

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Help for those in Need
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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. 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

Monday, Feb. 29, 2016

12:05 PM **Mass of Thanksgiving**
By Pat and Roselle Belanger

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

12:05 PM **Albert and John Mercier**
By the Family

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

12:05 PM **Philip and Mildred Mercier**
By the Family

Thursday, March 3, 2016 ~ St. Katherine Drexel

12:05 PM **Raymond Michaud**
By the Pelletier Family

Friday, March 4, 2016 ~ St. Casimir

12:05 PM **Joseph and Stephanie Narkis**
By the Family

Saturday, March 5, 2016 - Vigil ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

4:00 PM **Robert William Madigan**
By Robert Narkunas

Sunday, March 6, 2016 ~ 4th Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz**
By the Family
9:30 AM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent
De Paul Society**
12:00 PM **Patrick Terrin**
By Ann Casey

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

REST IN PEACE

Francis H. Burnham

GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK

Weekend of Feb. 20 & 21

From (190) Envelope Users: \$5,809.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,142.00
- Cash: \$1,469.00
Electronic Giving Users (20) \$ 725.00
Total Collection \$9,145.00

Mass Count: 746

Retired Religious

Weekend of Feb. 21 **\$200.00**

Catholic Schools

Previous Total \$1,238.00
Weekend of Feb. 21: \$ 20.00
Total Received: \$1,258.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of Feb. 21 **\$960.33**

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!

LENT

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.

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

Lenten Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent

3:00 PM
(Traditional: St. Alphonsus version)

7:00 PM
(Biblical version with organ)

DOING MERCY AT ST. PATRICK'S

On frequent occasions, Pope Francis has called on the Christian faithful to perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We do those things here, but during the "Jubilee Year of Mercy" perhaps we should examine what we currently do and consider what still needs to be done. We have many people who live alone, who are homebound, and who are in nursing homes. Let's think together about what we should do as a parish. If you have ideas or are interested in helping, please join us.

Thursday, March 10
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM
Parish Center - Room 1

VISITING AND SHARING THE EUCHARIST

We need to renew our group of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who bring Holy Communion to many people unable to come to Mass. If you are presently a Minister of Holy Communion or are interested in this work, please join us for a review and update about this important "spiritual work of mercy."

Thursday, March 17
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Parish Center - Room 2

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

Texts and Readings pgs. 78 - 80

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional: #253 *Throughout These 40 Days*

Communion Antiphon: pg. 80

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

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)

March 5, 2016

Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 12, 2016

Feria of Lent

March 19, 2016

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 26, 2016

HOLY SATURDAY

No 8:00 AM Mass

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!

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

This is “Commitment Weekend”

Please place your completed “Commitment Envelope” in the Offertory Collection. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope with you, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you next weekend.

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.

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.

**“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: 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) 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS**

Feb. 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. Contact Jim Lockwood by phone at 603-548-2152 or email jasmestlockwood@comcast.net or call Don Sherwood at (603) 438-9050 or email Donald.j.sherwood@gmail.com for more information.

WEEKLY READINGS

Feb. 29 through Mar. 6

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 (1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

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).

Sunday, Feb. 28 (Grades K- 6) and Monday, Feb. 29 (Grades 7 - 12): Religious Education Classes in Rooms 1 - 4 and Outer Gym at their regularly scheduled times.

Monday, Feb. 29: Holy Family Academy meeting in Room 1 (8:00 AM til 12:00 Noon).

Thursday, March 3: Hibernians meet in Room 1 at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, March 3: Boy Scouts meet in Rooms 3 & 4, 6:30 PM

Friday, March 4: The Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena meet in Room 1 6:30 PM.

Saturday, March 5: Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat in Room 1 in the Center 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass for all who wish to receive it. The Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

Community News

10th Annual Novena of Grace: God's Infinite Love and Mercy

St. Patrick Church, Milford, NH - Friday, March 4 - Saturday, March 12

Please join us at St. Patrick Church, Milford, NH as we offer the Novena of Grace in honor of St. Francis Xavier beginning on March 4th and concluding on March 12th with the feast of the canonization of Saints Francis Xavier and Ignatius of Loyola. If you are unable to attend some of the activities, please join us in prayer at home. During this Holy Jubilee Year of Mercy, the focus of the various offerings of the novena will be "God's Infinite Love and Mercy." There will be opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday, March 4

8:15 AM: Adoration in the Church
3:00 PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross & Novena Prayer

Saturday, March 5 & Sunday, March 6

Regular Mass schedule and Novena Prayer

Monday, March 7

5:00 PM: Reflection and Novena Prayer followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 8

4:15 & 6:30 PM: For young people and parents - Reflection and Novena Prayer followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 9

11:30 AM: Reflection and Novena Prayer followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Call 673-1311 if you need a ride).

Thursday, March 10

4:00 PM: Mass in honor of St. Francis Xavier. Bishop Libasci will preside.

