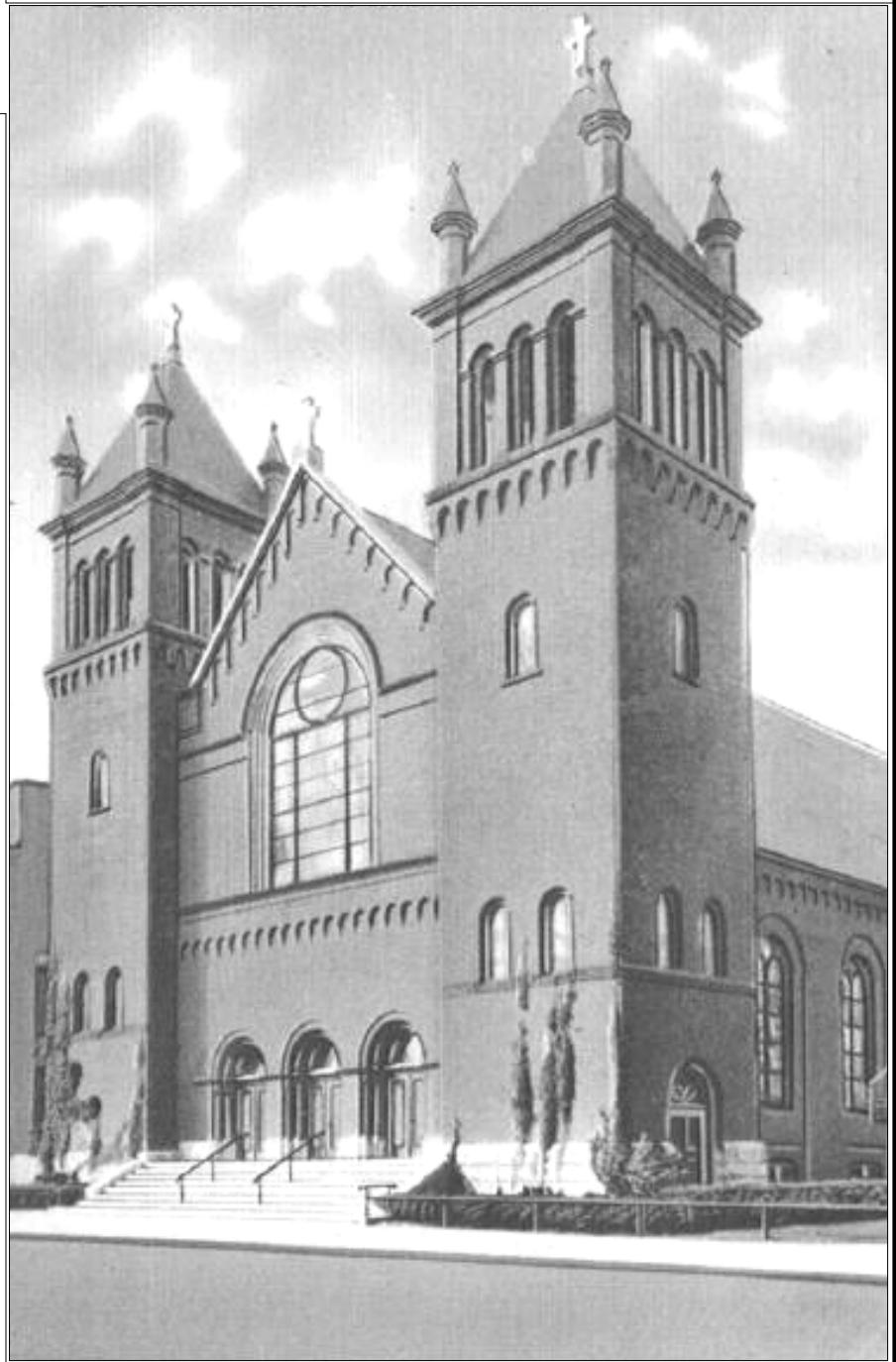
**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)  
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)  
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)  
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

