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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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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

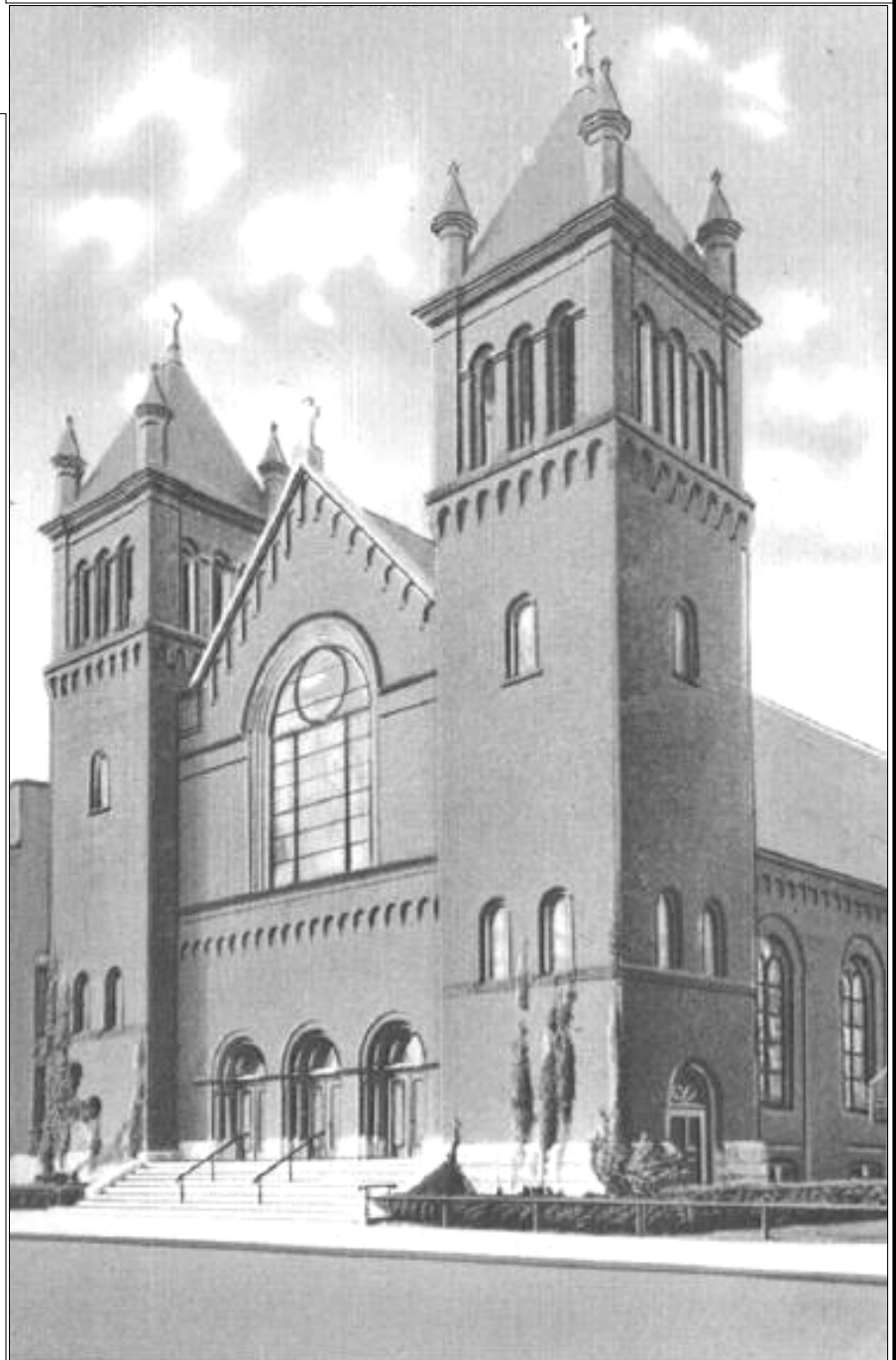
Sat.: 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### 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. 8, 2015 - Vigil ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**  
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

