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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

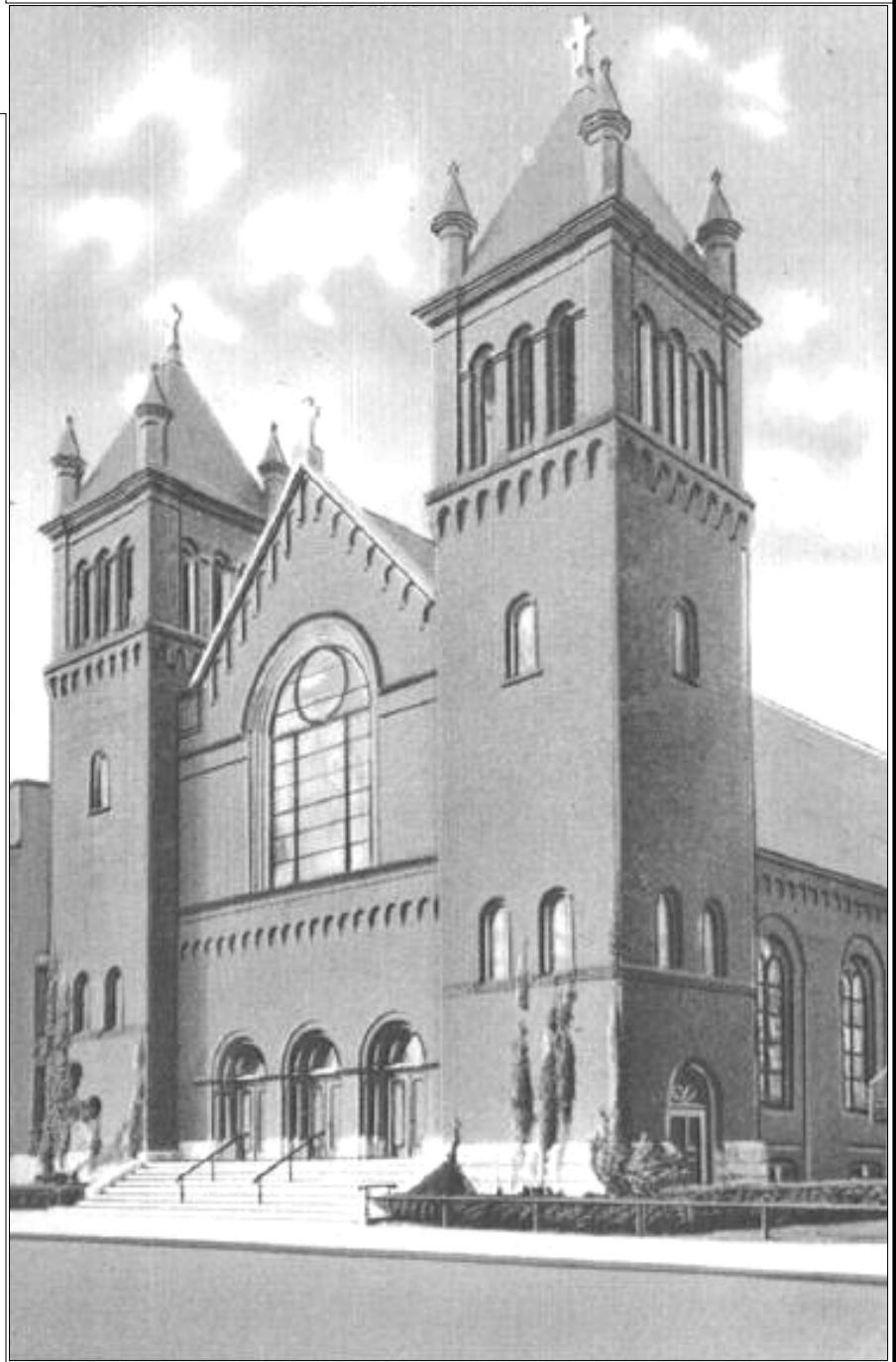
Sat. 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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, August 12, 2017 - Vigil - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Bazin**
By the family

Sunday, August 13, 2017 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **George Shuman, 26th Anniversary**
By Elona Lucas, sister-in-law

9:30 AM **Kathleen Cobb**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Monday, August 14, 2017 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:00 AM **Jack Dunn**
By his wife Mary Dunn

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, August 16, 2017 - St. Stephen of Hungary

