

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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PARISH STAFF

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Paul & Jennifer Murano,
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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

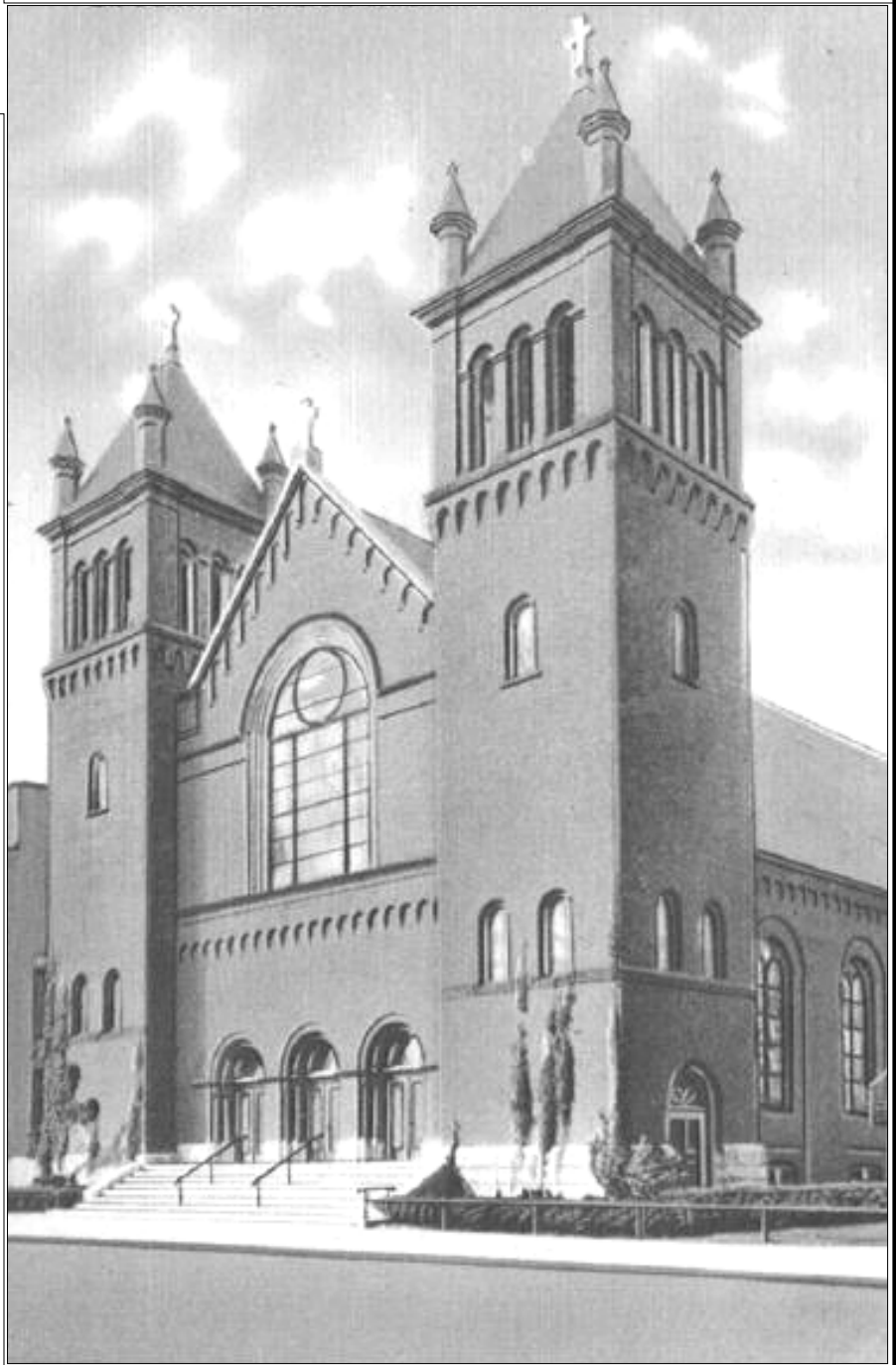
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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, July 15, 2017 - Vigil - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Sunday, July 16, 2017 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM **James M. Hanafin and George T. Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

