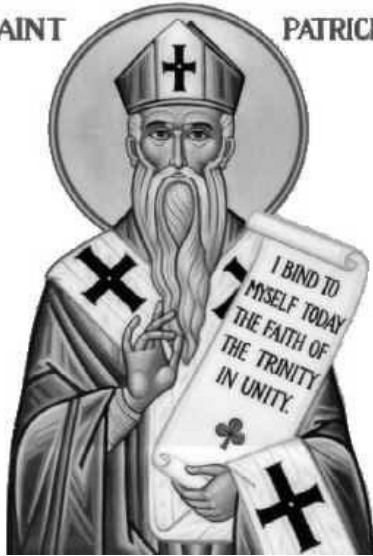


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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Michael Kerper
Pastor

Rev. John Healey
Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, *Office Manager*
Jean Dickson, *Finance Manager*
Gary MacDonald, *Music Director*
Paul & Jennifer Murano,
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

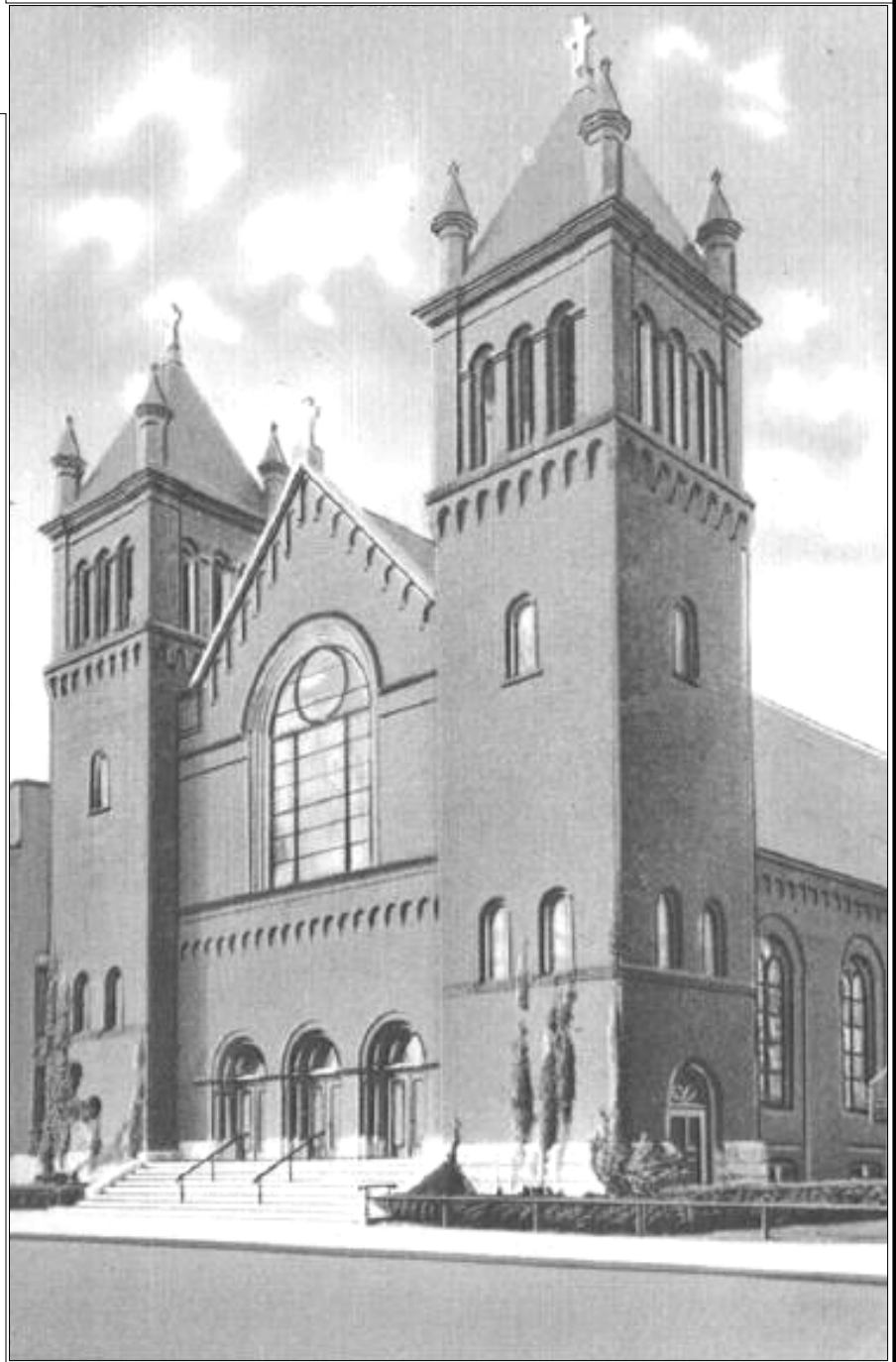
Sat. 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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



