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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

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Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
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Gary McDonald, Music Director  
Rel. Educ. Paul & Jennifer Murano

**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. 20, 2016 - Vigil ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent**

4:00 PM **Kenneth I. Spaulding, 13th Anniv.**  
By the Family

**Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent**

7:00 AM **Janet Christie, 1st Anniversary**  
By a Friend

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

12:00 PM **Patrick Terrin**  
By Ann Casey

**Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

12:05 PM **Eileen F. Hayes, 6th Anniversary**  
By her sister Mary Dunn

**Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016 ~ St. Polycarp**

12:05 PM **Emil Bouchard**  
By Dan and Ann Bouchard

**Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016**

12:05 PM **Teasie Caulfield**  
By the Family

**Thursday, Feb 25, 2016**

12:05 PM **Earl and Dianne Wickline**  
By Paul McDermott

**Friday, Feb. 26, 2016**

12:05 PM **Bob and Elaine White**  
By Paul McDermott

**Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 - Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent**

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

**Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent**

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM **Helen Lapinskas Narkunas**  
By Robert Narkunas

12:00 PM **Sophie Augunas Timbrook**  
By Wanda Augunas

*Thank you for respecting God's Holy Presence by keeping mobile phones and other electronic devices outside of this Sacred Place.*

**REST IN PEACE**

Johannes G. Verhoef

***GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK***

**Weekend of Feb. 13 & 14**

From (150) Envelope Users:	\$5,086.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,263.00
- Cash:	\$1,875.00
Electronic Giving Users (23)	\$1,035.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,259.00</b>

**Mass Count: 714**

**Ash Wednesday Offertory \$858.00**

**Seminarian Education Fund**

Previous Total	\$3,093.00
Weekend of Feb. 14	\$ 30.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$3,123.00</b>

**Catholic Schools**

Previous Total	\$1,028.00
Weekend of Feb. 14:	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$1,238.00</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of Feb. 14 **\$672.00**

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.

## Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016

### PART-TIME POSITION FOR DEANERY MINISTRY

The Roman Catholic Souhegan Deanery (the Catholic parishes in Nashua, Merrimack, Milford and Hudson) is looking to fill the position of Deanery Coordinator of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at Southern NH Medical Hospital.

In this part-time ministry one will: 1) Work with the Catholic hospital Chaplain (s) to meet the spiritual needs of the patients; 2) Prepare a weekly schedule for the Extraordinary Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the Catholic patients; and 3) assist the deanery chaplain in training new Extraordinary Ministers for the medical center.

The applicant for the position should: 1) be a practicing Catholic and a registered active parish member; 2) should be a currently appointed Extraordinary Minister of Communion by the Bishop of Manchester and commissioned by his/her pastor.

If interested in this position, please send a letter of interest with a recommendation from your pastor to: Very Rev. John M. Grace, V.F., Souhegan Dean, Parish of the Resurrection, 449 Broad St., Nashua, NH 03063. You may contact Fr. Grace at 603-882-0925 or by email at frjohn\_rez@live.com..

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS

Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, and 18

St. Christopher Church Hall - 62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH

The St. Christopher and St. Patrick Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for their annual Lenten Fish Dinners held on each Friday evening during Lent. Doors open at 4:30 PM and dinner is served until 6:30 PM. The cost for the meal is \$11 for adults. Pizza is available at \$2 per slice. **Take out is available by calling 717-4980.** Stations of the Cross and Confession are held in St. Christopher Church following the dinners. All are welcome.

Weather cancellation policy: Dinners are cancelled when Nashua schools are cancelled.

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the Fish Dinner program. Please contact Jim Lockwood at 603-548-2152 or jasmestlockwood@comcast.net or Don Sherwood at (603) 438-9050 or Donald.j.sherwood@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

### ST. PATRICK EVENING MEAL TOGETHER DINNER April 23rd - 5:00 - 8:30 PM



St. Patrick Parish will host its next evening meal together on April 23, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Gym. Save the date on your calendars and join us for fellowship, great food and fun! Tickets will go on sale in April. Watch the bulletin for more info.

