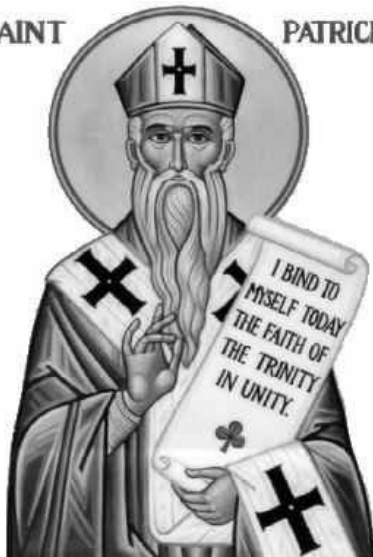


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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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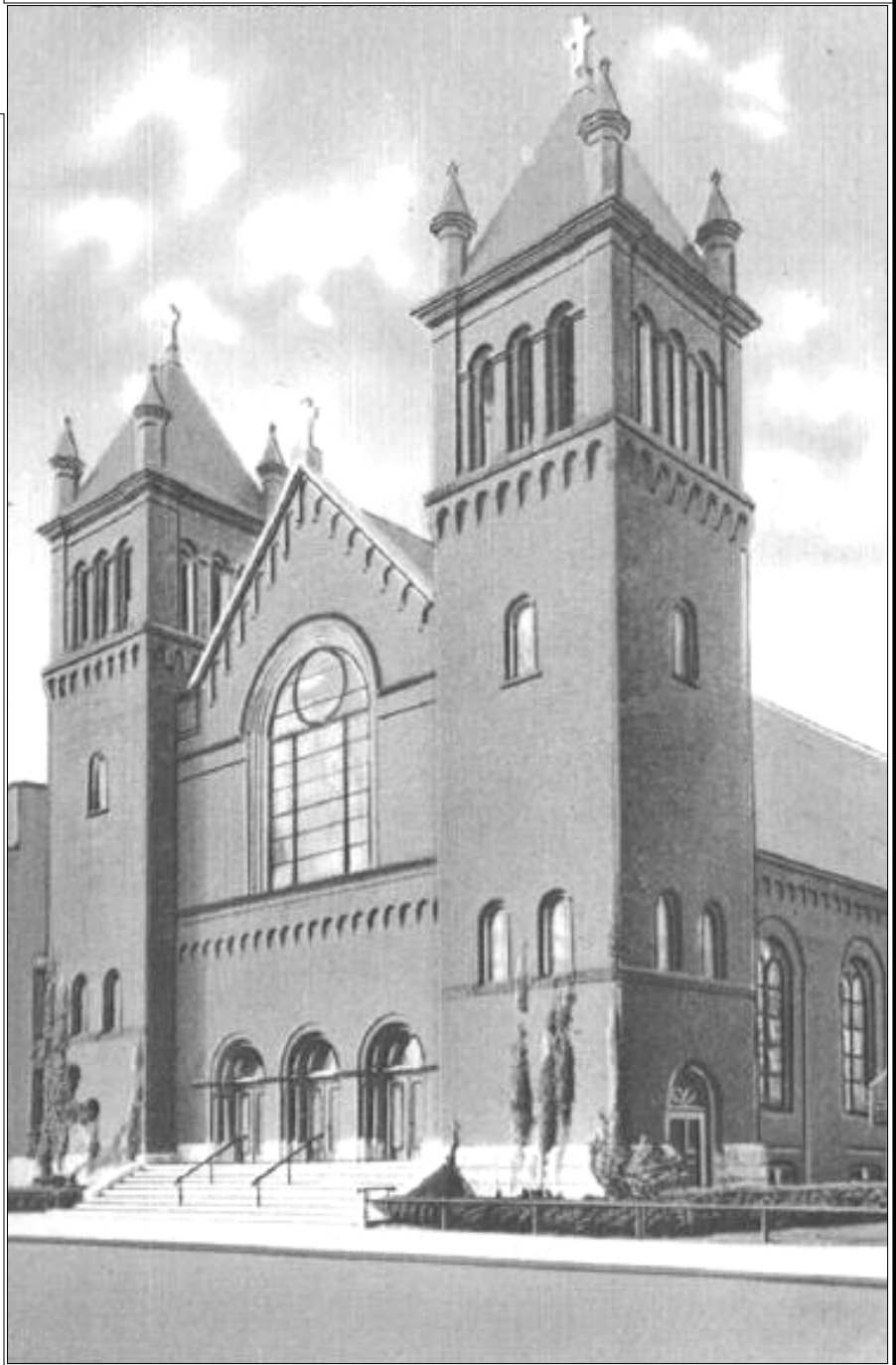
**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)  
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)  
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)  
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

