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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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**Linda Marolla**, *Office Manager*  
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**Gary MacDonald**, *Music Director*  
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*Faith Formation*  
**David Santerre**, *Maintenance*

**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, August 5, 2017 - Vigil - Transfiguration of the Lord**

4:00 PM **Elizabeth M. York**  
By the family

**Sunday, August 6, 2017 - Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 AM **Joseph G. & Eva C. Fariz**  
By the family

9:30 AM **Cornelius L. Hanafin**  
By Provost Family

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

**Monday, August 7, 2017 - Sts Sixtus II & Cajetan**

7:00 AM **June J. Morin**  
By Paul McDermott

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017 - St Dominic**

12:05 PM **Philip & Mildred Mercier**  
By Eugene Mercier

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

12:05 PM **George Mikulis**  
By Mary Sarameta

**Thursday, August 10, 2017 - St Lawrence**

12:05 PM **Thomas Wisnieski**  
By the family

**Friday, August 11, 2017 St Clare**

12:05 PM **Deceased members of the Diaz family**  
By Alene Krauss

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

4:00 PM **Mr/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 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 July 29 & 30**

From (142) Envelope Users: \$4,197.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,163.00  
- Cash \$1,603.00  
Electronic Giving Users (41) \$2,103.00  
**Total Collection \$9,066.00**

**Mass Count: 672**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of July 23, 2017 **\$506.00**

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 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.***

## Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

### *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 **\$466.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of July **29nd & 30th**. 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. We will receive donations through June and July. 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. St. Patrick Parish received **\$241.00** for the weekend of July 22nd & 23rd bringing the total to date to **\$1,437.00**. Thank you.

### **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.. Call 603-882-2262 to make 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.

## **NEW MASS SCHEDULE MONDAY**

During **July and 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.

### **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).

### **PUT NASHUA ON BIKES DAY August 5, 2017 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM PAL's Gym at St. Patrick Center 218-220 Main St., Nashua, NH 03060**

- We will accept donations of bikes, tools & accessories.
- We will have certified bike repair experts available.
- Bikes of all sizes will be for sale: some new or nearly new, some old or very old.
- Free surprise gifts while available.
- Safety tips and maintenance advice.

#### **For more information, call:**

Don Pare 603-321-3888 (Knights of Columbus)  
John Burkitt 603-889-9126 ("Let's Put People on Bikes")  
Shaun Nelson 603-594-3733 (Police Athletic League)  
Pedro Altagracia 603-589-3263

Sponsored by:

Coalition of the Police Athletic League (PAL), Knights of Columbus, Harbor Homes & "Let's Put People on Bikes"

**WEEKLY READINGS**  
**August 06 - August 13, 2017**

**Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9  
**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



**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)*

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Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

August 5, 2017

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

August 12, 2017

**St. Clare**

**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.

### Spirited Theology

*Catholic Teaching, Food and Drink*

**Tuesday August 8 at 6pm**

**Mr. Paul Murano**

***Humanae Vitae and the Modern World***

Gathering starts at 6pm, with speaker at 7pm.  
Shade Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, Nashua, NH.

Use the side entrance to the hotel.

Look for the *Shade* signs to point the way!

Food and drink by separate checks.

All Religious eat and drink on us (free)!

All are welcome

### THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

2017 HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER PROGRAMS

### SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS AT WETHERSFIELD ESTATE

Session I: August 9 -11, 2017

Session II: August 14-16, 2017

\$100 for room, tuition & meals

*Scholarships available!*

For more information, please visit  
[www.ThomasMoreCollege.Edu/SummerProgram](http://www.ThomasMoreCollege.Edu/SummerProgram)

### 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

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Improve your listening skills 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 Micelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <http://wwmema.org/>.



## *Rote Prayer*

Every now and then someone will ask about the "proper way" to pray. Most will say, "When I pray I seem to be saying just words." They've concluded that traditional prayers are nothing more than babbling. And those who have dipped into a few books about spirituality often seek something more dramatic and "sophisticated." As they continue their quest for "real prayer," many tend to drop the memorized traditional prayers, replacing them with something, well, more fluid and exciting. But, after a time of experimentation, they often end up with no prayer at all -- neither the traditional nor the "experimental." This happens because plain old-fashioned rote prayer -- the kind my grandparents and parents said throughout their lives -- has fallen into disfavor. Some even call it superstition. However, rote prayer has enormous value; some appreciate it only when they know that "sophisticated spiritual people" have endorsed it.

I recently stumbled upon two hearty -- and somewhat surprising -- endorsements of rote prayer from two sophisticated people: Dorothy Day (1897-1980) and Baron Friedrich von Hugel (1852-1925).

Dorothy Day, who started the Catholic Worker newspaper and movement with Peter Maurin in 1933, had a very deep spiritual life. Yet she always practiced rote prayer and encouraged others to do so as well. Here are two comments from her diary, entitled The Duty of Delight (Marquette University Press, 2008):

*I am glad I know so many prayers by rote such as the Memorare and the Act of Contrition. They are no more meaningless than a beautiful poem is.* (Emphasis added.)

*What a joy to say the Gloria in happy moments and the Credo when in need of assurance and the Hail Mary with its conclusion, "Now and the hour of our death." The Eastern churches know the value of repetition.* (Emphasis added.)

Her diary is packed with references to the Rosary, the Breviary, the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and an abundance of memorized prayers. She says almost nothing about the "higher forms" of prayer, which spiritual masters so highly value. She kept everything very simple, even childlike.

The second surprising proponent of rote prayer is Baron Friedrich von Hugel. Though mostly forgotten now, Baron von Hugel was perhaps the most creative, well-read lay (and controversial!) theologian/philosopher in Catholic Europe. His own voluminous writings reveal a man of spiritual depth and richness. Yet he *always* counseled his "directees" to *say their prayers* -- the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Act of Contrition.

Von Hugel, in his essay called "The Facts and Truths Concerning the Soul," insisted that even the most "spiritually advanced" people *must* retain ordinary vocal prayers, especially "one decade of the rosary every day." He demanded the rote prayers *"to help prevent any interior life from losing touch with the devotion of the people."* In a letter to Evelyn Underhill, the great Anglican spiritual writer, von Hugel called rote prayer "the hand rails" of the believer in times of trial and uncertainty. Here von Hugel echoes the words of the crusty old French priest who barked at a young priest: *If you can't pray, then at least say your prayers.* (cf. The Diary of a Country Priest [1936] by George Bernanos).

Today, of course, many people disdain the memorization of prayers as the suppression of "free creativity" and even the propagation of religious superstition. As such, very few people know any prayers by heart. (At graveside services, for example, many do not know the Our Father.) In the midst of free-floating "spirituality," I am so thankful that my grandmother taught me rote prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary, Salve Regina, Angelus, the Act of Contrition, and the Rosary. Maybe I didn't know what I was saying, but at least "the handrails" were in place -- and still are.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*