**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, Aug. 13, 2016 - Vigil - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **George Shuman, 25th Anniv.**  
By his sister-in-law Elona Lucas

**Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 AM **Thomas Wisnieski**  
By The Family

12:00 PM **Kerry McClaughlin**  
By Rita Shea

**Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 PM **Priest's Intention**

**Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016 ~ St. Stephen of Hungary**

12:05 PM **Doris Colletta**  
By Thomas & Stella Spinosa

**Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016**

12:05 PM **John Belton**  
By the Belton Family

**Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016**

12:05 PM **Paul Shimmel**  
By the Family

**Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 ~ St. John Eucles**

12:05 PM **Jeannette Putnam**  
By Claire Pelletier

**Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 - Vigil - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Joseph Guisso**  
By Lazarus Guisso

**Sunday, Aug. 21, 2016 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Adrien & Lauretre Ricard**  
By Kevin & Susan Palanski

9:30 AM **Michael James Mason**  
By the 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 Aug. 6 & 7**

From (150) Envelope Users: \$5,652.75  
From All Others - Checks: \$ 973.00  
- Cash: \$1,426.00  
Electronic Giving Users (18) \$ 650.00  
**Total Collection \$8,701.75**

**Mass Count: 644**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 8/7/16 **\$307.00**

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."

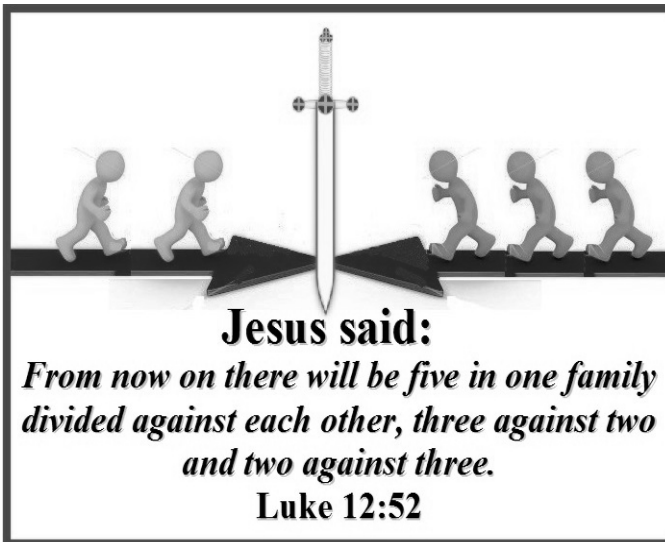
Our St. Vincent de Paul members conduct confidential personal visits to provide spiritual and financial support as necessary. If you know of persons, either in or outside the Parish, who might benefit from our assistance, please encourage them to call our dedicated phone line at 821-5267.

**Thank you!**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps families in the Nashua area with back-to-school needs with new socks and underwear. All sizes for both boys and girls are needed, especially larger sizes. If you are able to help your neighbors with this need, please leave your offerings in the gathering space in the vestibule and we will collect them.

Thank you for any help you can give.



## WEEKLY READINGS

Aug. 15 to Aug. 21

**Monday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

**Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

## 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!

## REST IN PEACE

Maura Bush

## UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

August 14, 2016

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 11, 2016

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

August 20, 2016

**St. Bernard**

August 27, 2016

**St. Joseph Calasance**

September 3, 2016

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

September 10, 2016

**St. Nicholas of Tolentino**

September 17, 2016

**Saturday of Our Lady**

September 24, 2016

**Ember Saturday**

October 1, 2016

**Saturday of Our Lady**

### 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..

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Have you any time on Sundays to give of yourself? The Faith Formation program is looking for catechists, aides, hall monitors, and other office behind the scenes workers for the upcoming year. Classes are held on Sunday mornings between 10:30 AM and 11:45 AM.