### Music & Texts for Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

#### 2nd Sunday in Lent

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 75 - 77

Collegeville Hymnal

**Processional:** #253 *Throughout These 40 Days*

**Communion Antiphon:** pg. 77

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*  
(Ps. 84:4-5)

**Recessional:** #447 *Amazing Grace*

### UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

March 13, 2016

**Passion Sunday**

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

February 27, 2016

**Feria of Lent**

March 5, 2016

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

March 12, 2016

**Feria of Lent**

March 19, 2016

**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin 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 or to obtain your missal.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOTE

When making donations to the Capital Campaign, we ask that you put your check or cash donation for this project in a separate envelope marked Capital Campaign. Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope for tracking purposes. Thank you!

## Lenten Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent

3:00 PM

(Traditional: St. Alphonsus version)

7:00 PM

(Biblical version with organ)

## “CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS” RETREAT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” retreat in the St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 1, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon. The retreat will be held on the following Saturdays: Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. The final session will be held on April 2nd. The final session times and location will be announced at a later date.

A second series of sessions, will be held at St. Christopher Parish in the Pennell Center from 10:30 AM to Noon on the following dates: (Tuesdays) Feb.23; March 1, 8, 15, 22. A final session on April 2nd will conclude the retreat and the location of this session will be announced at a later date.

The cost of the retreat is \$30 for materials. If you would like to register please send your name, address, phone number, and a check made payable to John Kiely at John Kiely, 8 Louisburg Square #6, Nashua. NH 03060.

## WOMEN’S RETREAT Saturday, February 27, 2015 St. Patrick Church, Nashua, NH

On Saturday, February 27th, we invite the ladies of the parish to a retreat for women hosted by the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena. Talks will be presented by Carmina Chapp, who has a Mandatum from the Bishop of Scranton. The theme will be, “Living as Believing Catholics within Contemporary Culture.”

Mass will be offered at 8:00 AM. A light breakfast and lunch will be served during the retreat. The retreat will conclude with adoration, confession and the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. There is a \$10 fee to defray the speaker’s costs.

Please RSVP by telephone to 465-7210, or by email to OLPHSodality@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

## CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday ~ Noon to 8:00 PM  
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

## BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

John Angelo Marino

## WEEKLY READINGS

Feb. 22 through Feb. 28

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

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

## LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**All Catholics, from the day following their 14th birthday, are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent regardless of age.**

**Catholics, from the day following their 18th birthday until the day following their 59th birthday, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** On these days, only 1 full meal may be taken; no eating between meals is allowed. Food may be taken on 2 other occasions during the day, but the combined total must not equal a full meal. Liquids (frappes and milkshakes are NOT considered liquids) do not break the fast. Those whose health truly does not permit fast or abstinence are excused.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Below is a list of Parish meetings being held in the Parish Center this week. (PAL uses the gym Monday through Saturday, unless otherwise arranged in advance).**

**No Religious Education Classes on Sunday, Feb. 21 or Monday, Feb. 22 (Winter Break).** Classes resume Sunday, Feb. 28 and Monday, Feb 29 at their regular times.

**Thursday, Feb. 25:** Boy Scouts meet in Rooms 3 and 4 at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday, Feb. 27:** Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena Women’s Retreat in classrooms 1 and 2 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

**Saturday, Feb. 27:** Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat in Classroom 3 from 10: AM to 12:30 PM.

*Please note: Schedule is subject to change. To schedule a meeting or an event in the Center, please contact Rosemary Daly in the Office at 603-882-2262.*

## ***“Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future”*** **St. Patrick's Capital Campaign**

### Next weekend is “Commitment Weekend”

Thanks to everyone that attended our campaign receptions during the past several weeks. If you were unable to attend a reception, campaign materials have been mailed to you at home. Additional materials are available at the entrance to the church.

**Please bring your completed “Commitment Envelope” to Mass next weekend and place it in the Offertory Collection.**

**We hope to raise \$850,000** for these projects. As a general "guideline," we suggest that parishioners consider a sacrificial pledge of \$4,000 extended over 3 or 4 years. With a 10% down payment (\$400), your pledge would be \$100/a month for three years or \$75/month for four years. The chart below shows how the pledges work out.

Because our parish has people with a wide range of income and expenses, we hope that each person will consider what his or her "fair share" may be. Every pledge and gift, no matter what the amount, will be greatly appreciated! If everyone makes a fair sacrifice we will be able to reach our goal and get the needed work done.

