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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

**Rev. John Healey**  
Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper  
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. 6, 2016 - Vigil ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Joan B. Hayes**  
By the Telephone Operators  
Breakfast Group

**Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

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

**Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita**

12:05 PM **Beatrice Hunt (Living)**  
By Paul McDermott

**Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016**

12:05 PM **Jane and Wayne Kelly (Living)**  
By Paul McDermott

**Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

12:05 PM **Priest's Intention**  
*Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes*

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**Thursday, Feb 11, 2016 - Our Lady of Lourdes**

12:05 PM **Wayne and Jane Kelly (Living)**  
By Paul McDermott

**Friday, Feb. 12, 2016**

12:05 PM **Helen Stronach**  
By Maurine Baril

**Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 - Vigil ~ 1st Sunday in Lent**

4:00 PM **Rollin E. Brown, Jr. 1st Anniv.**  
By the Family

**Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 ~ 1st Sunday in Lent**

7:00 AM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**  
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **St. Vincent de Paul Benefactors**

12:00 PM **Kenneth I. Spaulding, 13th Anniv.**  
By his daughter Judith Spaulding

*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 Jan. 30 & 31**

From (187) Envelope Users:	\$5,834.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,413.50
- Cash:	\$1,500.00
Electronic Giving Users (20)	\$ 915.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,663.00</b>

**Mass Count: 783**

**Seminarian Education Fund**

Previous Total	\$2,837.00
Weekend of 1/31/16	\$ 129.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$2,966.00</b>

**Disaster Relief Fund**

Total weekend of 1/31/16 **\$165.00**

**Fuel Fund (1/31/16) \$101.00**

**Flowers (1/31/16) \$75.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 1/31/16 **\$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!**

**Adult Confirmation**

Several adults have appeared who seek Confirmation and reception into the Catholic Church. We will be forming a "mixed" group in February. If you or someone you know would like to join the group, please let us know. Call 882-2262 or send an email to [officespn@stpatricksnashua.org](mailto:officespn@stpatricksnashua.org).

**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.

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

### UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon  
February 14, 2016  
**1st Sunday in Lent**

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Saturday Mornings  
8:00 AM  
*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*  
February 13, 2016  
**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

February 20, 2016  
**Ember Saturday**  
February 27, 2016  
**Feria of Lent**

### **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!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FRIDAY FISH DINNERS Feb. 12, 19, 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. The menu includes: Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Coleslaw, Rolls and a Beverage, as well as a choice of delicious desserts from our famous dessert table. 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.

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

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

### **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 66 - 68

Collegeville Hymnal

**Processional:** #592 *Praise to the Lord*

**Communion Antiphon:** pg. 68

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things. (Matt. 5:5-6)*

**Recessional:** #634 *Faith of Our Fathers*

### **LENTEN FISH DINNERS VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

A key part of successful Lenten Fish Dinners, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is a group of committed volunteers. We are seeking volunteers for the six Fridays of Lent (Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 4, 11 and 18) at St. Christopher Church, 62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH to help with all aspects of the Fish Dinners (preparation, setup, kitchen help, serving meals (high school aged youth) and cleanup). If you are looking for ways to become involved in your parish and the local Catholic community, make new friends, or just want to lend a hand, this provides a great opportunity for you. You are not expected to work the entire day - only what hours you can. If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Grand Knight Jim Lockwood at (603) 548-2152 or you can send an email to Jim at [jamest-lockwood@comcast.net](mailto:jamest-lockwood@comcast.net) or contact Volunteer Coordinator Don Sherwood at (603) 438-9050 or email him at [don-ald.j.sherwood@gmail.com](mailto:don-ald.j.sherwood@gmail.com).

### **K OF C COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Join the Knights of Columbus for Coffee and Donuts after the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 7th in the Center. Enjoy coffee, donuts, bagels, juice and more, as well as a time of fellowship with the St. Patrick community. All are welcome.

### **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.

## Lenten Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent

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

7:00 PM  
(Biblical version with organ)

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 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

## CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

## WOMEN'S RETREAT Saturday, February 27, 2016 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](mailto:OLPHSodality@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there.

## "CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS" RETREAT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" 10-session 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. 13, 20, 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. 9, 16, 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.

## 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.

## WEEKLY READINGS Feb. 8 through Feb. 14

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**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:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

## 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. 7:** Knights of Columbus Monthly Coffee and Donuts Social in the Gym after the 9:30 AM Mass.

