

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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PARISH STAFF

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

4:00 PM **People of the Parish**

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

Monday, Feb. 20, 2017 - PRESIDENTS' DAY

9:00 AM **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 - St. Peter Damian

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

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

12:05 PM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017 - St. Polycarp

12:05 PM **Dorothy Hurley**

Friday, Feb. 24, 2017

12:05 PM **Lawrence Homrig**
By the Belton Family

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 - Vigil - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Ennis Family: Matt Sr., Matt Jr., Florence and Priscilla**
By Caroline Kemezys and Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **John Paul Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Michael and Zusan Koren**
By the Kwiatkowski 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 11 & 12

From (136) Envelope Users: \$4,562.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,203.20
- Cash \$1,388.00
Electronic Giving Users (24) \$1,002.00
Total Collection \$8,155.20

Mass Count: 615

Catholic Schools

Previous Total \$1,214.00
Weekend of 2/12/17 460.00
Total to Date: \$1,674.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 2/12/17 **\$470.00**

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:

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. 19 - Feb 26

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

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christ Food Pantry is located at 43 Franklin St., Nashua, NH. Our pantry is able to provide temporary help to families in need. Shelf ready or canned meat such as beef stew, ham, Spam, Vienna sausages; cereals, muffin mixes, granola, breakfast bars, Macaroni and Cheese, pasta, rice, and canned fruit and vegetables are always appreciated. Food may be dropped off in the container located in the vestibule of the church.

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

March 12, 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

February 25, 2017

Saturday of Our Lady

March 4, 2017

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.

Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala

The successes of our Catholic schools and their students would not be possible without the selfless support of our committed educators, administrators, clergy, and lay partners in the community. This year, we are holding our first annual Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord on June 22, 2017. We hope you will consider joining us at this exciting event when we will officially honor our School Leader of the Year, Clergy Member of the Year, Community Partner of the Year and most especially our Teacher of the Year. The award descriptions and nomination forms can be found at catholicschoolsnh.org. **The deadline to submit your nomination is March 17, 2017.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Catholic Schools Office at (603) 663-0140.



Lenten Friday Fish Dinners

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7
St. Christopher Church Hall
62 Manchester St, Nashua, NH

Menu: Baked Haddock, Baked Potato, Sweet Golden Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, Beverage, Famous Dessert Table

Time: 4:30 to 6:30

Cost: Fish Dinner: \$12, Pizza Slice: \$2

Payment: Cash, Check, Credit Card

Gift Certificates Available



Take Out: 603-717-4980

Weather Cancellation Policy: Dinners are cancelled when Nashua schools are cancelled
Host: Knight of Columbus St. Boniface Council 11907, St. Patrick & St. Christopher Parishes
www.kofc11907.org

Stations of the Cross and Sacrament of Reconciliation available following dinners in Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The American Red Cross has 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.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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Mar 17-19, 2017 in So. Kingstown, RI and Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy

The moving, live production of this work performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Manchester on **Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for Students. **For additional information**, contact Mary Quinn at 603-472-5975 or mmcdonnell139@comcast.net. Purchase tickets online at www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com.

Watch the trailer & learn more at
www.DivineMercyDrama.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>.

Off with the veils!

Sooner or later "foreign" religions run into legal problems within democratic societies, especially regarding veils on women. The religious veil has been a flash point through the centuries, notably in France, Mexico, and Canada. In the view of militant secularists, veils should be banned because they signify the involuntary submission of women, inject religion into the public sphere, and defy the "host" culture's sensitivities. This anti-veil movement has a long history in the United States -- against Catholic nuns.

Here's an astonishing fact: In 1946, 36 of the 48 states had laws that prohibited Catholic sisters -- and anyone else -- from wearing veils in classrooms. Now and then, various parties challenged the constitutionality of the "veil bans," but in almost every case, state supreme courts upheld the laws. In 1951, for example, the Supreme Court of New Mexico justified the ban because the veil had a "propagandizing effect" on students. In other words, if young children liked their teacher who wore a veil, maybe this veiled religious "alien" would draw them away from their traditional American religion to a dangerous foreign sect, i. e. Catholicism.

In 1956, the most heated debate about veils occurred in North Dakota. The Supreme Court of North Dakota had finally invalidated the state's "veil ban," granting to Catholic nuns the right to wear the veil while teaching. Guess what happened. People demanded a state-wide referendum on the issue. At the ballot box, the majority of North Dakotans voted to overturn the court's ruling. Off with the veils!

Getting rid of the veil was never enough. Catholic nuns also had to be kept out of public schools. Why? Because they were not really loyal to the United States but to a foreign conspiracy based in Rome. For example, in 1952 a county court in Missouri ruled that sisters could never work in public schools. The court solemnly warned that sisters "act as instruments and agents of their religious orders, and engage in executing the policies of the Roman Catholic Church." Moreover, the court said that sisters, having taken vows of poverty and obedience, "cease to exist as free citizens and as individual economic units." To put it another way, nuns were just hapless victims of a male-dominated foreign religion that viciously exploited them.

These legal debates about religious veils may now seem astonishing. But they do remind us of our own troubled experience with foreign religions. Looking at the broader context, we also see a disturbing -- and perhaps prophetic -- pattern: fear of other religions tends to intensify among people whose own religion is declining.

Back in the 1940's and 1950's some Americans still believed that they could use legislation to thwart Catholicism, which many perceived as alien. Their efforts ultimately failed. And, irony of ironies, less than 10 years after the North Dakota referendum many Catholic nuns cast away their veils forever -- freely and eagerly. Anyone who tries to tame and control any religion will never win. Catholicism proves the point.

Fr. Michael Kerper

Many more stories about Catholicism's legal battles against various forms of persecution can be found in [Church, State, and Freedom](#) by Leo Pfeffer (Boston: Beacon Press, 1953, 1967).