

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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

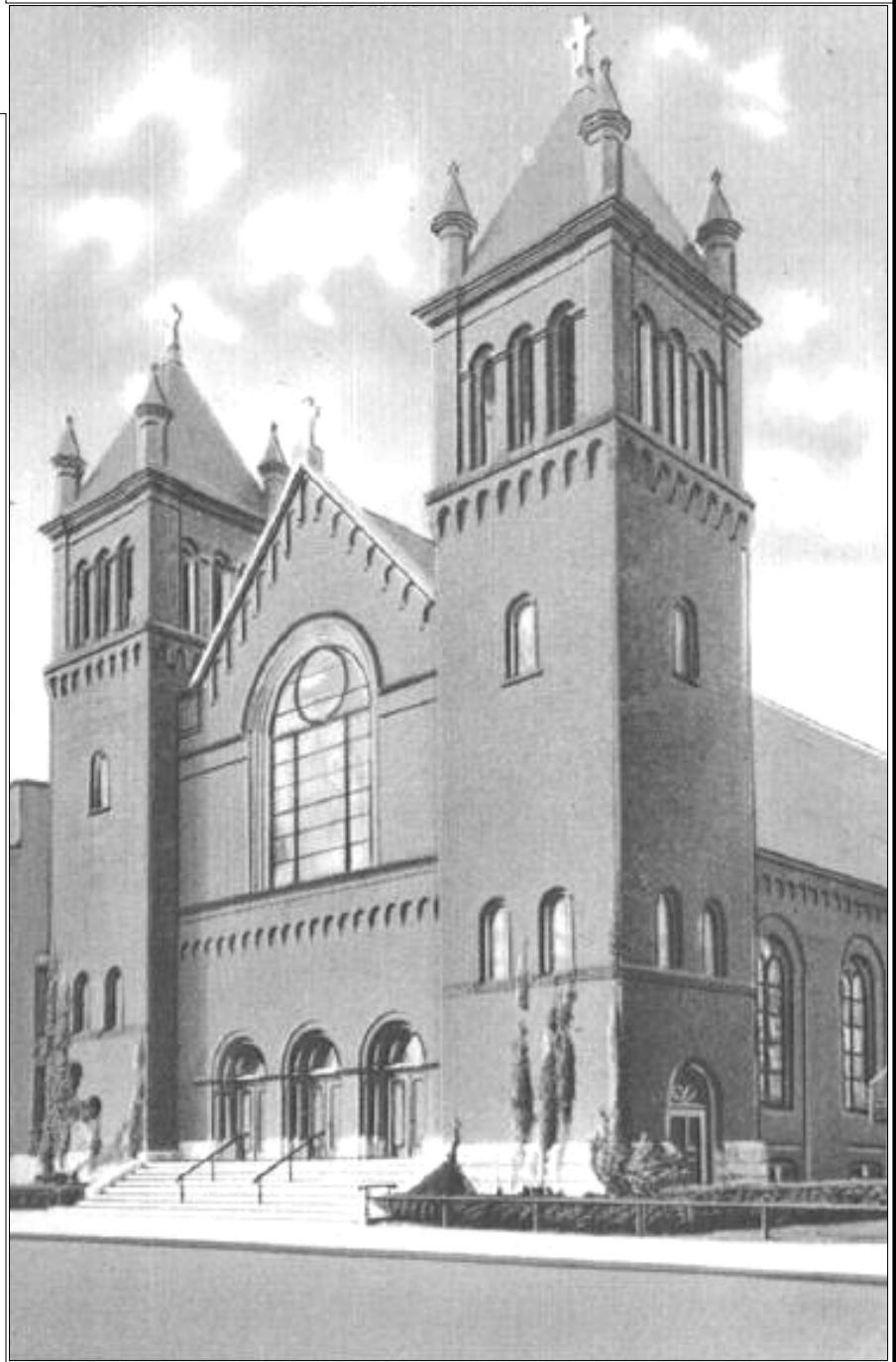
Sat. 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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. 25, 2017 - Vigil - 8th 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 & Kathy Ennis

