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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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, July 11, 2015 - Vigil ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Patrick Joseph Terrin**
By the Apple Family

Sunday, July 12, 2015 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

12:00 PM **Manuel Dovale**
By the Family

Monday, July 13, 2015 ~ St. Henry

12:05 PM **Priest's Intention**

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 ~ St. Kateri Tekakwitha

12:05 PM **Benefactors of the**
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 ~ St. Bonaventure

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

Thursday, July 16, 2015 ~ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

12:05 PM **Kara Nadeau (Living)**
By Kelly Lockwood

Friday, July 17, 2015

12:05 PM **Patricia Derr (Living)**
By Kelly Lockwood

Saturday, July 18, 2015 - Vigil ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Dorothy Charron, 1st Anniversary**
By the Family

Sunday, July 19, 2015 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Brian Borromeo**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Margaret E. Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **People of the Parish**

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 July 4 & 5

From (184) Envelope Users: \$ 6,350.50
From All Others - Checks: \$ 1,607.00
- Cash: \$ 1,319.00
Electronic Giving Users (20) \$ 845.00
Total Collection \$10,121.50

Mass Count: 689

Weekend of June 27 & 28

From (185) Envelope Users: \$5,888.50
From All Others - Checks: \$1,398.00
- Cash: \$1,062.00
Electronic Giving Users (15) \$ 580.00
Total Collection \$8,928.50

Mass Count: 632

Peter's Pence July 4 & 5 \$417.00

Sisters of St. Joseph
Missions for Peru July 4 & 5 \$160.00

Nepal Earthquake Donation
Previous Total \$4,929.00
Total Weekend June 27 & 28 \$ 131.00
Total Weekend July 4 & 5 \$ 40.00
Total To Date \$5,100.00

St. Vincent de Paul
Weekend of June 27 & 28 \$498.00
Weekend of July 4 & 5 \$492.00

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

NEWS AND NOTES

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, July 12, 2015

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2015

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

July 18, 2015

St. Camillus de Lellis

July 25, 2015

St. James the Greater

August 1, 2015

The Holy Maccabees

August 8, 2015

St. John Mary Vianney

August 15, 2015

Assumption 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.

**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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

Latin Mass "Census"

Following the 12:00 Noon Mass today, **Sunday, July 12**, we will have a "listening session" with the many people who participate in the monthly Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin). In preparation for this, we have produced special census cards, which are located on the tables in the vestibule. If you attend the Latin Mass, please fill out a card and drop it in the basket. We especially would like to connect with the many people who come from other parishes. Thank you!

NOTE FROM FR. KERPER

Please **do not** leave offertory envelopes or other donations on the back tables of the church prior to Mass or during the week. We have had incidences where these donations were not picked up for a few days, or worse, have gone missing. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to drop your offertory envelope off at St. Patrick's, please slip it through the mail slot of the front door of the rectory. We thank you for your generosity!

**WEEKLY READINGS
July 12 through July 19**

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Planning Study Focus Group Meetings Save the Date!



As was previously announced, Fr. Kerper and our Parish and Finance Councils have decided to move forward with a parish-wide Planning Study to formulate a plan to address some on-going maintenance needs at our parish.

During the next several weeks, members of the Cornerstone Fundraising will be conducting series of focus groups.

Focus Group meetings are open to all parishioners. The Cornerstone staff will be conducting these meetings in the Parish Center on the following dates:

**Thursday, July 23rd
1:00 PM and 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, August 4th
7:00 PM**

**Friday, August 7th
After the 12:05 PM Mass**

Please make every effort to participate in the survey process, so that we may complete this study with your open and honest input.

Thank you for your continued support.