**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, 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**

**Monday, August 21, 2017 - St. Pius X**

7:00 AM **Frank & Grace Bolen, & David Bolen**  
By Rosemary Daly

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 PM **Andrew C. Jenkins**  
By the family

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017 - St Rose of Lima**

12:05 PM **John and Ethel Dunn**  
By their daughter-in-law, Mary Dunn

**Thursday, August 24, 2017 - St. Bartholomew**

12:05 PM **Fr. Michael Kerper (Living)**  
By Virginia Cooney

**Friday, August 25, 2017 -**

**St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz**

12:05 PM **Sophie Narenkiewicz**  
By the family

**Saturday, August 26, 2017 - Vigil - 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **George Boucher, 17th Anniversary**  
By his wife Jean Boucher

**Sunday, August 27, 2017 - 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **John Krayeski**  
By a friend

9:30 AM **Hilda Bosse**  
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 August 12 & 13**

From (152) Envelope Users: \$4,646.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,056.00  
- Cash \$1,454.00  
Electronic Giving Users (32) \$1,061.75  
**Total Collection \$8,217.75**

**Mass Count: 615**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of August 13, 2017 **\$352.00**

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!**

***Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration  
With Bishop Libasci***

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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.***

## 20th 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 **\$858.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of August **12th & 13th**. 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.

### **Early Childhood Educators Needed**

St. Marie Child Care Center is seeking a Full-Time Preschool Teacher, 3 Full-Time staff and 2 Afterschool teachers. Must have 18 credits in Early Childhood Education. For more information, please call 603-668-2356 or email us at: [stemarie.childcare@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.bestfestnh.com)

## August 20, 2017

### **MONDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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.

We will resume the 12:05 Mass on September 11, 2017. Mass on Labor Day, September 4, will be at 9:00 AM.

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

#### **Classes in September!**

Please register now

Classes for Grade 1 through High School start on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Classes begin at 10:30 AM and end at 11:45 AM. Families are invited to worship at the 9:30 AM Mass.

On September 17, all parents are invited to participate in a brief meeting to review policies, expectations, and schedules. At least one parent must attend.

Adult Faith Formation begins 09/24/17. Registration is not required.

*Faith formation is a lifelong journey. Let's tra-vel it together - adults, singles, couples, families and youth alike!*

#### **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](mailto: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

### **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 20 - August 27, 2017**

**Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**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:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**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:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**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 19 - 25th, 2017**

Mary Gail Jenkins has donated money for the flowers sitting in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue in memory of her brother Andrew C. Jenkins from August 19th- August 25th.

**THANK YOU!**

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

September 10, 2017

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

*(Low Mass)*

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Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

August 26, 2017

**St. Zephyrinus**

September 2, 2017

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**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.

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\_\_\_ 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. \_\_\_\_\_

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2017

There are so many who never thought they would have to ask for help: parents, once financially secure, now wondering how they can make ends meet; couples struggling with pressures of job stability or marriage difficulties in search of counseling; young mothers trying to improve their situation and become better parents. 1-in-13 people in New Hampshire knock on our door each year.

Your support of Catholic Charities helps ensure that your neighbors in crisis can find comfort and support. You improve lives and give hope.

Catholic Charities envelopes are available at the back of the church for your convenience. Can't find one? Make a check out to Catholic Charities and place it in a plain white envelope marked Catholic Charities and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass. The Sacrament can be celebrated with people preparing for or recovering from surgery, in rehab, or those who have any serious illness..

## Labor Day Schedule

On Labor Day Monday September 4, 2017, Mass will be at 9:00 A.M. The parish office will be closed.