St. Patrick Parish

Nashua, NH

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 - Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM **John E. "Jack" Doyle**
By his wife Mary Doyle and Family

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM **Brian Borromeo**
By the Family

9:30 AM **People of the Parish**

12:00 PM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent
De Paul Society**

Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05 PM **Matthew Byrne**
By the Family

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 - St. Lucy

12:05 PM **Marie Letendre**
By Don and Terry Paré

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 - St. John of the Cross

12:05 PM **Hannah Rita Hickey, 8th Anniv.**
By Judy Spaulding

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016

12:05 PM **James Byrne**
By the Family

Friday, Dec. 16, 2016

12:05 PM **Doris Colletta**
By Charles, Thomas and
Susan Colletta

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 - Vigil - 4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM **Jean Dolan, Gertrude Walsh
and Pauline Goy**
By the Goy Family

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016 - 4th Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM **Jeannette L. Robert &
Roger J. Robert**
By Dennis and Lena Robert

9:30 AM **Anna Bucci**
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 December 3 & 4

From (185) Envelope Users: \$ 6,352.00
From All Others - Checks: \$ 1,188.00
 - Cash: \$ 1,366.00
Electronic Giving Users (28) \$ 1,157.00
Total Collection \$10,063.00

Mass Count: 793

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 12/4/16 \$639.00

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!



Sacrament of the Sick

Offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass.
For individual arrangements call 603-882-2262.

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.

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. Information about the appeals and associated special envelopes are available on the back tables and in the vestibule. Thank you for considering these needs and acting according to your considered judgment and own resources.

Currently we are receiving offerings for the following purposes:

Retired Religious Sisters and Brothers

Every December the Church in the United States has a special collection for retired sisters and brothers. These funds support thousands of retired religious who served Catholics so well, especially in parish schools. We will receive donations for these good women and men through Advent. To date we have received **\$486.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for people who would like to make memorial donations for Christmas flowers in our church. We will compile a memorial list and publish it on January 8, 2017.

St. Patrick's Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign, which began last January, has been very successful, having raised 75% of our \$850,000 goal in just 10 months. It is now possible to make direct (non-pledged) donations whenever you desire. Special capital campaign envelopes are in the rear of the church. A plain envelope or check marked "capital campaign" will also suffice. Please remember that all capital campaign donations are used *exclusively* for upgrades and building projects within the parish.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Laetare Sunday

December 11, 2016

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

December 17, 2016

Ember Saturday

December 24, 2016

Vigil of Christmas

No Latin Mass at 8:00 AM

December 31, 2016

7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

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..

WEEKLY READINGS

Dec. 12 - Dec. 18

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Advent

Candlelight Retreat

For Busy Catholic Women

Wednesday
December 14
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

6:00 Church Doors Open

6:30 Opening Prayer

6:45 *"Being a Faithful Midwife for the Christ Child"*

A reflection by *Dr. Carmina Chapp*, St. Joseph College, Maine

7:15 Silent Eucharistic Adoration

[Confessions available during this time.]

