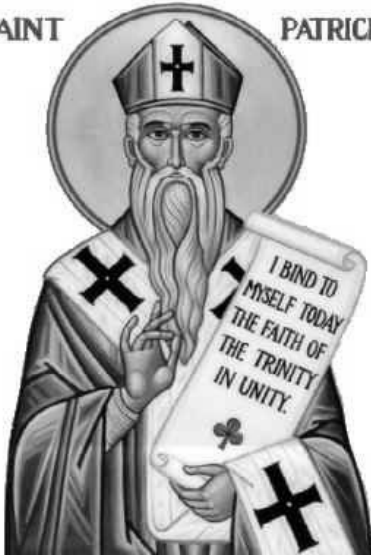


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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Rosemary Daly, *Office Manager*
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David Santerre, *Maintenance*

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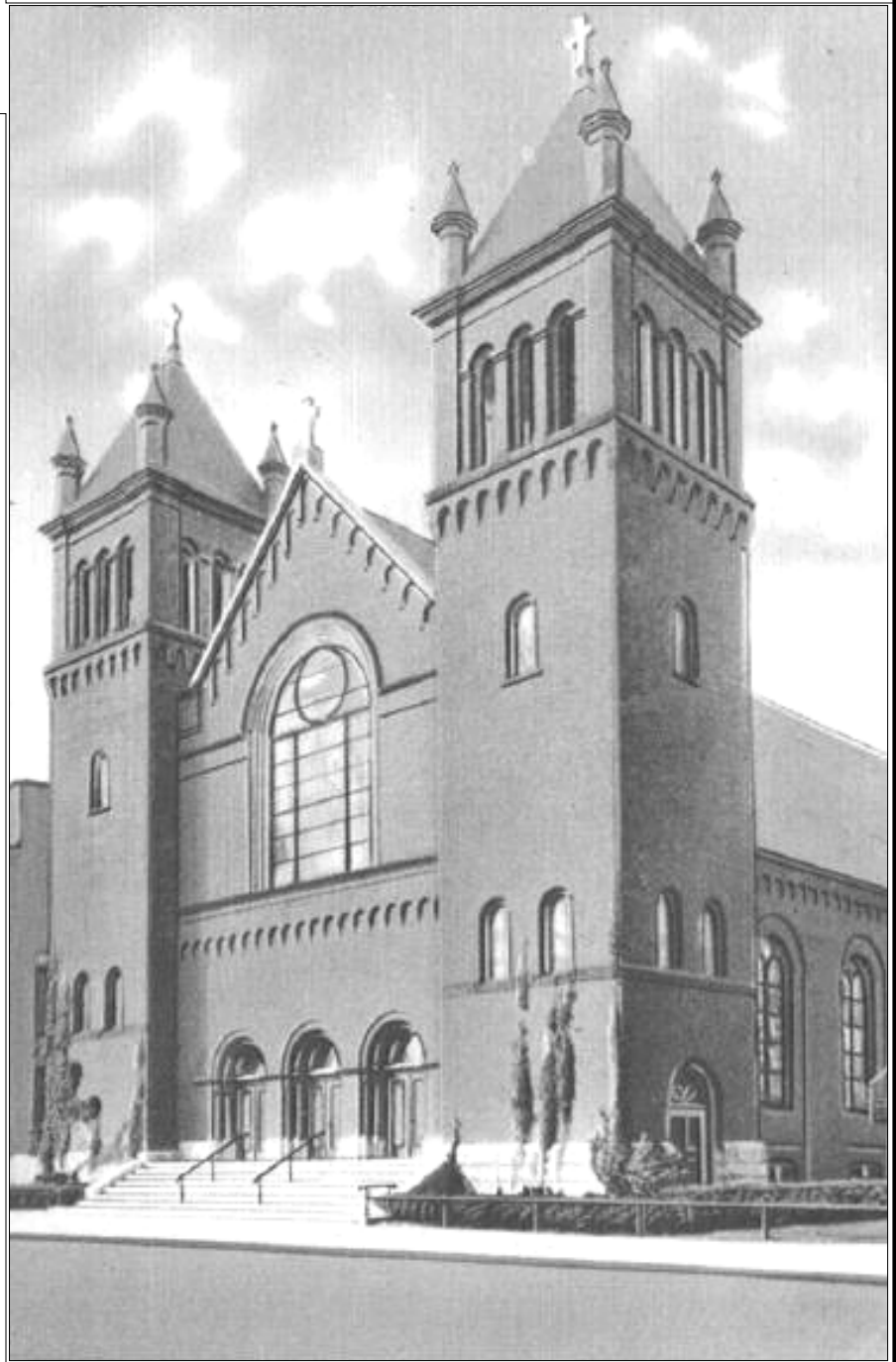
Mass Schedule
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

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, 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. & Roger J. Robert**
By Dennis and Lena Robert

9:30 AM **Anna Bucci**
By the Family

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

Monday, Dec. 19, 2016

12:05 PM **Gregory P. Deutsch**
By the Family

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016

12:05 PM **Mary Welch**
By the Family

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016 ~ St. Peter Cassius

12:05 PM **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
By David Hayes

Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016

12:05 PM **Grace E. Bolen**
By Robert Narkunas

Friday, Dec. 23, 2016

12:05 PM **The Linehan, Bosse
and Canavan Families**
By Sharron Linehan

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 - Vigil - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM **Priest's Intention**

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

12:00 AM **Priest' Intention**

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016 - CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 AM **Priest's Intention**

9:30 AM **Priest's Intention**

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 10 & 11

From (153) Envelope Users: \$4,491.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,242.00
- Cash: \$1,680.00
Electronic Giving Users (22) \$ 797.00
Total Collection \$8,210.00

Mass Count: 711

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 12/11/16 **\$854.00**

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 **\$2,601.00**. 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

January 8, 2016

HOLY FAMILY

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

December 24, 2016

Vigil of Christmas

No Latin Mass at 8:00 AM

December 31, 2016

7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

No Parking at the Post Office

At all times parking in the Post Office lot is reserved exclusively for postal customers. Please do not risk parking there at any time or any day.

