

SAINT

PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
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Gary McDonald, Music Director  
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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, Aug. 15, 2015 - Vigil ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Samantha Mackey**  
By the Aponovich Family

**Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **The Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society**

9:30 AM **Cornelius M. & Margaret E. Hanafin**  
By the Provost Family

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

**Monday, Aug. 17, 2015**

12:05 PM **Mr. & Mrs. Rome Bazin**  
By the Family

**Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015**

12:05 PM **Andrew Lindquist**  
By Richard & Shirley Levesque

**Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 ~ St. John Eucles**

12:05 PM **Geraldine Fontana**  
By Frank Ardagna

**Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 ~ St. Bernard**

12:05 PM **Michael James Mason**  
By the Family

**Friday, Aug. 21, 2015 ~ St. Pius X**

12:05 PM **Patricia Morrill**  
By the Family

**Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015 - Vigil ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Ron Lavallee**  
By Norm & Mary Lavallee

9:30 AM **George T. Hanafin**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Patrick Terrin**  
By the Apple Family

*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. 8 & 9**

From (150) Envelope Users: \$5,807.50  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,344.82  
- Cash: \$1,565.00  
Electronic Giving Users (18) \$ 895.00  
**Total Collection \$9,612.32**

**Mass Count: 683**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of Aug. 8 & 9 \$706.00

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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

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

NEWS AND NOTES

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon  
 Sunday Sept. 13, 2015  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Saturday Mornings  
 8:00 AM  
*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*  
 August 22, 2015  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 August 29, 2015  
**The Beheading of St. John the Baptist**  
 Sept. 5, 2015  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 Sept. 12, 2015  
**Most Holy Name of Mary**  
 Sept. 19, 2015  
**St. Januarius & Companions**  
 Sept. 26, 2015  
**Ember Saturday**

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 or to obtain your missal.

**WEEKLY READINGS**  
**Aug. 16 through Aug. 23**

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40  
**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12  
**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

*"The truth will set you free." John 8:32*

The time has arrived to register for this year's faith formation classes! This is a great opportunity for each of us to grow in grace and wisdom as a community of faith. Faith Formation at St. Patrick's includes all ages, and will begin at the end of the September.

**Registration** is now open for faith formation classes for the fall, grades one through high school. Forms will be available at the back of the Church on the following days:

**August 22/23 - after all weekend masses**  
**August 29/30 - after all weekend masses**

This year, please note that there is will be a mandatory **parent orientation meeting** with Fr. Kerper, August 30 at 10:30 AM or September 2 at 7:00 PM. Parents must attend one or the other.

**Volunteer Catechists:** Our next **catechist meeting** is September 9 at 7pm. Father Kerper will then lead **catechist formation meetings** September 16 and 23, 7:00 PM. More details to come. If you're interested in helping out the religious education program this year, or if you have any questions, e-mail [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com).

**ROSARIES FOR AFRICA**

Once again, we will be collecting rosaries, small statues, crosses and crucifixes, and small and/or pocket Bibles to send to African churches. If you have items in **good condition** that you would like to donate, there will be a box located in the Vestibule of the Church for the next 4 weeks. Questions? Contact Christine Nobb at 603-557-4736. Please note, we do not provide pick up service for donated items. You must drop them off in the church vestibule.

**CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to those 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 items like: 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](mailto:Corpuschristifp@aol.com), or call 882-6372.

## **ST. PATRICK PARISH DINNER**

**Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 5:00 - 8:00 PM in the Gym**

Tickets will go on sale in September and we are looking forward to a fun evening! The planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Center, Classroom 1.** All who would like to assist are welcome. We have fun together, so please join us! Questions? Please contact Janet Polaneczky at 603-930-5090 or email at [jpolaneczky@comcast.net](mailto:jpolaneczky@comcast.net).

## **ST. PATRICK THRIFT SHOP**

There was a very positive response at the first exploratory meeting! We discussed the pros and cons of putting a Thrift Shop in the school.