**Sunday, Feb. 7:** Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 in Classrooms 1 - 4 and the outer Gym.

**Monday, Feb. 8:** Religious Education Classes Grades 7-12 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer Gym.

**Thursday, Feb. 11:** Boy Scouts meet in rooms 3 and 4 at 7:00 PM.

**Friday, Feb. 12:** Youth Group meets in Room 1 beginning at 6:30.

**Saturday, Feb. 13:** Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat meets in Room 1 from 10:00 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.*



## Ash Wednesday

### ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

St. Anselm once described theology as “faith seeking understanding.” It’s time to satisfy that natural curiosity in the new year. Adult enrichment continues at St. Patrick’s on Sunday mornings, as well as Monday evening, open to all people over 16 years of age. Jump on board to delve beneath the surface on the basic mysteries of our Catholic faith. Fun, informal, and enlightening. For info, email Paul at [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com).

## Community News

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL Open House (Pre-K to 6th Grade) - Wed. Feb. 17

St. Francis of Assisi School is a Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a lasting foundation in what is good, true and beautiful. The curriculum is completed with enriching specials in Latin and Greek, Spanish, Art, Tin Whistle, Band and an integrated Virtues Program that inspires students to live and love well. The school is set on a beautiful 14-acred campus along the rolling Merrimack River in Litchfield, NH. For more information and to register call 603-424-331. Visit our website at [www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org).

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LENTEN MISSION RETREAT

“The Harvest is Plenty” (Luke 10)

Feb. 21 - Feb 23.

Join us for a 2016 Lenten Mission Retreat presented by Fr. Marc Montminy, Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Exeter, NH on Sunday, February 21st through Tuesday, February 23rd at Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH. Each session will include Confession at 6:00 PM, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:45PM (Confession and Chaplet are optional), and the Lenten Mission program beginning at 7:00 PM. For more information regarding the Mission, please contact Eileen Bowes, Pastoral Associate by calling her at 603-888-0321 or at [eileen@iccnashuanh.org](mailto:eileen@iccnashuanh.org).

### 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 [DickKiernan@alphausa.org](mailto:DickKiernan@alphausa.org).

### PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

April 18-26, 2016

Bishop Libasci will lead a pilgrimage in honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis I. Visit the Holy Doors of Rome, participate in a Papal Audience, tour the Eternal City, and pray and renew your faith in tranquil Assisi. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! Registration deadline is February 28, 2016. (Single - \$3,895; Double - \$3,350; Triple - \$3,250; Quad - \$3,195). Contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at (800) 653-0017 to make your reservation or for information.

### 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 the parish office at 888-0321 to register.

## *Lenten Penance Revisited*

When we hear the word “penance,” we instantly think of some small and slightly unpleasant act, such as skipping candy for six weeks, doing the Stations of the Cross, and so forth. But if we reduce penance to a few isolated acts, we’ve missed the point. Rather, genuine penance should mark the whole of one’s life.

We discover an excellent treatment about penance in the much neglected Manual of Indulgences, which was reissued in 2006 by the Holy See. The Manual begins with four “general concessions” of indulgences.

Those who expect to find some exotic and uncomfortable pious practices will be very disappointed. Instead the “grants” apply to very simple acts: first, praying briefly in one’s own words while doing one’s duties; second, helping people in their immediate needs; third, abstaining from something pleasurable; and fourth, witnessing to the faith in daily life.

The second and third acts are explicitly penitential and closely intertwined, and so deserve close attention.

The second “grant” is bestowed on Catholics “who, led by the spirit of faith, give compassionately of themselves or their goods to serve their brothers in need.” This includes a vast variety of simple tasks: spending time with a shut-in, giving someone a ride to the doctor, putting up with someone’s endless chatter, transferring excess wealth to people in need, and so forth. The Church, inspired by the example of Christ, greatly honors these deeds, which are not really explicitly religious at all.

All of these acts flow directly from the third “grant,” which the Church bestows on Catholics “who voluntarily abstain from something that is licit for and pleasing to them.” The Manual explains the connection between the second and third “grants” by citing the words of Pope St. Leo the Great: “We should pay to good works what we refuse to indulgence. Let the poor man feast on what our fasting has denied us.”

Genuine Lenten penance, then, requires the voluntary redistribution of goods from people who set aside their excess to people who have little or nothing. A “successful” Lent will be reflected in one’s bank statement, notably a smaller food bill that allow a larger outlay to poor people. Weight reduction without almsgiving is not at all penitential.

This Lenten redistribution is not just about money. It also pertains to our time. We find this point in an ancient Lenten hymn in the old Latin Breviary. Pope St. Gregory the Great wrote: “Let us give less time to talking, eating, drinking, sleeping, and amusing ourselves and show a greater vigilance in our way of life.” In other words, time should be redistributed: perhaps listening to a lonely person should replace talking, taking someone to the grocery store could replace two hours watching TV, and so forth. The possibilities for genuine penance abound!

Penance, of course, makes no sense unless we acknowledge our sins. And so Pope St. Gregory, in a second Lent hymn, referred to penitential practices as “gifts” handed over to God in atonement for our sins. Not only does God forgive our sins, He also and provides us with tokens of gratitude.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*