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

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

**Monday, Aug. 10, 2015 ~ St. Lawrence**

12:05 PM **Deceased Members of the Bucci Family**  
By the Family

**Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015 ~ St. Clare**

12:05 PM **Raymond Hayes**  
By David Hayes

**Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015 ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

12:05 PM **Helen Bennett, 10th Anniversary**  
By William Bennett

**Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 ~ Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus**

12:05 PM **George Shuman, 24th Anniversary**  
By Elona Lucas

**Friday, Aug. 14, 2015 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe**

12:05 PM **James McCarthy**  
By Paul McDermott

**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**

*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 25 & 26**

From (163) Envelope Users: \$ 5,298.50  
From All Others - Checks: \$ 3,277.00  
- Cash: \$ 1,584.00  
Electronic Giving Users (18) \$ 645.00  
**Total Collection \$10,804.50**

**Mass Count: 705**

**Weekend of Aug. 1 & 2**

From (185) Envelope Users: \$ 7,066.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$ 1,248.00  
- Cash: \$ 1,695.00  
Electronic Giving Users (19) \$ 680.00  
**Total Collection \$10,689.00**

**Mass Count: 730**

**Capital Campaign \$500.00**

**Peter's Pence Previous Total \$632.00**  
Peter's Pence July 25 & 26 \$ 32.00  
Peter's Pence Aug. 1 & 2 \$ 52.00  
**Total to Date: \$716.00**

**Parish to Parish**  
**Previous Total \$1,196.00**  
Weekend of July 25 & 26 \$ 152.00  
Weekend of Aug. 1 & 2 \$ 55.00  
**Total To Date: \$1,403.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Weekend of July 25 & 26 \$112.00  
Weekend of Aug. 1 & 2 \$499.00

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!**

NEWS AND NOTES

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon  
 Sunday, August 9, 2015  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Sunday Sept. 13, 2015  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday Mornings  
 8:00 AM  
*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*  
 August 15, 2015  
**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 August 22, 2015  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 August 29, 2015  
**The Beheading of St. John the Baptist**  
 Sept. 5, 2015  
**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 or to obtain your missal.

**WEEKLY READINGS**  
**Aug. 9 through Aug. 16**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20  
**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
**Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

**ASSUMPTION OF MARY**  
**SATURDAY, AUG. 15, 2015**

This year, the Feast of the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, in light of the importance of this solemnity, we will have two Masses:

**Friday, Aug. 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015 @ 8:00 AM (Latin)**

**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 9 - after all Sunday masses**

**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 10:30am or September 2 at 7pm. 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, 7pm. 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 Paul and Jennifer at [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com).

**CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**

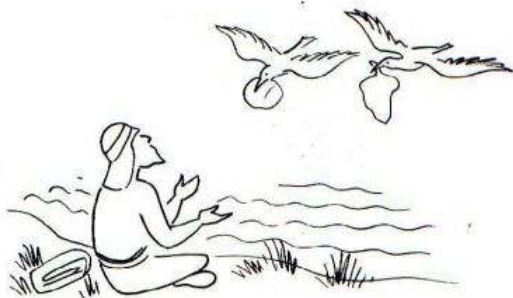
Thank you to those who have generously donated to our pantry. We are Blessed to have your support and prayerfully remember you each day as we assist our neighbors in Nashua. Non perishable items like: Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, and Pancake Mix, as well as, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toiletry items 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.

## **LAUDATO SI**

*What the Pope really said*

**Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2015  
7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Fr. Kerper will offer an overview of the Holy Father's encyclical published in July with a special focus on the "spinning" of the media. Copies of *Laudatio Si* are available at the rectory during office hours. The cost is \$12.00 per copy.



## **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.

## **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).

## **CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE AUGUST 14, 2015**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary New England Homeschool Conference will be held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell, MA on Friday, August 14 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Amy Fahey, Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett, and Mrs. Colleen Billing. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org) or call 540-636-1946.