12:05 PM **Robert and Ruth Murphy**
By their daughter Mary Dunn

Thursday, August 17, 2017

12:05 PM **Francis and Jeanne Mercier**
By Eugene Mercier

Friday, August 18, 2017

12:05 PM **Victor and Laurante LaPierre**
By the family

Saturday, August 19, 2017 - Vigil - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **The Benefactors of
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Sunday, August 20, 2017 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Deceased members of Ennis Family
Matt Sr., Matt Jr., Florence, Priscilla**
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **Richard J. Piwowarski**
By Janice and Joe Sweklo

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 August 05 & 06

From (136) Envelope Users: \$3,853.50
From All Others - Checks: \$2,360.00
- Cash \$1,516.00
Electronic Giving Users (40) \$1,581.75
Total Collection \$9,311.25

Mass Count: 636

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of August 06, 2017 **\$463.00**

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!

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a ***Special Anniversary Mass***. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office by **September 22, 2017**. We will need your ***last names, first names and mailing address***. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. ***There is no need for the couple to RSVP.***

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 **\$710.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of August **5th & 6th**. Thanks for your generous and truly sacrificial support!

Peter's Pence

Catholics throughout the world show their love and respect for the Holy Father through the annual "Peter's Pence" collection. If you would like to support the many good works of the Holy See, please use one of the special "Peter's Pence" envelopes available in the vestibule and tables at the rear of the church. The total to date is **\$1,437.00**. Thank you.

Ste. Marie Child Care Center Manchester, NH 03102

Is seeking a Full time Preschool Teacher, 3 Full time staff and 2 Afterschool teachers. For more information, please call 603-668-2356 or email us at: stemarie.childcare@gmail.com.

MAHRAJAN MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church

Mahrajan, 2017 is a Middle Eastern food festival and will be held on the grounds of Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church at 140 Mitchell Street Manchester, N.H. on Friday, August 18, 5-10 PM, Saturday, August 19, 12-10 PM, and Sunday, August 20, 12-5 PM.

The event features a variety of Lebanese food (lamb kabobs, grape leaves, shawarma, pastries), dancing, cash bar, hookah rentals, religious gifts, Middle Eastern goods, church tours and carnival games and entertainment for children.

Live music is being provided by George Maalouf and Ensemble (Saturday and Sunday) along with DJ Kibar. Admission is free. For more info visit us on the web at: www.bestfestnh.com

August 13, 2017

NEW MASS SCHEDULE MONDAY

During **August**, Mass on Monday will be celebrated at **7:00 AM**. The church will open at 6:30 AM and will close after Mass.

There will be no 12:05 PM Mass and no Confessions on Monday.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on 08/15 are **12:05 PM** and **7 PM**.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Volunteers:

Are you interested in helping serve our youth!? We are looking for a variety of volunteers: catechist/teachers, teacher aides, substitutes, small group leader, and other behind the scene support. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jennifer or Paul at: faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com.

Register for Faith Formation now:

Forms are available in the back of the church and on the parish website, with instructions as to where to send them! Thank you for registering ASAP, as we are finalizing plans.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Help each other hear God's plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends will be held on September 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen and Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <http://wwmema.org/>.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS
August 13 - August 20, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 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
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY

During the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, we will be venerating her special image in the sanctuary of our church. We would like to keep fresh flowers before her statue through the year. We have an arrangement with a local florist to provide flowers each week at a cost of \$30.00. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one for a specific week, let us know. If you would like to make a general donation for flowers, please use one of the "Flower" envelopes found in the vestibule. Thank you!

**FLOWER DONATIONS FOR
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA**
August 12 - 18th, 2017

Ingrid Cruz has donated money for the flowers sitting in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue in memory of her brother Luis F. Cruz from August 12th- August 18th.

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

August 13, 2017

10th Sunday after Pentecost
(Low Mass)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

August 12, 2017

St. Clare

August 19, 2017

St. John Eudes

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.

Are you registered?

Please help us keep our database up to date. New parishioners are encouraged to fill out the form below and return it to the office. Long-time parishioners are asked to update their information if they have any changes. 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. _____

The Assumption of Mary: Its meaning for us

Through the centuries, some Christians have worried that Catholics and Orthodox give too much attention to the Blessed Mother. They often cite two Catholic teachings about Mary – the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of Mary – as exaggerations of her status. While these teachings obviously pertain to Mary, their significance extends far beyond her and actually highlight key Christian ideas about the human person.