Friday, March 11

6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross including the Novena Prayer

Saturday, March 12

4:00 PM: Mass to conclude the Novena. Monsignor. Anthony Frontiero will preside. (Canonization Day of Saints Francis Xavier and Ignatius Loyola.)

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Oct. 25, 2016 to Nov. 4, 2016

Thirty-five years ago, Our Lady appeared to 6 young people in Medjugorje, and is still appearing today and delivering messages to the world. Our Lady is trying to bring the world back to Her Son through prayer, fasting, penance, faith, and conversion. You are invited to see Medjugorje for yourself. Please pray and consider joining our pilgrimage retreat Oct. 25 - Nov. 4, 2016. Deacon Geoff Ashman, Saint Matthew Parish in Windham, NH will be our Spiritual Director. For more information about the pilgrimage, please contact Doreen Duquette at 603-216-4186 or email laduduke95@yahoo.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

TASTE OF IRELAND

March 5, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack, NH

Join us for a "Taste of Ireland" with live entertainment provided by Seminarians from St. John's in Boston. The Irish Hooley will take place at 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 5th at Our Lady of Mercy Hall in Merrimack, NH. Tickets are only \$20 and may be purchased by calling Linda at (603) 424-3312 or visit our website at www.StFrancisSchoolNH.com. All proceeds benefit Catholic education.

ELDER CARE FAIR

Saturday, April 16 - 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Immaculate Conception Parish Gathering Hall

Come learn how to plan for a safe future for you or a loved one. Topics will cover the spectrum from stay-at-home services to long-term care. Keynote speaker is Kathi Rice-Orshak, VP Mission Integration and Ethics, St. Joseph Hospital. Please join us on Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon in the parish center. A continental breakfast will be served. The program is free and open to the public. Please call 888-0321 to register.

IRELAND TOUR

The Irish Cultural Center of Western New England is offering a memorable 10-day Autumn Tour to Ireland (Oct. 13 -22, 2016). We will visit: Dingle (4 nights), Killamey (3 night) and Bunratty (1 night) and many special highlights. Cost is \$2,580 per person sharing; \$2,880 (single occupancy). Includes round trip air fair (Aer Lingus) out of Boston, all breakfast and dinner meals, top rated hotels, day trips, attractions and gratuities. For more information call Rose Baker at (413) 519-2135 or visit our website at www.irishcenterwne.org for our full itinerary. Book early!

Witness to Life: From Politics to the Spiritual

Catholics often feel trapped in our political system when it comes to defending human life. Many candidates declare that they are "pro-life" but after winning they either do nothing or make appointments and decisions that further undermine the right to life. Consider the Supreme Court: During the past 40 years, three presidents, who declared themselves "pro-life," appointed two justices who turned out to be completely "pro-choice" and two others who frequently voted with the "Roe v. Wade" majority. For sure, no one can infallibly predict how a judge will act once he or she sits on the bench; but the bitter disappointments of the past 40 years demonstrate the limits of politics. Politicians are fickle. What is a faithful Catholic to do?

Archbishop Jose Gomez, who leads the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, has called for a new approach. Speaking on January 30, he said: *"The cause of life is greater than the limitations of our political categories. We want a new culture, not a new political coalition. The future of the pro-life movement is cultural not political."*

While we have little or no control over political trends, which increasingly depart from the norms of Christian behavior, we do have the power to shape our "personal culture" -- the way we see and behave toward other people. This goes far beyond the quick act of voting; it penetrates into every moment of our lives.

Archbishop Gomez made the crucial point that the killing of unborn children, older people, and the very sick "happens within a wider cultural context." Our culture, he said, is "losing the sense of our common humanity and our responsibilities to others." This happens because we make sharp distinctions between "us" and "them" based on race, religion, economic condition, legal status and so is on. This breeds the "culture of death" which rests on the belief that some are "more equal than others" and "some are not worthy of life." Such sentiments can strangely coexist with "being pro-life." Some talk show hosts, for example, use coarse language to disparage certain people, in effect depriving them of their human dignity. Such rhetoric shapes the "mindset" of many, and endangers *all* vulnerable people. Indeed, everything is interconnected.

As such, the "spirituality of life" must encompass everything, not just a few issues. While Archbishop Gomez firmly insisted that the protection of unborn children and people threatened by euthanasia is paramount, he described the personal "culture of life" this way: *"To follow Jesus means we have a duty to welcome and protect life and to care for life -- every life! Because every life is loved by God, especially those who are poor and forgotten, and those who are alone and excluded. With God's love there are no boundaries, no borders, no barriers."*

To live out this "spirituality of life" requires conversion of heart. First, we must unlearn the toxic habits of thought that we inhale from the noisy media. And second, to cite Archbishop Gomez, we must *"restore the sense of mercy in our own lives and in our society: mercy for those who make mistakes, mercy for those who are inconvenient and unexpected, mercy on those who impose a burden on our way of life."*

The preceding words of Archbishop Gomez help us to understand why some prefer the political strategy. After all, it takes just a few minutes to vote. It takes a life time to live out the "spirituality of life."

Fr. Michael Kerper