Please join us for a more detailed planning meeting on **Aug. 31st at 6:00 PM in the school.** Please enter between the center and school. We will discuss the mission, possible volunteer duties and numbers needed, operating items, items to carry and what to avoid, pick-up/drop-off times and locations, etc. Initial thoughts are to operate the Thrift Shop 2-3 days a week, 3-6 hours a day, and possibly one Saturday a month. Committed volunteers are essential, and we look forward to getting to know many more parishioners while serving others! Questions? Please contact Janet Polaneczky at 603-930-5090 or email Janet at [jpolaneczky@comcast.net](mailto:jpolaneczky@comcast.net).

## **Community News**

### **PRIVATE TOURS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL**

It's not too late to register for the upcoming school year at St. Christopher School! St. Chris invites families to visit the school for a private tour before classes begin in late August. Parents of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6 students will appreciate the emphasis on outstanding academics built on a strong Catholic moral and spiritual foundation. Classrooms and school facilities are light and bright and feature the latest in educational technology. Service and extracurricular opportunities are an integral part of a St. Chris education and parents (and grandparents!) are always welcome. To set up a tour, contact Jackie Langenfeld at 603-882-7442, ext. 114 or email her at [jlangenfeld@StChrisSchoolNH.org](mailto:jlangenfeld@StChrisSchoolNH.org). Parents can explore the school online at [www.StChrisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StChrisSchoolNH.org).

## **FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY OUR LADY OF BEAURAING**

Come and celebrate with us on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 95 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro, MA at 4:00 PM. We will pray the Magnificat and sing *Hail Holy Queen* at the outdoor statue of Our Lady of Beauraing. Two new committee members will be installed. There will be an explanation of the Icon of the Lady of the Golden Heart by Br. Richard Cote, OMI. Sale items will be available. Questions? Contact Irene at 978-649-1813

## **PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY 20TH ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**

**Saturday, Sept. 19th**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**182 Lowell Rd., Hudson, NH  
(Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 20th)**

Join us for our 20th Annual Fall Fun Fest! There will be a large variety of attractions for all ages, including many inflatables and a photo booth with fun props. Enjoy the petting zoo; face painting; tie-dye your own shirt and bucket hat; pumpkin painting and so much more! Let's not forget our fabulous penny sale with over 250 items; Super Raffle with a top prize of \$500.00; theme basket raffles; Sisters Fish Pond, and lots of yummy grilled food to enjoy (including a baked potato bar). For dessert there is fresh home baked apple crisp or Kona Ice. Bring the family and enjoy the day with us. As always, FREE PARKING.

Funds raised are used during the school year for all students and include field trips, enrichment programs, and more.

We are located at 182 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH. Please visit us at [www.pmaschool.org](http://www.pmaschool.org) or email us at [ParentGroup@pmaschool.org](mailto:ParentGroup@pmaschool.org) for more information about this event! Or call Chris Thompson at 603-505-0031.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Marriage Encounter Weekend**

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 19 - 20, October 23 - 25 and December 4 - 6, 2015. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), or at <https://www.facebook.com/wwmema>.

**MAHRAJAN 2015**  
**A MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL**  
**August 21 through August 23, 2015**  
**Our Lady of the Cedars**  
**Melkite Catholic Church, Manchester, NH**

Mahrajan 2015 will be held on the grounds of Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church at 140 Mitchell St., Manchester, NH on Friday, Aug. 21 from 5:00 - 10:00 PM; Saturday, Aug. 22 from 12:00 Noon - 10:00 PM; and Sunday, Aug. 23 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM. The event features a variety of Lebanese food, live music, dancing, religious gifts, church tours, and entertainment for children. George Maalouf and Ensemble, along with DJ Kibar, are providing the music. Admission is free. For more information visit [www.bestfestnh.com](http://www.bestfestnh.com).