Community News

**ST. ANTHONY SHRINE
& MINISTRY CENTER**
100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110
Serving the Spiritual Needs of
Grieving Parents
Saturday, July 25, 2015

Losing a child under any circumstances is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He comforted His grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry. We invite you to join other Emmaus Parent Companions and our Franciscan Retreat Team to join us in this one-day spiritual retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age by any cause. Donation: \$25 per person; \$40 per couple. Scholarships are available. For more information call Diane at 617-542-8057 or visit www.emfgp.org.

ST. JOSEPH HEALTHCARE
172 Kinsley Street, Nashua, NH 03060
Tel. 603-882-3000

The St. Joseph Healthcare Spiritual Care Department is inviting all Eucharistic Ministers to consider being a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital. We need Eucharistic Ministers to distribute communion to the patients in the morning - both weekday and weekend shifts are available. The time commitment is between one and two hours. If you are interested in this important ministry, please call Deacon John Martin at 603-305-1072 for more information or to sign up as a volunteer.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to the many parishioners who have generously donated to our pantry. We are Blessed to have your support and prayerfully remember you each day as we assist our neighbors in Nashua. Non perishable items like: Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, and Pancake Mix, as well as, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toiletry items are on our "wish list" this month. For more information, email Susan Dignan at Corpuschristifp@aol.com, or call 882-6372.

**11TH ANNUAL NASHUA CATHOLIC
REGIONAL JHS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Amherst CC ~ Aug. 13, 2015 ~ 8:30 AM**

Nashua Catholic has openings for their Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Amherst Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015. The tournament format is a scramble with an 8:30 AM shot gun start. The \$110 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, morning breakfast sandwich, hot dogs at the turn, and a steak and ribs dinner after golf. Don't golf? We have tee sign opportunities for \$100. For more information and/or to sponsor a hole, please contact Bob Boissoneault at 603-882-7011.

**ST. GERTRUDE PRAYER GROUP
Thursday Mornings at 9:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH**

Immaculate Conception Parish's Saint Gertrude prayer group is looking for a few new members. We meet every Thursday morning at 9:30. Please join us whenever you can! We begin each session in the church by saying the Rosary at 8AM, followed by Holy Mass at 8:30. After Mass, we gather in the Parish Center main hall for coffee and fellowship. We complete the session in the chapel, with Adoration and the Chaplet of Saint Gertrude. Just bring your beads and we'll provide the rest! Hope to see you soon.

**BISHOP GUERTIN HIGH SCHOOL
Cardinal Jump Start Summer School Program
Grades 6 - 8 / STEM & ARTS
August 3-7, 2015 ~ 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Bishop Guertin High School invites students in Grades 6 through 8 to join them in a week filled with fun and engaging shared activities. Activities include outdoor fun and games, Quiz Bowl challenges, Scavenger Hunts, a Jumpstart Mock Trial and more.

The STEM Program - \$500. Topics include: Robotics, Life Science, Computer Programming, Environmental Science, Chemistry and Physics.

The ARTS Program - \$500. Topics include: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Storytelling, Music, Photography, and Digital Arts.

For more information regarding this program or to register, please visit our website at www.bghs.org or contact the office at 603-889-4107.

**Pro Vita et Caritas Award
(For Life and Love)**

Bishop Libasci will be recognizing a volunteer who works to improve the lives of women, children or families through a new award. The family of the late Ruthie Ford has established the *Pro Vita et Caritas Award* (For Life and Love) in memory of the work Ruthie accomplished. The award will be given to a volunteer, who through service to a non-profit agency helps transform the lives of women, children or families, and who exemplifies, in his or her service, the Gospel message to love one another. The volunteer will receive a plaque from Bishop Libasci at the Bishop's Summer Reception and the non-profit organization will receive a \$2,500 gift. Information and an application form are available at www.catholicnh.org/bcaf/pvca.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY WEEKEND
AUGUST 14-16, 2015
BARBARA C. HARRIS CENTER
GREENFIELD, NH
www.bchcenter.org**

Join us for the 10th Annual Catholic Family Weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Center on Otter Lake in Greenfield, NH. Our theme for this year is "A Higher Love: Called To Serve - Imitating Christ In Word & Action!" The focus of the weekend is the family. There will be activities for children of all ages, family activities, and free time for family fun. Mass on Saturday evening, lighted rosary, and an outdoor concert. To register go to www.vitanova.org. Contact Shawn & Teresa Rouillard with questions at (603) 641-8878 or email Teresa at tree227777@gmail.com.