8:15 Benediction

Social time with light refreshments until 9:00 PM

Sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena

All women are invited.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council 11907 is proud to kick off our Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Campaign in two ways. The first is our KCIC Poster Contest for children ages 5-14. Posters and completed entry forms should be submitted and received no later than December 15, 2016 to Robert Everett 220 Derry Rd. Apt 40 Hudson NH 03051-6620 (603) 229-7319 rje7@hotmail.com

Second, this is the last weekend for purchasing your Knights of Columbus KCIC Christmas cards.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus please ask any member at the parish or at our coffee socials. Contact Grand Knight Rob Everett at the number listed above.

St. Francis School Advent Open House Wednesday, December 14th

Drop-in during the day to shadow classes, tour our school and meet with our Principal!

St. Francis School provides an education in virtue for 3 year-olds to Sixth Grade. It is situated on a beautiful 14-acre campus in Litchfield. Be part of something magnanimous! For more information and to register, visit us on the web at www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org or call the office at (603) 424-3312.



DEANERY-WIDE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

NASHUA, MERRIMACK, HUDSON & MILFORD PARISHES

Sunday

December 18, 2016 at 2 pm

St. Joseph's Parish

777 West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH



As we prepare for Advent, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness!

Over 15 priests will be available!



Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

Castro and Cremation

Since the death of V. I. Lenin in 1924, top Communist leaders have almost always had impressive state funerals followed by full body burials. In Lenin's case, the Soviet Union worked hard to keep his corpse intact so that Soviet citizens and other admirers could view it. When Joseph Stalin died in 1953 he received the same treatment until he fell out of favor with his successors. Other embalmed and displayed Communist corpses include Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam and Mao Tse -Tung of China. (Mao wanted to be cremated but the Chinese Communists had other plans for his corpse.) Even Karl Marx chose full body burial, probably because of his Jewish background, which abhorred cremation.

Strange as it seems, Communists, who were usually atheists, carefully maintained the Christian tradition of full body burial. They seemed intuitively to understand that the "immortality" of Communist leaders required tombs to enshrine their human remains.

Fidel Castro, however did something new: he opted for cremation, not full body burial. His "funeral" was strangely empty. Indeed, thousands of Cubans who went to his "viewing" didn't even see his ashes. They glimpsed at an array of military medals, an unframed photograph of Castro dressed in fatigues, and some flowers. Later, Raúl Castro interred Fidel's urn in a "private" ceremony with little fanfare.

Here we have a fascinating intersection between predominant Western "funeral" customs and the deliberate choice of an avowed atheist. Castro, the last surviving Soviet-sponsored dictator, finally had the courage to do what Lenin, Stalin, and other leaders declined to do: he had himself cremated! Like Mao, Castro bravely embraced the logical conclusion of atheism: When you're dead, you're dead. Why bury a corpse that will never rise? And don't do anything that might affirm the Resurrection.

Castro's choice reminds us of the essentially anti-religious -- and anti-Christian -- origin of cremation. Never forget that cremation was boldly promoted by European "free thinkers," especially Masons, in the 18th century. They had a clear anti-Christian motive: the denial of the Resurrection of the Body through the incineration of dead bodies.

Since 1963, the Catholic Church has tolerated cremation; and since 1997, the Church has permitted the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial for cremated people. The Church graciously relaxed the old prohibition to provide pastoral care to good people who, for mostly innocent reasons, chose the exception instead of the norm. Now, sad to say, the exception is rapidly becoming the norm, especially in New Hampshire where a majority of people are now cremated.

In light of Castro's cremation and his antiseptic "bodiless wake," we must ask some disturbing questions: Have our beliefs about the afterlife gradually become the same as those of a 90-year old atheistic dictator? Why does our treatment of our beloved dead so often resemble the practices of Fidel's Communist friends in Eastern Europe who persecuted our Catholic ancestors for so long? Who really won the Cold War?

Fr. Michael Kerper