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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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PARISH STAFF

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Gary McDonald, Music Director
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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, Jan. 16, 2015 - Vigil ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **George Boucher**
By his wife Jean Boucher

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2015 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM **Robert A. & Sylvia Miller**
By the Family

12:00 PM **Raymond Desjardins**
By Mary Pignatella

Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

NO MASS OR CONFESSION

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016

12:05 PM **Paul Morin**
By his mother

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 ~ St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

12:05 PM **Kyle Dandrow**
By Lazarus Guisso

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 ~ St. Agnes

12:05 PM **Jeff Riley**
By Lazarus Guisso

Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 ~ Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

12:05 PM **Carol Carr**
By the Family

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2015 - Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Mark S. Mercier**
By the Family

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2015 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Mary K. Sullivan**
By Jack Sullivan

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

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.

GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK

Weekend of Jan. 9 & 10

From (177) Envelope Users: \$5,522.50
From All Others - Checks: \$ 1,311.00
- Cash: \$1,611.00
Electronic Giving Users (29) \$1,330.00
Total Collection \$9,774.50

Mass Count: 795

Additional Christmas Offering \$230.00
Total Christmas Offering \$25,561.00

Fuel Fund

Weekend of 12/27/15 \$210.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 01/10/16 \$469.00

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!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
& MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 18, 2016
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

St. Patrick Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 AM.

*There will be **NO CONFESSIONS AND NO MASS** celebrated on Monday, January 18th. The regular daily Mass schedule will resume on Tuesday, January 19th.*

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

February 14, 2016
1st Sunday in Lent

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

January 30

St. Martina

February 6, 2016

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder! There are no religious education classes on Sunday, January 17th and Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Classes will resume at their normal times on Sunday, January 24th and Monday, January 25th.

TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements will be sent out to registered parishioners (using envelopes or checks) with yearly contributions of \$250 or more by Jan. 31. Please note that we have no way to track cash donations, unless your donation is placed in an envelope marked with your name and address. Please call the office if you have any questions. Tel. 603-882-2262.

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.

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

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Texts and Readings pgs. 59 - 60

Collegetown Hymnal

Processional: #546 *To Jesus Christ,
Our Sovereign King*

Communion Antiphon: pg.60

*You have prepared a table before me, and
how precious is the chalice that quenches my
thirst (Ps 23:5)*

Recessional: # 568 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

LATIN MASS NOTICE

There will be **no Latin Mass held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd**, as Fr. Kerper will be on vacation. The Saturday Latin Mass will resume on Jan. 30th at 8:00 AM.

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, Jan. 17th Monday, Jan. 18th: No Religious Education Classes Grades 1-12 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Tuesday, Jan. 19th: Knights of Columbus Meeting in Room 1 at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, Jan. 21: Boys Scouts meet in Rooms 3 and 4.

Friday, Jan. 22: Youth Group meets in Room 1 (7 - 9 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.

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.

“Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future” Capital Campaign

Campaign Receptions continue
in February.

All registered families have been invited to attend a campaign reception over the next several weeks. If you did not attend one of the recent receptions, there are additional ones being held in February. Please return your RSVP card next week.

Campaign Receptions

Monday, February 1st
6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 3rd
1:15 PM & 7:00 PM

***Receptions will be held in
the Parish Hall***

Light refreshments will be served

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!

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan. 18 through Jan. 24

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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. Advanced notification increases the chances of providing the Sacrament in a timely manner. Unable to travel? Call the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

Special Collections: Seminarians and Disasters

The annual appeal for our seminarians is now underway. If you chose to support this fund, please use the envelope included in the flyers available in the vestibule. Two of the seminarians – David Wong and Matthew Shultz – have connections to St. Patrick Parish. We will receive donations through the first week of February.

Bishop Libasci has asked every parish conduct a free will offering on the weekend of January 23 and 24 to assist the victims of severe weather in the South and Midwest. These funds will be used to help Catholic parishes and from humanitarian purposes. If you would like to help with this effort, please put your offering in an envelope marked “Disaster.” We will receive gifts through the first week of February.

