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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor

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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



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
& INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 - Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM **Ralph T. Dirubbo**  
By his wife Mary Dirubbo and Family

**Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**  
By Caroline Kemezys and  
Katherine Ennis

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

12:00 PM **Maria de Lourdes and Luis Diaz**  
By the Family

**Monday, Dec. 5, 2016**

12:05 PM **Ronald R. Lavallee, Sr.**  
By the Family

**Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 - St. Nicholas**

12:05 PM **Elizabeth Knue**  
By her mother Charlene Knue

**Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 - St. Ambrose**

12:05 PM **Lillian B. Cloutier**  
By the Family

**Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 - Immaculate Conception**

12:05 PM **Priest's Intention**  
  
7:00 PM **Priest's Intention**

**Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 - St. Juan Diego**

**Cuauhtlatotzin**

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

**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 Borrromeo**  
By the Family

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

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

*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 November 19 & 20**

From (153) Envelope Users: \$5,522.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,311.00  
- Cash: \$1,715.00  
Electronic Giving Users (23) \$ 834.00  
**Total Collection \$9,382.00**

**Mass Count: 760**

**Weekend of November 26 & 27**

From (161) Envelope Users: \$4,868.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,216.00  
- Cash: \$1,681.00  
Electronic Giving Users (23) \$ 712.00  
**Total Collection \$8,477.00**

**Mass Count: 773**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 11/20/16 \$795.00  
Weekend of 11/27/16 \$966.00

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!**

**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.

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### *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.

### **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.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

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

December 4, 2016

## **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 10, 2016

**Our Lady**

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..*

## ***ADVENT EVENING OF QUIET PRAYER FOR BUSY WOMEN***

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**6:30 TO 9:00 PM**

*"Being a Faithfull Midwife for the Christ Child"*

**Carmina Chapp, Ph. D.**

Associate Director, Theology Programs  
St. Joseph College (Maine)

*Silent Eucharistic Adoration*

*Benediction*

*Confession*

*Light Refreshments.*

**At St. Patrick Church and Parish Center**

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

## *Thank you!*

Thanks to the many parishioners who organized and worked as volunteers during last week's Winter Stroll and Craft Fair. Many local people had a chance to visit St. Patrick's for the first time. How good it was to see people admiring our beautiful church, asking questions, and enjoying the Craft Fair.

## *Thank you, K of C!*

The St. Boniface Council of the Knights of Columbus did an outstanding job of promoting and staffing the special concert held at St. Patrick Church on Tuesday, November 22. Over 175 people attended and enjoyed the very prayerful and moving presentation of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The Knights hosted a very well-attended reception after the concert which brought together friends and visitors from many places. The proceeds of the concert will benefit Christian refugees from countries afflicted by terrorism and civil wars.

## *Christmas Cards with Christ!*

As Christians we can preserve the true meaning of Christmas by using religious Christmas cards, which have become very difficult to find in stores. The Knights of Columbus are offering an excellent selection of such cards at St. Patrick's. Please take a look and consider affirming the centrality of Christ by sending these beautiful cards to friends and family.

## *New Pew Missals*

You may have noticed that we have new Pew Missals at St. Patrick's. These missals have much larger print and are more durable than the ones we used previously. There are 400 missals in the church. They tend to move around, so you may need to search briefly to find one near you.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE**

Enjoy some great food and fun with family and friends on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Bertucci's. When you order your lunch or dinner at Bertucci's (eat in or carry out) and mention Corpus Christi, we will receive 15% of what you spend. Please help support Corpus Christi in this fundraising effort. Please pick up your coupon located in the vestibule to take advantage of this fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

# 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 me 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

## 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](mailto:rje7@hotmail.com)

Second, KCIC Christmas Cards will be on sale starting Thanksgiving weekend at the Holiday Stroll and after masses for two weeks.

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.



## San Damiano House of Prayer

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius retreat consists of two 12-week sessions. The group will follow the life of Jesus beginning in Advent with His birth and continuing through the Easter Season with His Resurrection. The retreat will be held on Monday evenings beginning on December 12th between 7:00 and 8:30 PM. A donation of \$10 per session (or whatever you can afford) is requested. Victor Melo and Monica Melo-Ernest will lead the retreat. Registration is required. Please contact Sr. Linda Greenwood at 978-441-0988 or email [lgosf@netzero.net](mailto:lgosf@netzero.net). For more information visit [www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org](http://www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org).

## Contemplative Eucharist

Fr. Norman Comtois, OMI will celebrate Contemplative Eucharist on Wednesday evenings during Advent. In the contemplative tradition there is always the invitation to pray with fewer words leaving more space for the experience of silence and emptiness. We will meet on the following Wednesday evenings: Dec. 7th - Dec. 14th - Dec. 21st, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the San Damiano House of Prayer, 333 Pawtucket St. Lowell. A free will offering will be taken. For more information email at Sr. Linda Greenwood at [lgosf@netzero.net](mailto:lgosf@netzero.net) or visit us on the web at [www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org](http://www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org).

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8, 2016  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

### MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 PM

and

7:00 PM

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COFFEE & DONUTS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in the Center following the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 4, 2016 for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome.

## WEEKLY READINGS

Dec. 5 - Dec. 11

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



## *Catholicism, Blogs, and Internet Chatter*

Recently someone asked me about the "purge" of a Pontifical Council in Rome. Supposedly Pope Francis suddenly changed everything, fired the staff, and brought in people of other religions. This story was received by some Catholics as more convincing evidence that the Holy Father is really not a faithful Catholic. After doing some research, I discovered the source of the alarming story: a blog based in Germany with a history of criticizing the Holy Father.

A few weeks earlier someone had directed my attention to a dispute at Providence College about a Catholic professor who had caused a stir by posting critical articles on a website.

These two small incidents demonstrate the danger of the Catholic Internet world: we have become awash in "information" which is mostly gossip. Worse still, this gossip earns money by stirring up conflict and feeding on it.

Here's what's happening. Because the Internet is virtually universal and transmits "news" instantaneously, we now have access to information we never had before. For example, who would have heard about the internal affairs of a Pontifical Council in Rome or Providence College? Only "insiders." Moreover, such knowledge is worse than useless because it causes anxiety about matters which do not concern us.

With so much "inside information" floating around our computers, we need "gatekeepers" who sift through piles of data, condense it, interpret it, and dispense it via blogs, Facebook pages, feeds, and so forth. Many bloggers cultivate a flock of "followers" who then become "customers," either by buying "premium" memberships or "Catholic products," such as gourmet coffee, books, magazines, trips to Rome, papal cologne, and other things.

Almost all Catholic blogs reflect some sort of broader ideology that goes beyond "mere Christianity," to steal a term from C. S. Lewis. After all, who wants to read about the lives of ordinary Catholics who dwell in standard Catholic parishes oblivious to the latest controversies in Rome? Blogs can't be boring, so they need plenty of conflict, real or imagined. Hence, every hiccup becomes a massive heart attack and every pimple becomes a deadly melanoma.

For sure, the Internet has some good things. But, sad to say, some popular "Catholic blogs" probably produce more harm than good. Here's how to evaluate a blog. After reading it, please ask these questions: Do I feel closer to the Vicar of Christ or do I view him as an enemy or, more kindly, a fool? Do I trust that the Holy Spirit really acts within the Church or do I believe that she will soon collapse? Do I grow in joy, patience, openness, and forbearance of others or do I become more fearful, anxious, and angry?

*Fr. Michael Kerper*