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

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

Monday, Feb. 27, 2017

12:05 PM **William Avril & Logan Avril**
By Gloria Avril

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017

12:05 PM **For Those Who Have No One Else to Pray for Them**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM **Liturgy of the Word with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes**

12:05 PM **People of the Parish**
Mass with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM **Priest's Intention**
Mass with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, March 2, 2017

12:05 PM **Dorothy Hurley**

Friday, March 3, 2017 - St. Katherine Drexel

12:05 PM **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Saturday, March 4, 2017 - Vigil - 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 1st Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Donal P. Dignan**
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 18 & 19

From (186) Envelope Users: \$6,731.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,065.00
- Cash \$1,476.00
Electronic Giving Users (27) \$ 964.00
Total Collection \$10,236.00

Mass Count: 705

Catholic Schools

Previous Total \$1,674.00
Weekend of 2/19/17 \$ 82.00
Total to Date: \$1,756.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 2/19/17 **\$337.00**

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.

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.

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)

March 4, 2017

Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 11, 2017

Ember Saturday

March 18, 2017

Feria of Lent

March 25, 2017

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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!

**ST. PATRICK PARISH
LENTEN SCHEDULE**



DAILY MASS

(Monday - Friday)

12:05 PM

SATURDAY MASS

(Extraordinary Form)

8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday

3:00 PM

(Traditional St. Alphonsus version)

7:00 PM

(Biblical version with organ)



**ASH WEDNESDAY
SCHEDULE**

March 1, 2017

7:00 AM

Liturgy of the Word

with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

12:05 PM

Mass

with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM

Mass

with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes



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

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 on the web: www.WWEMA.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.

WEEKLY READINGS February 26 - March 5

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

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

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>.

Thoughts before Lent

The Wall Street Journal of February 18 had a long article entitled "The Benedict Option" by Ian Lovett. He reported on the growing community of fervent Catholics who have settled in Clear Creek, Oklahoma, the remote location of a Benedictine monastery founded in 1999. The monastery now has 50 monks, many of them young.

The phrase "Benedict option" refers to the decision made by St. Benedict of Nursia in the early 6th century to flee from the decaying Roman civilization and to establish a new community based on Christian principles. The Catholic families now in Clear Creek see themselves as imitators of St. Benedict, withdrawing as he did from cultural decay to create a "counter-cultural" community imbued with the Gospel.

Of course, very few Catholics are called to the monastic or religious life, and only a few Catholics will ever move to Clear Creek. Yet we must acknowledge that these people are truly on to something: *American culture does indeed have many trends, habits, and "core" beliefs that undermine and contradict Catholic faith.*

Moreover, these cultural dangers often pass unnoticed, even by devout Catholics, including some at Clear Creek. For example, Lovett noted that many people there avoid TV and the Internet. Good. But he also reported that some men "socialize" by watching UFC fights on "pay per view" TV. Huh? How can a man chant vespers at 5:00 PM and then spend the rest of the evening watching men in cages bashing heads? Aren't UFC spectacles, which now feature women, part of our decline?

Without moving to Clear Creek, every Catholic can embrace the "Benedict option" by following three classic Lenten practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer requires silence, which our society abhors. By contrast, Clear Creek is a very quiet place. Cell phone reception is spotty; and some people have no TV and no Internet service. For many, of course, this seems insane, even dangerous. Such reactions verify the power of what Cardinal Sarah calls the "dictatorship of noise." During Lent, how about cutting the cord?

Fasting means self-deprivation of food. But this suppression of excess extends to everything else as well. Simplicity of life is a key feature of genuine monastic life and the broader Clear Creek community. Pope Francis, following the Gospel and example of Christ, constantly warns against consumerism, the relentless accumulation of "stuff."

Almsgiving is always linked with fasting in the Old and New Testaments. How so? The food not eaten because of the Lenten fast must be transferred to those who have no food. Fasting fosters a voluntary form of *wealth redistribution*. Fasting, then, is not just a spiritual practice to test oneself or lose weight. More important, it is meant to heal the wounds of the world.

Lent, properly observed, can lead us into new territory without ever leaving home.

Fr. Michael Kerper