## **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 978-643-1813

## **11TH ANNUAL NASHUA CATHOLIC REGIONAL JHS GOLF TOURNAMENT Amherst CC ~ Aug. 13, 2015 ~ 8:30 AM**

Nashua Catholic has openings for their Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Amherst Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015. The tournament format is a scramble with an 8:30 AM shot gun start. The \$110 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, morning breakfast sandwich, hot dogs at the turn, and a steak and ribs dinner after golf. Don't golf? We have tee sign opportunities for \$100. For more information and/or to sponsor a hole, please contact Bob Boissoneault at 603-882-7011.

## **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>.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY WEEKEND**  
**AUGUST 14-16, 2015**  
**BARBARA C. HARRIS CENTER**  
**GREENFIELD, NH**  
[www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org)

Join us for the 10th Annual Catholic Family Weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Center on Otter Lake in Greenfield, NH. Our theme for this year is "A Higher Love: Called To Serve – Imitating Christ In Word & Action!" The focus of the weekend is the family. There will be activities for children of all ages, family activities, and free time for family fun. Mass on Saturday evening, lighted rosary, and an outdoor concert are also included. To register go to [www.vitanova.org](http://www.vitanova.org). Contact Shawn & Teresa Rouillard with questions at (603) 641-8878 or email Teresa at [tree227777@gmail.com](mailto:tree227777@gmail.com).

**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).

**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.

**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 homeschool 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 e-mail [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) for more information.

**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. Francis, St. Clare, Poverty and Money*

Next Wednesday, August 11, the Church will celebrate the memory of St. Clare of Assisi (1193-1253), the young noble woman who left her affluent family to join the small band of men who were following St. Francis. Her flight from her wealthy family set off a huge controversy because she had rejected marriage and – even worse – a share in her family’s wealth. Indeed, she found St. Francis so appealing precisely because of his radical poverty. The Roman Missal’s opening prayer for St. Clare draws attention to her “love of poverty.”

As much as Catholics revere St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Anthony of Padua, and other primitive Franciscans, we find their “love of poverty” strange, obsolete, and even dangerous. To get a clearer sense of how radical St. Francis was, we need to look at his “First Rule,” written in 1209. Read the following “laws” from St. Francis:

*None of the friars should ever carry or receive money or coin – not even for clothing, books, or in payment for some kind of labor.*

*If a friar even chances across money somewhere, he should give it no more regard than if it were dust.*

St. Francis, always known for gentleness, imposed a harsh punishment on any friar who dared to keep money: *All the brothers should consider him an apostate, thief, robber, like the one who kept that purse [i.e. Judas!] unless he become truly penitent.*

What accounts for this animosity toward money and option for poverty? Two factors. First, St. Francis, St. Clare, and other early Franciscans, took to heart the example of Christ and His frequent warnings against excessive material wealth. Second, and perhaps more important, they understood that the “neediness” of voluntary poverty fostered a true spirit of gratitude to God, who is the source of everything that they had ever received.

This second point underlies the teaching of Pope Francis expressed in *Laudato Si*. The Holy Father has passionately warned us that the frenetic pursuit of a super-abundance of “stuff” inevitably suppresses the spirit of gratitude, thereby making worship – which is preeminently an act of *thanksgiving* – obsolete, unappealing, and senseless for people smothered by excess.

Contemporary Catholics, of course, must ask a crucial question: Are we *really* expected to take St. Francis and St. Clare as models to be imitated? Yes! Just as the Christian life is supposed to be an “imitation of Christ,” it is also an “imitation of the saints.”

But what does this mean in *actual practice* today? At the very minimum, the example of St. Francis and St. Clare – and the teaching of Pope Francis – should make us uneasy about the excess that may exist in our own lives; it should cause us to take a second look at our attitudes toward poverty, wealth, and accumulation; and it should get us to review our own habits regarding concrete generosity toward the poor and needy, even within our own families.

Perhaps the following lines from the Holy Father’s *Laudato Si* offer the best and most simple direction: *Less is more... Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with a little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack.* For sure, St. Francis and St. Clare would endorse this as a “good translation” of their spirituality.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*