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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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, Feb. 11, 2017 - Vigil - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Joseph Dolan**
By the Goy Family

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Mr. & Mrs. Maurice B. LaVallee**
By the Family

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

12:00 PM **Stanley & Victoria Kwiatkowski**
By the Kwiatkowski Family

Monday, Feb. 13, 2017

12:05 PM **Rollin E. Brown, Jr., 2nd Anniv.**
By the Family

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 - Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius

12:05 PM **Paul and Anne Murray**
By the Derr Family

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017

12:05 PM **Dorothy Hurley**

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017

12:05 PM **Robert White**
By Paul McDermott

Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

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

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 - Vigil - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **The Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Lillian M. Dupont**
By Shirley Lavallee

9:30 AM **Charles R. and Margaret M. Provost**
By the Provost Family

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

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 February 4 & 5

From (146) Envelope Users: \$5,532.50
From All Others - Checks: \$1,218.00
- Cash \$1,878.00
Electronic Giving Users (27) \$1,052.00
Total Collection \$9,680.50

Mass Count: 764

Catholic Schools
Weekend of 2/5/17 **\$1,214.00**

St. Vincent de Paul
Weekend of 2/5/17 **\$435.00**

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.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

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:

Seminarians

Bishop Libasci designated the weekend of January 14/15 as the time for the annual collection for our diocesan seminarians. We received donations through the weekend of February 4/5. **To date we have received \$2,772.00. Thank you.**

St. Patrick's Capital Campaign

Since November and through the Christmas Season, our parish members have given over \$37,000 to our Capital Campaign, either as one-time gifts or payments on pledges. Participants in the Capital Campaign should have received a statement of their contributions for tax purposes. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb 13. - Feb 19

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

*Mass and Confession Schedule
Monday, February 20, 2016*

**MASS AT 9:00 AM
No Confessions or 12:05 PM Mass**

Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

**February 12, 2017
Septuagesima Sunday**
(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings
8:00 AM
(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

February 18, 2017
Saturday of Our Lady

February 25, 2017
Saturday of Our Lady

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.

Singing is Praying Twice!
Thursday, February 16, 2017
6:30-7:30pm

Are there hymns you love to sing and haven't heard in a while? Do you enjoy singing with others to give glory to God? Join the St. Patrick Parish Choir for a hymn sing Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 6:30-7:30pm in the choir loft. Requests from the Collegeville Hymnal will be sung by all in attendance, and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to stay and experience choir practice immediately following the event as well. Questions, or do you want to make a hymn request in advance? Email music.st.patricknashua@gmail.com. We look forward to singing with you!

What's next for St. Pat's?

A year has already passed since we began our capital campaign. Many people have generously supported the campaign and several projects have been completed. Much remains to be done.

We'd like to hear your ideas about the remaining projects, which are viewed as most important, and what we need to be doing during the coming summer. Updates will also be provided about our cemetery and empty school. Much is going on.

We will have a parish meeting on...

Wednesday, February 15

Start: 6:30 PM End: 8:30 PM (or sooner)

Parish Center

Please join us!

Spirited Theology - Spend St. Valentine's Day with Us!

Please join us for a **Spirited Theology** event on Tuesday, February 14th. Father Michael Kerper will speak!!!

Spirited Theology is held every second Tuesday of the month at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH --- a great way to connect with fellow Catholics in the area and learn more about our Faith! Gathering starts at 6pm for food and fellowship with the guest speaker beginning at 7pm. Events are held in the room just outside of *Shade Bar & Grill* in the side entrance to the hotel --- look for the *Shades* signs to point the way! Food and drink can be ordered from the restaurant, so come early to eat and socialize (pay as you go). Catholic or non-Catholic friends are welcome!

Like "Spirited Theology" on Facebook and visit our website www.spiritedtheology.com for more information! Monthly guest speakers and topics are posted as they are scheduled. If you are interested in helping out at these events please contact us at spiritedtheology@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21: General Business Meeting at St. Patrick's Parish Center 7:30 PM (Rosary at 7:00 PM)

We are in the process of planning our annual Lenten Fish Dinners. The American Red Cross has an Emergency Appeal for blood donations and have tentatively scheduled a blood drive in the St. Patrick Parish Center with the Police Athletic League on March 29, 2017 from 11:30 AM-4:30 PM. More information on these events will follow.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please visit us at: www.kofc.org, www.nhknights.org, www.kofc11907.org, or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kofc11907. You also can contact Grand Knight Rob Everett at (603)229-7319 or email: rje7@hotmail.com.