As announced previously, we will not be passing the basket for most second collections. Each person is invited to consider the specific cause, his or her financial ability at the present time, and other charitable giving. Considering the frequency of special appeals, we fully respect the freedom of each person to make careful decisions about which collections to support. Thank you for your customary generosity.

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.



NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION TRAVELING KIT

The World Apostolate of Fatima, an organization devoted to Our Lady of Fatima and her message of conversion, offers individual families the opportunity to host a home visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. The Pilgrim Virgin kit includes a 27" Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with three doves and gold crown; a 90 minute DVD: "Apparition at Fatima;" an 80 minute DVD documentary: "Fatima;" 2 paperback booklets: "Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program;" WAF USA Spiritual Guide; Pieta Prayer booklet; a bottle of Holy Water; a plastic covered Apostolate of Fatima Information Booklet; and a Journal Book - "Our Lady's Visit to Our Home." If you are interested in hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue for a week or two, please contact the Parish Office at 603-882-2262 to make arrangements.

Community News

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (Pre-K to 6th Grade)

Wed., Jan 27 and 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.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Holy Family Academy is holding an Open House on Thursday, February 4, 2015 from 3:45 to 5:00 PM for prospective students, parents and anyone interested in learning about the Academy. Holy Family Academy is an affordable Catholic school teaching grades 7-12 in the classical tradition. Holy Family is located at 49 Ashland St., Manchester, NH.

For more information please visit our website at www.holyfamilyacademy.org or call 664-7247.

Thoughts on MLK Day

As our nation remembers Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18, we need to recover a frequently forgotten truth: the civil rights movement originated within the Christian faith. Almost all its leaders were ordained ministers, mostly Baptist but from other denominations as well. Dr. King himself held a doctorate in theology from Boston University.

The proposition that all human beings are equal was drawn from Sacred Scripture, not from secular political ideology. Moreover, the committed non-violence of the early civil rights movement attempted to imitate the actual practice of Jesus, who insisted on forgiving enemies and refusing violent retaliation.

Many of the earliest campaigns, such as the efforts to desegregate interstate bus and rail services, had explicitly Christian elements, especially public prayer, Bible reading, and hymn singing. There was no concealment of the Gospel at all.

Many of the earliest civil rights leaders had close connections with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an old-line Protestant organization that promoted non-violent action in the cause of universal peace. Quakers also had significant influence. The movement, then, was meant to be an actual “experiment” in Gospel living, convincing proof that faith – not brute power – could ultimately heal and shape the world.

Of course, we must always remember that many who opposed racial equality identified themselves as Christians. Shockingly, even the Ku Klux Klan claimed to be a “Christian organization” and used the cross as a much favored symbol.

The movement away from traditional racial segregation caused serious divisions even among Roman Catholics, especially in Louisiana, the only Southern state with a fairly large Catholic population. In 1951, Archbishop Joseph Rummel, who headed the Archdiocese of New Orleans, desegregated the Catholic Church, setting off bitter resistance from some Catholics. Up until that point, Catholic churches had separate “White” and “Colored” pews as well as segregated parochial schools. Archbishop Rummel’s decision was especially significant because it occurred three years before the United States Supreme Court declared that “separate but equal” schools were unconstitutional.

Archbishop Rummel promoted racial equality because of *theology* not *legal opinions*. In his pastoral letter of 1953, he wrote: *Let there be no further discrimination or segregation in the pews, at the Communion rail, at the confessional and in parish meetings, just as there will be no segregation in the kingdom of heaven.*” In 1956, he appealed to the Book of Genesis: *“Racial segregation as such is morally wrong and sinful because it is a denial of the unity and solidarity of the human race as conceived by God in the creation of Adam and Eve.”*

Of course, not every Catholic accepted Archbishop Rummel’s teaching. Indeed, Some Louisiana Catholics actually wrote to Pope Pius XII asking him to *endorse* the continuation of racial segregation! The Holy Father responded by calling racism a grave moral evil.

Without doubt, the post-World War II civil rights movement would never have emerged without its solid Christian foundations. Hence, we must never forget how Christian faith, whether in its Catholic or Protestant form, contributed so much to the healing of America.

Fr. Michael Kerper