WEEKLY READINGS

Dec. 19 - Dec. 25

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016

4:00 PM

ORGAN & PARISH CHOIR

12:00 MIDNIGHT

*HOLY MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM
WITH TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS
[A LATIN-ENGLISH PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED]*

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

7:00 AM

QUIET MASS

9:30 AM

ORGAN & CANTOR

SORRY!

No 12:00 NOON MASS

PRE- CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

11:15 AM TO 12:00 NOON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM

ENGAGED COUPLE SEMINARS
St. Kathryn Parish - Hudson, NH
Saturday, January 28, 2017
9:00AM – 5:00PM

Engaged Couple Seminars help couples prepare for marriage by opening doors of self-awareness (for example, looking at family of origin, spirituality, and beliefs about the roles spouses take on in marriage). Fundamental communication styles and preferences are named, discussed, and woven throughout a variety of subjects during the seminar, providing a rich source of information to refer back to as couples enter marriage. Engaged Couple Seminars also provide a place for couples to meet other couples - not only to share the experiences of engagement and planning a wedding, but also to share in the excitement and struggles that go along with planning for a life together.

Camps Now Accepting Registrations

Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys are now accepting registrations for the 2017 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail mdrumm@bfcamp.com. Visit us on the web at www.bfcamp.com. Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly!

Presentation of Mary Academy
Hudson, NH

Enlightening Hearts and Minds since 1926

Registration open NOW for 2017-2018
age 3 through grade 8

Contact Admissions Director, June Nolet
603-889-6054 opt. 2

www.pmaschool.org

REMINDER

St. Patrick Parish offices will close on Friday, December 23, 2016 at 12:00 noon in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

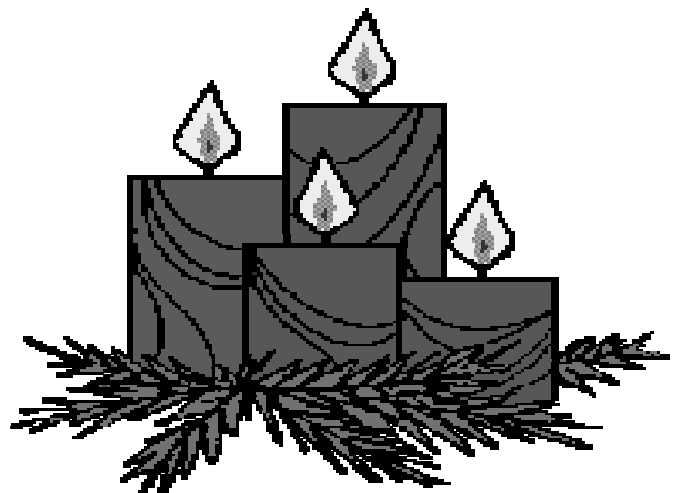
No 8:00 AM Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) will be held on Saturday, December 24, 2016.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday, December 26, 2016
Daily Mass at 9:00 AM
No confessions or noon Mass

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thinking About Remarriage

“Thinking about Remarriage” is a daylong program for couples where one or both were previously married and who are thinking about marriage or who are engaged to be married. This program helps couples take an in-depth look at and discuss major issues related to remarriage. The next sessions will be January 21 and May 20. Learn more at catholicnh.org/tar or contact Maureen Haas to register at (603) 669-3100, Ext. 195 or e-mail mhaas@rcbm.org.



Revised Norms on Cremated Remains

On October 25, 2016, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued revised norms regarding cremation. While the document says nothing new, it does use much stronger language to clarify some common misunderstandings and to prevent the continuation of some practices now regarded as irreverent. Here are the main points.

Full body burial remains the preferred practice for Roman Catholics. This custom, which originated very early in Church life, best reflects the Christian belief that the human body, living or dead, is profoundly sacred. It also imitates the experience of Christ, whose dead body was lovingly entombed.

Cremation, which the Church had explicitly prohibited since the 5th century, continues to be **tolerated as an exception to the norm**. Some reasons for choosing this exception could be difficulty transporting the body from a great distance, danger of health risks, unavailability of a proper burial place, and true financial hardship.

Cremated remains must be buried in a sacred place. This establishes a permanent and precise location for the veneration of deceased loved ones.

Cremated remains must be kept fully intact and not divided into multiple parcels for multiple interments. Cremated remains should never be inserted into jewelry, souvenir boxes, ornaments, and so forth. Such things have a high probability of being stolen or discarded by subsequent owners.

Cremated remains cannot be retained permanently by family members or other people. This practice raises the possibility of eventually losing the remains and having them treated disrespectfully.

Cremated remains must never be sprinkled or dispersed into the air, rivers, or other bodies of water. Such practices are intimately associated with religions that explicitly reject the classical Christian doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body. [Note: burial at sea is an acceptable option but the cremated remains must be intact.]

Unfortunately, each of these practices has recently occurred among our own parishioners, largely because of misinformation or the pressure of the moment. Now, however, in response to the deep concerns expressed by the Church's new document, we will strive to protect the integrity of the Church's Funeral Rites by verifying burial plans for those who freely chose cremation. Hence, Funeral Masses, Memorial Masses, and Funeral Services will always presume proper burial at a clearly determined time and place. Also, we will accommodate people who may currently possess cremated remains who now desire proper burial. Just ask for assistance and we can help with arrangements.

Fr. Michael Kerper