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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
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Gary McDonald, Music Director  
Rel. Educ. Paul & Jennifer Murano

**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. 29, 2015 - Vigil ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **George Boucher, 15th Anniversary**  
By his wife, Jean Boucher

**Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Lucien Charest**  
By Maura Bush

9:30 AM **Ann & Albert Lucas**  
By Elona Lucas

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

**Monday, Aug. 31, 2015**

12:05 PM **Tom & Doris McGreevy**  
By Jack McGreevy

**Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015**

12:05 PM **Barbara Hayes, 10th Anniversary**  
By her husband David Hayes

**Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015**

12:05 PM **Rev. Paul Fu (Dominican)**  
By the Family

**Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015 ~ St. Gregory the Great**

12:05 PM **Amy Costa**  
By Kevin & Donna Comeau

**Friday, Sept. 4, 2015**

12:05 PM **Ann Lucas**  
By Elona Lucas

**Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 - Vigil ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Thomas Dionne**  
By Lisa and Michael Dionne

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 ~ 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent De Paul Society**

9:30 AM **Donal P. Dignan**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Joan B. Hayes**  
By Dorothy J. Garun

*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. 22 & 23**

Due to staff vacation schedules, the information for the Offertory for the weekend of August 22 & 23 was not available at the time of printing. This information will be contained in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish!



**CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

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

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass for all who wish to receive it. The Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Advanced notification increases the chances of providing the Sacrament in a timely manner. Unable to travel? Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

**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.

### 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)*

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**

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#### 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. 30 through Sept. 6

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

### LABOR DAY SCHEDULE MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2015

St. Patrick Parish offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**Mass will be held at 9:00 AM.  
There will be no 12:05 PM Mass.**

### 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 29/30 - after all weekend masses**

This year, please note that there 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, 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. Please note, we do not provide pick up service for donated items. You must drop them off in the church vestibule.

**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! Anyone interested in assisting is welcome to contact Janet Polaneczky for more information and find out what this event entails. We have fun together, so please join us! Questions? Please contact Janet Polaneczky at 603-930-5090 or send her an email with your questions 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 by phone at 603-930-5090 or email her at [jpolaneczky@comcast.net](mailto:jpolaneczky@comcast.net).

**Community News**

**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!

**CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY  
43 Franklin St., Nashua, NH**

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: Canned meat, such as: Beef Stew or Ham, Chili, canned pasta or sauce, Mac and Cheese, Ramen noodles or Cup o' Soup, muffin mixes, jelly or jam as well as, shampoo, deodorant, and 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. CHARLES CHILDREN'S  
HOME 5K RACE  
MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2015 9:00 AM**



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.

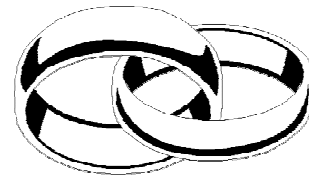
**Summer Reception Funds  
Grants for Needy**

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.



Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-30! The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the First Annual Quo Vadis Vocation Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. This day will be hosted by Bishop Libasci and will be led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Manchester on Saturday, October 24 from 10-4 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Litchfield. If you are interested, please contact the pastor of your parish or Father Jason Jalbert at [jjalbert@rcbm.org](mailto:jjalbert@rcbm.org).

**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>.

**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).

## *St. Gregory the Great*

A careful examination of church history reveals a constant alternation between corruption and reform, degeneration and virtue. While evil characters often commandeer the spotlight, we need to look at the heroes as well. This week, on September 3, we remember one such heroic figure: Pope St. Gregory the Great.

Born in 540, Gregory began life in a household marked by privilege and wealth. His father held a seat in the Roman Senate, which assured that young Gregory would have power and prestige if he so desired. By the age of 33, Gregory had already become the “prefect of the city,” an office roughly equivalent to city manager of Rome. After a brief time in power, Gregory sold his property, gave every penny to beggars, and became a Benedictine monk. Despite his ardent desire to live as a poor monk, Pope Pelagius II compelled Gregory to leave the monastery and accept a top administrative position. Gregory served well, but continued to live austere as his fellow monks did. In 590 he was elected Bishop of Rome, a post he never really desired or sought.

During his life, Gregory produced numerous works, including a commentary on Job, a life of St. Benedict, and a handbook for bishops. This last work is so touching because Gregory revealed his own intense struggles and doubts as a pastor. Though writing 1400 years ago, Gregory’s deepest concerns have a familiar ring. Among other things, he lamented the poor quality of priests serving in Rome and throughout the church. He also complained that pastors often degenerated into managers rather than becoming spiritual leaders.

Regarding priests, he wrote these poignant words: *“Look about you and see how full the world is of priests, yet in God’s harvest a laborer is rarely found, for although we have accepted the priestly office, we do not fulfill its demands.”*

Gregory always fretted about the poor quality of preaching, both in terms of relevant content and the conformity of the preacher’s life to the gospel. He himself shuddered to think that he was not living according to the gospel, thus giving scandal to those who heard his sermons.

As a Benedictine, Gregory always sought to keep the proper balance between administrative work and prayer. After criticizing his fellow bishops – and himself – for becoming “managers,” he wrote: *“We are wrapped up in worldly concerns, and the more we devote ourselves to external things, the more insensitive we become to the spirit.... We get involved in irrelevant pursuits and neglect the performance of our ministry.”*

Though a man of immense power, Gregory always lived plainly and humbly. People loved and admired him so much that he was declared a saint by virtual acclamation when he died on March 12, 604. Usually a saint’s feast day coincides with the day of his or her death. Gregory’s feast is a rare exception to the rule. His feast day, September 3, is the anniversary date of his coronation as Pope in 590. Gregory’s life reminds us that God always cares for the church by raising up good and holy leaders.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*