Please contact Jennifer or Paul Murano by email at: [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. If you have a question about the Faith Formation Program please know that this email is being checked periodically. We will see it and respond, but for a faster response or for questions that are not related to the Faith Formation Program, please contact the office at [office@stpatricksnashua.org](mailto:office@stpatricksnashua.org) or 603-882-2262.

## FAITH FORMATION CLASS REGISTRATION

Attention all Religious Education students! All parents registered this past year have been sent an email with the new registration form for this year. Registration forms are also now available in the back of the church on the Faith Formation bulletin board. **These forms, filled out, are due with the fee by August 28** as noted in the instructions on the form.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please note that the Faith Formation classes this year will be held on Sundays (only), which will include grades one through high school and adult enrichment for parents and other parishioners. Please contact Jennifer and Paul Murano at [faithformtion.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformtion.st.patrick@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments.

We look forward to seeing you!

## ACTIONS OF SOLIDARITY IN FAITH FOR ATONEMENT, REPARATION, HEALING, AND PEACE AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH, NASHUA

In response to Bishop Libasci's recent appeal for penance and prayer during this time of violence, terrorism, and turmoil in our own nation and throughout the world, everyone is invited to participate in the following events:

### Sunday, August 14

Throughout the Diocese, we will celebrate the special Mass designated *In Time of War and Civil Disturbance*. We will follow our usual weekend schedule.

### Monday, August 15

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| 11:30 PM | Confessions  |
| 12:05 PM | Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  |
| 1:00 PM  | Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament (During this time, people are invited to pray in <i>silence</i> . Bishop Libasci has recommended praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary on this day.) |
| 3:00 PM  | Conclusion of Eucharistic Adoration  |

*"Let us encourage one another in faith and let us gather our people in this moment as a visible sign of the Church, the Body of Christ in the world."*

**+Bishop Peter A. Libasci**

## **NASHUA SOUP KITCHEN & SHELTER BACKPACKS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter invites you to be part of their Backpacks for Back to School Program. The program provides children from Kindergarten through High School who are unable to afford these items with new backpacks filled with school supplies.

We also need volunteers for distribution. Distribution will be done on August 16,19 and August 22-26 between 10:45 AM and 2:15 PM. To schedule volunteer hours, or for more information, contact Carol at [carol@nks.org](mailto:carol@nks.org).

We look forward to your help! Thank you!

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MISSION**

**216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH  
October 17 - 20, 2016 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Immaculate Conception Parish invites you to join them as they welcome Fr. Larry Richards. Fr. Richards is a charismatic teacher, preacher, and retreat master. Fr. Richards will speak on the following topics:

- Oct. 17th **God's Love and Prayer**
- Oct. 18th **Love of Others**  
(done in the context of the Mass)
- Oct. 19th **Passion of Christ and the Need for Confession**  
(followed by the opportunity for individual confessions)
- Oct. 20th **Adoration and Healing**

Child care will be available upon request. For more information, contact Eileen Bowes at 603-888-0321.

## **MAHRAJAN 2016 A Middle Eastern Food Festival**

Mahrajan 2016 will be held at Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church, 140 Mitchell St., Manchester, NH on Friday, Aug. 19 from 5:00 -10:00 PM ; Saturday, Aug. 20 from 12:00-10:00PM; and Sunday, Aug. 21 from 12:00 - 5:00 PM. The event features a variety of Lebanese food, live music, dancing, religious gifts, church tours and entertainment for the children. Music provided by George Maalouf and Ensemble (Saturday and Sunday) and DJ Kibar. Admission is free. For more info visit us at [www.bestfestnh.com](http://www.bestfestnh.com).

## **NASHUA SOUP KITCHEN & SHELTER 2016 ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

The Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Inc. invites you to join them at their 2016 Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua, NH on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 PM. For additional information to attend, sponsor or donate, please call Erika or Carol at 603-889-7770 or visit our website at [www.nks.org](http://www.nks.org).