## 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. For more information contact Stephanie at 603-718-8629 or email us at [OlphSodality@yahoo.com](mailto:OlphSodality@yahoo.com).

## CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in need of the following, non-perishable food and toiletry items this summer: canned meat (Spam), chili, hash, corn, canned pasta, mac and cheese, rice or pasta sides, jelly, syrup, ketchup, smaller size 12oz dish detergent, deodorant, toothpaste. Also, Back-to-School socks and underwear are being collected for distribution to deserving children. If you are able to help, please bring the items to 43 Franklin St. by 08/06, or leave them in the back of your church and a volunteer will bring them to Corpus Christi. Thank you in advance for supporting our mission. For information please contact Susan Dignan at 603-882-6372 or 603-598-1641. God bless you.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Help increase your faith in 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 Fall Dinner and Recognition Event*

**Saturday, October 14**

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St. Patrick Gymnasium

Tickets can be purchased following our weekend Masses on:

***September 30/October 1***

and

***October 7/8***

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

The dinner will be *buffet style*, all you can eat.

*Please help!*

We need many hands to set up the gym and clean up after the event. This is always a great chance to meet people. Volunteer by letting a ticket seller know of your generosity and availability. Thank you!

## *A Tale of Three Churches*

Recently I wandered into three Boston churches, two Catholic and one Congregational. Each represents a possible future for any urban church in New England.

Last Monday, I took a walk through the North End. This densely-populated neighborhood was once Irish, the childhood home of Rose Kennedy. When the Irish left, the Italians came. Some remain, but the neighborhood is now occupied mostly by young professionals who work in finance and technology firms. Catholic “ethnics” are now few and far between.

I walked up Hanover Street intending to visit St. Leonard Church. As I got closer, I noticed that the courtyard gate was closed. Were they on a summer break? No. The church, which I had visited so many times, was closed “until further notice.”

What happened? Over time, the parish deferred necessary maintenance. While they did an excellent job refurbishing their stained glass windows a few years ago, the big “wounds” kept festering. I especially recall watching the gorgeous rotunda gradually deteriorate as paint peeled away and plaster fell off. I suspected that scaffolding alone would cost a fortune. Last week’s bulletin at St. Leonard’s revealed the total repair bill: \$3,000,000. The sign posted on the gate stated that St. Leonard’s will not reopen until the parish can pay for the extensive repairs. When will that happen? Not soon. On the weekend of August 8/9, the people who attended 5 Masses donated \$2,161. At that rate, it would take over 25 years to pay for the repairs, assuming that the parish had no operating expenses.

But there’s more! Poor Fr. Antonio, the Franciscan pastor, also reported that Sacred Heart Church, just a block away, needs \$250,000 for “urgent repairs” on its crumbling facade. This church, which was once a Protestant church, is now the temporary “worship site” for the people of St. Leonard’s. By the way, the parish operates a *third* church -- St. Stephen’s, the place of Rose Kennedy’s baptism. This church was also once Protestant. Three churches?

Now, let’s go to the second church, the brand new Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine on Boston’s Seaport Boulevard. It opened in April, the first new church built in the Archdiocese of Boston in 60 years. It seats 250 people -- 600 fewer than St. Patrick’s. And it cost \$10,000,000. Do the math: each seat cost \$40,000. Yes, it was expensive, but it is indeed a very nice church. It has air conditioning, stained glass windows from an old German church, marble, gorgeous statues, and a nice restroom. It’s not a parish but a shrine operated by the Archdiocese of Boston. The funds apparently came from the sale of church property and a few donors.

Finally, I went to Old South Church at Copley Square. This beautiful church, built in the 1870’s, is by far the best-maintained and most striking of the three. It is also probably the richest. How can one tell? They don’t bother to report their income and they don’t sell anything.

These three churches, though very different, have one thing in common: *They are pretty much empty.* When I went into Sacred Heart in the North End at 10:20 AM, I was alone. When I went into Our Lady of Good Voyage at 4:10 PM, I was alone (though about 35 people attended the 12:10 PM Mass). When I went into Old South Church at 1:30 PM, I saw one homeless man sleeping and a young man actually reading prayers from his iPhone.

Three churches. Three glimpses at the future.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*