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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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David Santerre, *Maintenance*

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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

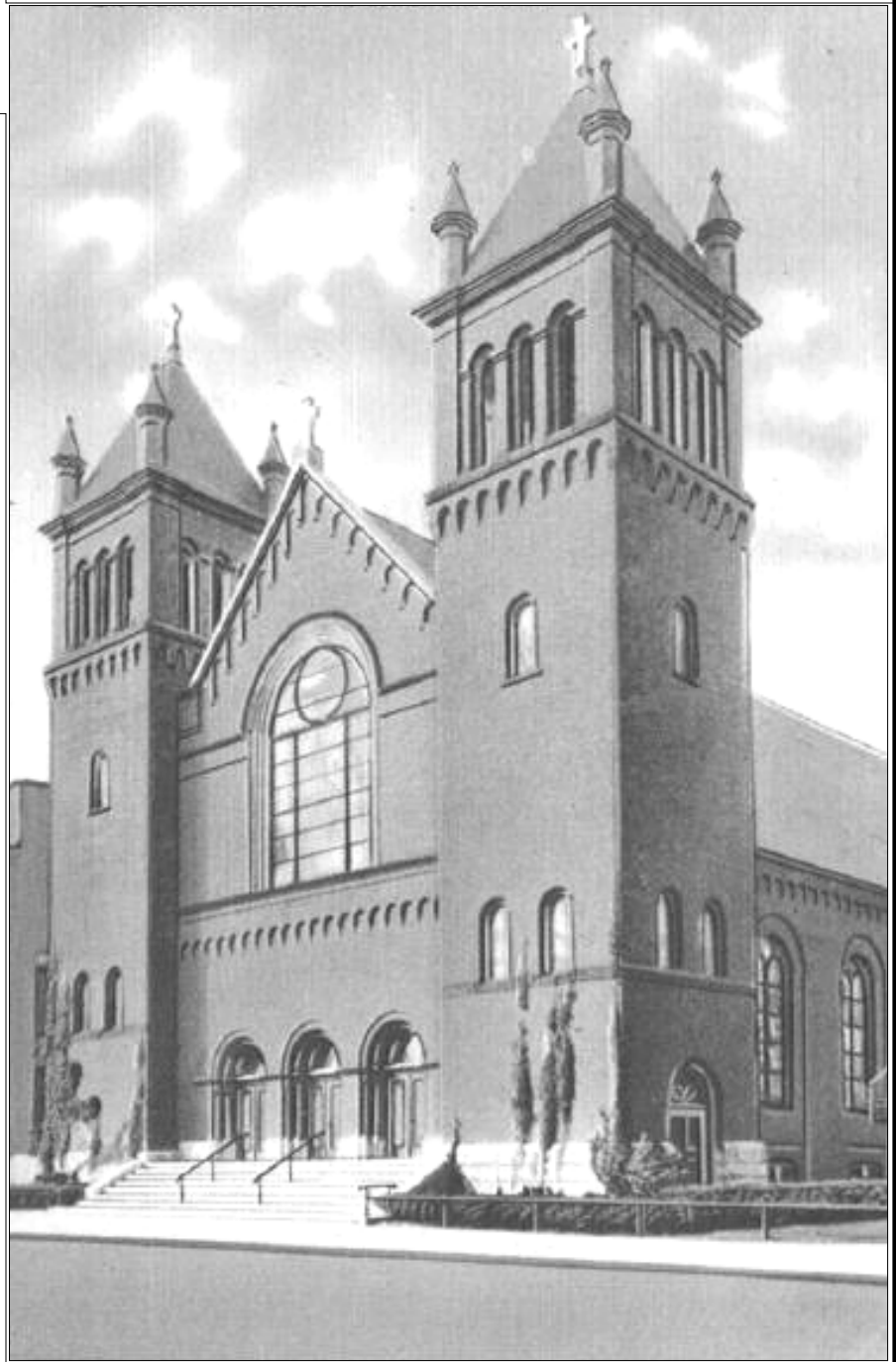
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fri. - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cemetery Office

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
& INTENTIONS**

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

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

Sunday, August 27, 2017 - 21st 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**

Monday, August 28, 2017 - St. Augustine

7:00 AM **John and Lottie Jasinski**
By the family

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:05 PM **Martha Cash**
By Kevin Sullivan

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 - Weekday

12:05 PM **Ann and Albert Lucas**
By their daughter, Elona Lucas

Thursday, August 31, 2017 - Weekday

12:05 PM **Joseph J. Calvetti**
By Paul McDermott

Friday, September 1, 2017 - Weekday

12:05 PM **John Wynne**
By Bridget Belton

Saturday, September 2, 2017 - Vigil - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Rev. Paul Fu (Dominican)**
By the Belton Family

Sunday, September 3, 2017 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Ann Lucas**
By Elona Lucas

9:30 AM **Donal P. Dignan**
By the Provost 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 19 & 20

From (140) Envelope Users:	\$4,830.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,124.00
- Cash	\$1,482.00
Electronic Giving Users (34)	\$1,236.75
Total Collection	\$8,672.75

Mass Count: 650

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of August 20, 2017 **\$530.00**

Feast of the Assumption \$925.00

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.

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

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.***

21st 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 **\$1,057.00** towards the Capital Campaign the weekend of August **19th & 20th**. 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.

FORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Every year we form a group for people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We get people of all ages and backgrounds. The formation consists of exploring the Nicene Creed as presented by the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We usually meet on Saturday afternoons, but try to accommodate the schedules and needs of everyone. We will begin in early October.