## **Corpus Christi Food Pantry**

The Corpus Christi Food Pantry is requesting donations of non-perishable food items for families in need of assistance. The pantry is currently in need of cereal and toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and smaller liquid dish detergent. We also are looking for healthy snacks: fruit cups, cereal bars, granola, juice, as well as, mac and cheese, and canned vegetables A donation box is located in the vestibule.

Please call 598-1641 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued generosity. For more information, please call the Corpus Christi Food Pantry at (603) 882-6372 or email us at: [corpuschristifp@outlook.com](mailto:corpuschristifp@outlook.com).

## **ANNUAL CELEBRATION FOR OUR LADY WITH THE GOLDEN HEART (OUR LADY OF BEAURAING) August 22, 2016**

You are invited to join us at Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH on August 22, 2016 between 6:30 and 8:30 PM for the recitation of the Rosary and a **new** slide show presentation on Our Lady of Beauraing. Refreshments and a sales table will be available. (Only cash and checks will be accepted). For more information, contact Irene Tremblay, director, at (978) 649-1813.

# Martyrdom

The Church calendar abounds with many feasts of martyrs of all nations, eras, ages, and circumstances. We venerate them, name our children after them, and love to read their stories. Yet, when martyrdom actually happens in our own time we become frightened, angry, and utterly surprised. Indeed, such responses reduce martyrdom to just another murder, thereby draining the event of its vast spiritual power.

Consider the martyrdom of Fr. Jacques Hamel, the 85-year old French priest who was killed on July 26 by two teenagers who had pledged their allegiance to ISIS. How does one react to such an atrocious killing? Retaliation? Hatred of people who follow other religious? Barbed wire? Not at all. Rather, the Lord prescribed joy!

We cannot avoid his clear -- and shocking -- words: *“Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven”* (Matthew 5:11). Though martyrdom inevitably produces grief and lamentation, it always should culminate in rejoicing. That’s why the feast days of martyrs always resound with triumphant joy.

Now, let’s consider the shock and surprise that frequently accompany martyrdom in our times. Why are Catholics so stunned when such atrocities happen? After all, on multiple occasions Jesus bluntly foretold the inevitability of martyrdom. Moreover, he put no time limit on the “age of martyrdom.” It happens everywhere, in every era, and in many different ways, some bloody, others not. Surprise, then, makes no sense.

Over 40 years ago, Joseph Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI, wrote a beautiful little reflection about martyrdom. Drawing on the writings and personal experience of St. Ignatius of Antioch, an outstanding bishop/martyr of the 1st century, Ratzinger noted that the term “Christian” always signified active participation in an illegal conspiracy.

*“The name Christian,”* he wrote, *“implies fellowship with Christ, and hence the readiness to take upon oneself martyrdom in the cause of goodness. Christianity is a conspiracy to promote the good.”*

What would Fr. Jacques Hamel want us to think about the brutal event of July 26 in Rouen? His sister Roselyne gave us some clues. First, she revealed that during the French war against the Algerian independence movement, young Jacques Hamel, a French soldier, refused to become an officer. Why? To avoid ordering anyone to kill anyone else. *“His refusal was categorical,”* Roselyne said. *“He chose to serve God so that he could cultivate love and sharing and tolerance among people of all faiths and denominations, believers and unbelievers, throughout his life. Let us learn to live together. Let us be the workers and artisans of peace.”*

Fr. Jacques Hamel belonged to *“a conspiracy to promote good.”* And Ratzinger, all the way back in 1975, ominously warned, *“Fellowship with Christ signifies to the eyes of the world a participation in a conspiracy punishable by death.”*

The death sentences imposed on “the conspirators of good” are always evidence of spiritual power, not weakness; a cause for rejoicing and hope, not retribution and gloom.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*