Cash, Checks, and E-Giving

In these rapidly changing times, cash and checks are rapidly becoming obsolete. This widespread trend has an impact on our parish. Banks, including ours, now prefer electronic “cashless” transactions.

In light of this remarkable change, we respectfully encourage everyone to consider using the “Bill Pay” service of their bank or credit union. This involves replacing cash or paper checks with an electronic check sent to St. Patrick Parish. Many already do this for their other recurring payments, such as cable TV, insurance premiums, and so on. It is a fairly easy process to add St. Patrick’s. Switching to electronic giving will help the parish in the four ways:

- Saving money by eliminating costly church envelopes.
- Making it easier to generate documentation for tax purposes.
- Simplifying the complex process of counting loose cash in the weekly collection.
- Providing a stable flow of income uninterrupted by vacations and bad weather.

At the moment, about 10% of our income arrives in our bank account in some electronic form. Please take a look at your current on-line “Bill Pay” options and consider helping our parish to adjust to the new ways of the banking system. Also, please take a look at the alternative on-line giving system on the parish website: www.stpatricksnashua.org.

Thanks for your generous and constant presence and support.

Fr. Michael Kerper



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. Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For more information email us at OlphSodality@yahoo.com.

Families Coping with the Opioid Crisis

A team of Catholic Charities New Hampshire clinicians skilled in addiction counseling will present “Families Coping with the Opioid Crisis” at **Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Feb. 27.**

For more information, contact the Rev. John Mahoney Jr., CCNH Clinical Services Director, at 669-3030 ext. 233, or CCNH Communications Manager Kathryn Marchocki at 669-3030 ext. 207.

4th Annual Catholic Literature Conference

“20th Century Catholic Literature”

Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist Church, Christ the King Parish
Concord, NH

Join us for a day of engaging and enlightening discussion of literary works from a Catholic perspective.

Speakers

Dr. Peter Kreeft:

“Why a Canticle for Leibowitz is the Greatest Science Fiction Novel of All Time”

Joseph Pearce

“Hilaire Belloc: Defender of the Faith”

Dr. Amy Fahey

“A Saga of Saints and Sinners: Sigrid Undset’s *Kristin Lavransdatter*”

Fr. Michael Kerper

“*The Diary of a Country Priest*:
An Anti-Depressant for Today’s Believing Catholics”

Tickets are \$20 by April 1st and \$25 April 2nd or later. Lunch is included. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2jEEuQQ>.

Patriotism: The Catholic Understanding

People often use the terms "patriotism" and "nationalism" interchangeably. The Catholic Church, however, does not. Whereas the Church identifies patriotism as an obligation required by the Fourth Commandment (Honor thy father and mother), nationalism is deeply suspect.

What's the difference? The word "patriotism" comes from the Latin word *patria*, which is related to *pater*, which means "father." In the broad sense, patriotism is our intense love, gratitude, and esteem for our own "organic" ancestors, beginning with our parents. Patriotism originates and terminates in and with God, the only true Father. As such, patriotism precedes the existence of all specific nation-states and extends far beyond them. Whereas the *patria* endures, the nation-state is always temporary.

Pope St. John Paul II, who never concealed his love for Poland, his own *patria*, offered an excellent definition of patriotism in Memory and Identity, a quasi-memoir published in 2005. He wrote: "Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love...I believe that the same could be said of every country and every nation in Europe and throughout the world."

The Holy Father then offered a crucial distinction between patriotism and nationalism: "Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one's own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others, *patriotism, on the other hand, is a love for one's native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one's own*. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love."

True Patriotism never seeks domination, division, exclusion, or self-isolation. Rather, patriotic love necessarily embraces all humankind. How could it be otherwise? After all, surely we all have ancestors who never shared our American citizenship and who existed long before the United States was founded. Moreover, our liturgical prayers almost always use *patria* for Heaven, our true "homeland."

Nationalism is not "true patriotism" nor is it a Christian virtue. St. Josemaria Escriva, the Spanish priest who founded Opus Dei and was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002, made this blunt statement:

"Love your own country: it is a Christian virtue to be patriotic. But if patriotism becomes nationalism, which leads you to look at other people, at other countries, with indifference, with scorn, without Christian charity and justice, then it is a sin."

Great saints always correct the common misunderstandings of every era. They deserve our attention.

Fr. Michael Kerper