If you or someone you know would like to join the group, please call Father Michael Kerper at 603-882-2262. You can also send an email to: pastor.st.patrick@gmail.com

STAFF UPDATE

Rosemary Daly, who faithfully served as our parish Office Manager since July, 2011, recently accepted a new position with the **Adult Learning Center** here in Nashua. Rosemary will now be able to devote much more of her time and talents to teaching English to the many newcomers in our community. Her students will surely benefit immensely from her educational skills, enthusiasm, and compassion.

Linda Marolla, who lives in Amherst, brings an array of skills to Rosemary's former position. Linda has been in place since July and is quickly learning how to handle the many tasks and projects that come her way.

Please pray for **Rosemary** and **Linda** as they make their transition to new challenges and delights.

August 27, 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.

Labor Day Schedule

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

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 travel 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.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS
August 27 - September 3, 2017

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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 26 - September 1st, 2017

Juanita McDonough has donated money for the flowers sitting in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue from August 26th- September 1st.

THANK YOU!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Help discover the keys to 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/>.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

September 10, 2017

14th Sunday after Pentecost

(Low Mass)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

September 2, 2017

Immaculate Heart of Mary

September 9, 2017

St. Gorgonius

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. _____

FORMING OUR FAMILIES IN FAITH

New Directions for 2017/2018

Bishop Peter Libasci recently announced that the Catholic Church in New Hampshire will return to the *original* order of receiving the Sacraments: Baptism, usually as an infant, followed by Confirmation and Holy Communion., which will be received *together*, normally in the 3rd grade. As in the past, children in the 2nd grade will be prepared for First Penance. These changes will be *phased in* gradually between now and 2020. Here's what's happening this year...

High School students will receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2018. This will be the final class of high school students.

Current Second Graders will receive First Penance and First Communion during the Spring of 2018. Those who continue the process will receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2020.

New current First Graders will receive First Penance in the Spring of 2019, and First Communion and Confirmation in the Spring of 2020.

Current Third Graders receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2020; current Fourth Graders and beyond will receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2019.

Family Faith Formation

The Ritual of Baptism refers to parents as “the first teachers of the Faith”. To assist parents in carrying out this noble and holy task, children *and* parents will learn *together* during “catechism time” on Sunday mornings. As parents acquire a deeper and clearer understanding of their own Catholic faith, they will have greater confidence discussing these vital truths with their children. Sacramental preparation will now be a “team effort” primarily done by parents supported by catechists, Faith Formation Staff, and the prayers and presence of our faithful parishioners. To support this effort, we will have approximately twelve sessions for parents while the children are in class. We hope that adults and children will enjoy this **shared experience** of learning about the Lord and His ways.

Introduction and Prayer time for Parents

Sunday, September 17 at 10:45 AM
St. Patrick Church

Fr. Kerper will introduce the new Diocesan policies, review new opportunities for parents to become directly involved in the Faith Formation of their children, lead a time of prayer for our families, and bestow a blessing on our “parent-teachers”. Being the first day of the Faith Formation year, parents are expected to attend after dropping off their children to class.

(Note: This event cannot be repeated. Parental participation is a necessary part of Faith Formation throughout the year.)

St. Monica and “Parental Intercession”

Parents of every era worry about the loss of their children. People of deep faith worry *most* about the spiritual fate of their children. After all, success in the world means nothing if a child has no grounding in faith. All accomplishments - financial, academic, athletic - soon pass into nothingness. As Jesus himself said, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?”

The parental vocation necessarily involves the pain of watching children veer off in the wrong direction. Sooner or later even the mildest and most compliant child engages in some form of rebellion against Mom and Dad. These acts of rebellion take many forms: a pierced ear (or nose, eyebrow, lip...) of a boy; a tattoo on a girl; or the vehement rejection of the “household religion”. This last act is *always* a favorite tactic. What does a parent do?

Because God endows sons and daughters with freedom, parents cannot forcibly impose religious identity and practice on their children, at least not after the child reaches a “mature age”, whatever that might be today. As a child gets older, parental influence in the spiritual/religious realm tends to diminish. Eventually it hits zero. All arguments fail. Precisely at that point the loving parent has to turn to a gentle, hidden, and powerful practice - the prayer of intercession, the spiritual work of bringing one’s children into God’s presence by praying for them.

On August 27, the Church celebrates the memory of St. Monica, perhaps the greatest “parental intercessor” of all time. In many ways Monica’s life, though lived in the 4th century, seems so very familiar. As a young woman she was married to an obnoxious, irreligious, and dissolute man named Patricius. Widowed when she was just 40, she was repeatedly disappointed by the antics of her brilliant son Augustine. He was “wild” in both mind and body. He became involved with a heretical group called the Manicheans and lived with a mistress for 15 years. Less than a year after Monica lost her husband, Augustine presented her with a new responsibility: the caring of his illegitimate son. Monica lovingly cared for her grandson, who received the name Adeodatus, which means “Given of God”.

While Augustine enjoyed the “wild” life, Monica relentlessly prayed for his conversion. Surely at times the situation seemed hopeless. But Monica persisted. By praying every day, she kept bringing her son into God’s presence even when he didn’t know it. Through intercessory prayer, Monica slowly coiled her spirit around his, and this deep spiritual bond became a conduit of God’s grace. Finally, when Augustine was 30, he received Baptism. He went on to become the greatest theological mind in the centuries before St. Thomas Aquinas.

Through prayer, Monica worked mysteriously with God for the “rebirth” of her beloved son. The long period of failure helped her to learn to trust firmly in God’s gentle power. When she realized that Augustine had finally become a deeply committed Christian, she must have marveled at the surprising goodness of God. Finally, the prayer worked! What happened in the 4th century can happen in the 21st. The wounds are much the same. So is the healing medicine.

Fr. Michael Kerper