**World Meeting of Families
Pilgrimage & Papal Mass
Sept. 22- 27, 2015 ~ Philadelphia, PA**

The 8th World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22 to 27, 2015. Pope Francis will celebrate a public Mass on Sunday, September 27. The Diocese of Manchester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the World Meeting and Papal Mass. For information and pilgrimage details visit www.catholicnh.org/wmof.

St. Maria Goretti and her executioner: Some thoughts

On July 6, the Catholic Church celebrated the memorial of St. Maria Goretti, a 12-year old girl brutally murdered in 1902 by a pedophile named Alessandro Serenelli. Maria's father had died when she was just 10-years old. Serenelli, who was the son of Mr. Goretti's close friend and business partner, took advantage of the situation and tried to seduce the defenseless girl. Because she repeatedly resisted his advances, he eventually murdered her, stabbing her 14 times.

The story of St. Maria Goretti has two parts – one about her and one about her murderer. The first is well-known; the second is not. The first loses much of its great beauty if the second part is forgotten.

As to the first part, Maria was a simple and devout Catholic girl who lived in an impoverished Italian family. Despite her limited education and unfavorable social conditions, Maria clearly understood the difference between right and wrong, and so resisted – even to the point of death -- Serenelli's attempted seduction. Of itself, Maria's steadfast and heroic defense to her God-given dignity deserves great honor. After all, how many older Catholics would have acted as she did?

Now let's turn to the second part of St. Maria Goretti's story – the situation of her murderer. The evidence against Serenelli, who had actually lived in the same residence as Maria, was indisputable. Hence, he was quickly convicted and imprisoned. Shockingly, Serenelli served less than 26 years for the cold blooded murder of a child! (In many states today Serenelli would have ended up on death row or even executed.)

How could this be? Here's what happened. In his eight years of imprisonment, Serenelli reported having had a dream in which his victim presented him with a bouquet of flowers, a gesture of her forgiveness. Of course, many probably dismissed this "dream" as a clever and cynical scam. However, subsequent developments suggest its authenticity.

Upon the murderer's release in 1928, Maria's mother sought him out, forgave him, and became reconciled with him. Moreover, Mrs. Goretti and Mr. Serenelli attended Christmas Mass and received Holy Communion while kneeling together at the altar rail. Later, Serenelli joined the Third Order of the Capuchin Franciscans and spent the rest of his life doing penance for his act of murder. He died in 1970, 68 years after he had killed a little 12-year old girl whom Pope Pius XII had canonized in 1950. Serenelli actually attended the glorious canonization ceremony, which attracted the largest crowd in the Vatican's history.

Let's consider an unsettling question: Would the Italian state have acted justly if it had executed Serenelli. Yes. He had received a fair trial. The evidence had been conclusive. And the victim had been an innocent and defenseless child. However, the legitimate use of capital punishment would have short circuited the slow and mysterious movement of God's grace, which somehow had become intertwined with the intercession of the victim. If Serenelli had been executed, St. Maria Goretti's story would have ended as just another "solved murder case" with no real spiritual significance. However, by not executing Serenelli, society created space for two saints – the canonized Virgin Martyr and, just possibly, her executioner.

The story of St. Maria Goretti and Alessandro Serenelli affirms the old biblical adage, "God's ways are not man's ways." And it reminds us that by clinging tenaciously to "man's ways," when they seem so just and effective, we may obstruct God's infinite mercy, which always exceeds our understanding.

Fr. Michael Kerper