Let's consider the Assumption, which we celebrate on August 15. Though proclaimed solemnly as doctrine only in 1950, this teaching has a very long history, extending back to the late 4th century. While some like to focus on the traditional "facts" surrounding Mary's entrance into eternal life, the doctrine's principal focus is the Christian belief in the eventual *bodily resurrection of the human* person after death. In a sense, the doctrine of the Assumption, which asserts that Mary has *already* entered into eternal life *spiritually* and *bodily*, is simply a *specific application* of the general doctrine of bodily resurrection.

As such, this definitive teaching about Mary's "post-death" existence applies to everyone, not just her. It reaffirms a key element of our Creed: "*We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.*" What has already happened to Mary – eternal life beyond the grave in her undivided body/soul – is our ultimate destiny as well. The human body, not just the soul, has eternal value and ultimate permanence because it comes from the creative hand of God. It is not a disposable shell, tossed away at death, but the sacred "material" of the complete human person, who is a *communion* of spirit and matter.

Apart from Christ himself, Mary is *unique* in already having perfect body/soul unity. However, her Assumption is not self-generated, as if by an omnipotent "goddess." Not at all. Rather, her Assumption happened through the redemptive power of her Son's passion, death, and resurrection. Because of the intense bodily and spiritual union with her Son, Mary mysteriously shares in the Christ's suffering *and* resurrection. The doctrine of the Assumption, then, simply attests that what happened to Christ extends *first* to Mary, and then eventually to everyone. St. Paul, in a reading used on the Assumption, put it this way: "*For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ*" (cf. 1 Corinthians 15).

On August 15, as we ponder Mary's Assumption, we also have a momentary glimpse at our own destiny – eternal life in body and soul, our own share in the Resurrection of Christ.

Fr. Michael Kerper

Non-Christian Martyrs on the Catholic Calendar

On August 14, we celebrate the memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest who died in Auschwitz in 1941. When he was proposed for canonization, some asserted that he should *not* be considered a martyr because he had not been executed for professing the Catholic faith. Rather, he had volunteered to replace another prisoner who had been sentenced to death. After some debate, the Church decided to regard him as a true martyr because he had affirmed the truth of Christ *through his sacrificial action* not mere words.

The decision about the genuine martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe finds support in the existence of *non-Christian martyrs* in the old Roman Missal (1962). For centuries the Catholic Church has commemorated saints known as the Maccabean Brothers -- the seven Jewish brothers executed under Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek ruler who attempted to destroy Judaism during the 2nd century BC.

The gruesome and graphic account of their ordeal appears in 2 Maccabees 7:1-42. According to the inspired writer, the seven young men adamantly refused the Greek ruler's demand to eat pork. As a result, they were tortured and executed in the presence of their mother, who encouraged their resistance.

Because they were killed for observing the kosher dietary law, many will ask: What does "keeping kosher" have to do with us? Why were these young Jews placed on the Catholic liturgical calendar? After all, they died nearly 170 years *before* Christ!

Reason 1: *They died as witnesses to the inviolability of conscience.* As devout Jewish men, they believed that eating pork was a "mortal sin," to use classical Catholic terminology. In itself, eating pork has no moral dimension. However, in that historical situation, eating pork was the equivalent of publicly renouncing one's allegiance to the God of Israel. It was an act of apostasy, something always wrong.

Of course, by contemporary moral calculations, many would regard the seven brothers as unbalanced fanatics! Many today would say: "Oh, it's only a little religious squabble with the Greeks over customs. Surely, God wouldn't mind if someone swallowed one shred of bacon!" The brothers, however, chose death rather than sin.

Second, the commemoration of the seven brothers affirms the principle of religious freedom. The brothers died because the Greeks had attempted to compel all conquered people to relinquish their religions. As Christians, we steadfastly oppose the forcible coercion of other people. Though our history has blemishes in this regard, no Catholic today would ever force other people to switch their religious allegiance.

The ancient commemoration of these young Jewish martyrs reminds us that all people of good will who sincerely follow their consciences and respect religious freedom mysteriously honor the One True God. In today's world, now filled with so much religious division and animosity, these seven Jewish brothers of the 2nd century BC acquire new and anonymous companions in martyrdom every day.

Fr. Michael Kerper