**ST. CHARLES CHILDREN'S**  
**HOME 5K RACE**  
**9:00 AM - LABOR DAY**  
**MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2015**

Come and join us on Labor Day, Sept. 7th, for the 19th Annual Saint Charles Children's Home 5K Race at Martin's Point Healthcare located on the Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. To learn more and register, visit our website at: [www.runningnuns.com](http://www.runningnuns.com).

**Annual Homeschool Mass**  
**St. Joseph Cathedral**  
**Sept. 10, 2015 @ 10:00 AM**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all homeschool students, parents, instructors and those interested in the ever-growing home school system in New Hampshire to attend a special Mass on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell Street, Manchester. Questions are welcomed by Father Jason Jalbert at 663-0153 or you can send your questions by email to [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) for more information.

**Summer Reception Funds**  
**Grants for Needy**

The annual Summer Reception to support the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund will be held at Trudel House, official residence of the Bishop of Manchester, on Thursday, September 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Proceeds from the Summer Reception enable Bishop Libasci to make grants to non-profit organizations in New Hampshire that help those most in need. Attendance at the reception is open to all, but does require a donation. Information on tickets, donation levels and descriptions of all the grants made by Bishop Libasci and the BCAF can be found at [www.catholicnh.org/bcaf](http://www.catholicnh.org/bcaf) or by calling 603-663-0166.

**World Meeting of Families**  
**Pilgrimage & Papal Mass**  
**Sept. 22- 27, 2015 ~ Philadelphia, PA**

The 8th World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22 to 27, 2015. Pope Francis will celebrate a public Mass on Sunday, September 27. The Diocese of Manchester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the World Meeting and Papal Mass. For information and pilgrimage details visit [www.catholicnh.org/wmof](http://www.catholicnh.org/wmof).

## *Novenas*

Novenas – nine consecutive days of prayer – once enjoyed great popularity among Catholics. Indeed, novenas became a unique “marker” of Catholicism, for no other Christians had such things. Many parishes had public novenas, usually twice a year. And some parishes, including St. Patrick’s and St. Casimir’s, had “perpetual” novenas, especially the Miraculous Medal Novena, which was prayed every week on a specific day. In the old standard form, public novenas had hymns, special prayers, sermons (usually by visiting priests), and Benediction. Today, novenas have become somewhat rare.

On one hand, the novena is somewhat “modern,” having become popular only in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. On the other hand, the novena is very ancient, having originated before the Church’s birth at Pentecost. We discover the first novena in chapter 1 of *The Acts of the Apostles*, the sequel to St. Luke’s Gospel. There St. Luke reports that after the Risen Christ had ascended into Heaven, the apostles “joined constantly in prayer with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers” (cf. Acts 1:11). This common prayer continued for nine consecutive days, from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday.

Notice that the first novena had a *single common intention*: the fulfillment of God’s plan. The nine days of consecutive prayer, then, were not primarily about “asking” for something from God. Rather, the intense common prayer served as *preparation* to receive what the Risen Christ had promised – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The earliest believers had an intuition that intense and continuous prayer in *common* would be more effective than isolated private prayer. After all, Jesus had fostered collective prayer among his followers, and the people of Israel had a very long history of common prayer. As such, the novena, when properly understood, remains a legitimate and laudatory form of Catholic prayer.

Over time, however, some people lost touch with the genuine biblical origins of the novena and tilted toward a “magical” approach. Gradually, their focus switched from fervent prayer in anticipation of God’s gracious action to a great emphasis on externals. Suddenly, people became concerned about saying the correct prayers, identifying the proper patron saint for specific causes, and rigorously keeping together the chain of nine consecutive days. Would the novena be ruined if one missed a day?

Though public novenas have largely fallen out of favor, the novena remains a valuable spiritual practice. Great souls like St. Therese, Dorothy Day, and Mother Teresa reported praying novenas frequently. And these saintly people surely imitated the approach of those who joined together for the first novena long ago – prayer that opens people to receive what God intends to bestow.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*