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	36 Monthly Payments (3 years)	48 Monthly Payments (4 years)	Daily Sacrifice (3 Years)
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$188	\$8.25
\$7,500	\$750	\$188	\$141	\$6.15
\$5,000	\$500	\$125	\$94	\$4.10
<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$3.25</b>
\$3,000	\$ 300	\$75	\$56	\$2.50

## **Community News**

### **“Alzheimer’s and Its Effects on the Family”**

Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM  
 at Bridges by EPOCH at Nashua Welcome Center  
 547 Amherst St., Suite 102

Join Alicia Seaver, Memory Care Director and a memory impairment specialist certified by the National Institute on Aging, as she discusses issues that can arise among family members as they cope with the changes in their loved one diagnosed with memory impairment. The presentation is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served at the noontime presentation. Call 603-594-0581 for more information or to RSVP.

### **JOY OF THE GOSPEL CONFERENCE**

**March 5, 2016 - 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish Gathering Hall**  
**Cost including lunch: \$20 RSVP by Feb. 28th**  
**Cost at the door: \$25**

The Pope Francis and “The Joy of the Gospel” Conference will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish on Sunday, March 5th from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. It will include two keynote talks, and 5 workshop choices. The cost is \$20 including lunch (RSVP by Feb. 28th) or at the door for \$25. For more information contact Mr. Dick Kiernan by email at [Dick-Kiernan@alphausa.org](mailto:Dick-Kiernan@alphausa.org).

## Corruption

Pope Francis in his new book, The Name of God is Mercy, makes very pointed comments about the mystery of *corruption*. Coming as he does from a Catholic nation notorious for corruption, the Holy Father has had much direct experience with corruption, and so his words are not just theoretical but shaped by his pastoral encounters with practicing Catholics who indeed are corrupt.

Whenever we hear the word *corruption* we usually think of political and economic dishonesty and the betrayal of trust. Of course, we never think of ourselves as being corrupt. Rather corruption in our eyes occurs among “those other people.”

The Holy Father rescues us from this very narrow understanding of corruption and casts the net widely, thereby ensnaring many others in the realm of corruption. What exactly is corruption? Pope Francis says that corruption is sin “elevated to a system [that] becomes a *mental habit*, a way of living.” Worse still, though the corrupt “mental habit” radically contradicts the “mental habit” of the Lord, many people miss the collision of these two “minds.” Why? Because we commonly think of sin as being *exclusively* a direct violation of the Ten Commandments or some Church law. Every priest has heard people say: “I have no sins. After all, I haven’t killed anybody and I go to Mass every Sunday.”

At the root of this corruption is the widespread tendency to live two completely separate lives: my “church” life and “everything else.” This gives birth to what the Holy Father calls “the dry cleaner confession,” which means the endless request to remove the spots on the garment without noticing that the garment is actually rotting away. As St. Alphonsus Liguori warned over 200 years ago, the ritualistic confession of the “stains” without recognizing one’s broader condition as a sinner just like “those other people,” is extremely dangerous. First, its mechanical quality may actually erode all true sorrow for sin. And second, it may completely suppress *gratitude* to God for His forgiveness and lead to presumption, which prevents change.

Pope Francis expresses St. Alphonsus’s concern in a different way: “Sin, especially if repeated, can lead to corruption, not quantitatively but qualitatively: habits are formed that limit one’s capacity to love and create a false sense of self-sufficiency.” Because corruption grows slowly and becomes habitual, a person may not even see it. The Holy Father says that “it’s like a man with bad breath. He doesn’t know it.”

The Holy Father makes a remarkable point: “One may be a great sinner and never fall into corruption.” He cites several examples: Zacchaeus, St. Matthew, the Samaritan woman at the well, and St. Dismas, the good thief. “Their sinful hearts,” he says, “all had something that saved them from corruption. They were open to forgiveness, their hearts felt their own weakness. When a sinner recognizes himself as a sinner, he admits in some way that what he was attached to, or clings to, was false.” The sinners mentioned by Pope Francis were *truly* bad, but they never pretended to be otherwise. By contrast, corrupt people never acknowledge their own sins and, as Pope Francis notes, are always “managing to keep up appearances.”

Pope Francis constantly exhorts people to go to confession, not with the “dry cleaner’s list” but with a thorough, informed, and honest review of one’s whole life. Reading his little book can produce an “examination of conscience” like you’ve never had.

See The Name of God Is Mercy by Pope Francis (Random House, 2016)

*Fr. Michael Kerper*