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

Monday, July 17, 2017

7:00 AM **Holy Souls in Purgatory**
By David Hayes

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 - St. Camillus de Lellis

12:05 PM **William Merrill**
By Paul McDermott

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

12:05 PM **Jadvyga Savickas**
By Melvina Lapin

Thursday, July 20, 2017 - St. Apollinaris

12:05 PM **Antoinette & Thomas Qualter**
By Mary Sarameta

Friday, July 21, 2017 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

12:00 PM **Doris Colleta**
By Thomas, Suzanne, and Charlie Collete

Saturday, July 22, 2017 - Vigil - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Sandi and Susy Guerrette**
By Jean Boucher

Sunday, July 23, 2017 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Kenneth Norman Michaud**
By Margie Gray

9:30 AM **Rachel Hannafin**
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 1 & 2

From (171) Envelope Users: \$4,216.50
 From All Others - Checks: \$ 673.00
 - Cash: \$1,407.00
 Electronic Giving Users (36) \$1,555.00
Total Collection \$7,851.50

Mass Count: 619

Weekend of July 8 & 9

From (165) Envelope Users: \$5,879.00
 From All Others - Checks: \$1,068.00
 - Cash: \$1,533.00
 Electronic Giving Users (33) \$1,125.00
Total Collection \$9,605.00

Mass Count: 650

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of July 2, 2017 **\$419.00**

Weekend of July 9, 2017 **\$190.00**

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!



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

St. Patrick Parish received **\$856.50** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of **July 1st and 2nd**. We received **\$ 855.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of **July 8th & 9th**. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

Peter’s Pence

Catholics throughout the world show their love and respect for the Holy Father through the annual “Peter’s Pence” collection. We will receive donations through June and July. If you would like to support the many good works of the Holy See, please use one of the special “Peter’s Pence” envelopes available in the vestibule and tables at the rear of the church. St. Patrick Parish received **\$77.00** for the weekend of July 1st & 2nd, and **\$155.00** for the weekend of July 8th & 9th bringing the total to date to **\$1,139.00**. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass. The Sacrament can be celebrated with people preparing for or recovering from surgery, in rehab, or those who have any serious illness.. Call 603-882-2262 to make arrangements.

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.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

During **July and August**, Mass on Monday will be celebrated at **7:00 AM**. The church will open at 6:30 AM and will close after Mass.

There will be no 12:05 PM Mass and no Confessions on Monday.

THE 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. For more information contact Stephanie at 603-718-8629 or email us at OlphSodality@yahoo.com.

PUT NASHUA ON BIKES DAY

August 5, 2017 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PAL’s Gym at St. Patrick Center
218-220 Main St., Nashua, NH 03060

- We will accept donations of bikes, tools & accessories.
- We will have certified bike repair experts available.
- Bikes of all sizes will be for sale: some new or nearly new, some old or very old.
- Free surprise gifts while available.
- Safety tips and maintenance advice.

For more information, call:

Don Pare 603-321-3888 (Knights of Columbus)
John Burkitt 603-889-9126 (“Let’s Put People on Bikes”)
Shaun Nelson 603-594-3733 (Police Athletic League)
Pedro Altagracia 603-589-3263

Sponsored by:

Coalition of the Police Athletic League (PAL), Knights of Columbus, Harbor Homes & “Let’s Put People on Bikes”

WEEKLY READINGS

July 16 - July 23

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 (1-9)

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; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 (24-30)



FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY

During the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, we will be venerating her special image in the sanctuary of our church. We would like to keep fresh flowers before her statue through the year. We have an arrangement with a local florist to provide flowers each week at a cost of \$30.00. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one for a specific week, let us know. If you would like to make a general donation for flowers, please use one of the "Flower" envelopes found in the vestibule. Thank you!

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA July 16 through August 5th

An anonymous donor has donated money for the flowers sitting in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue through August 5th.

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

August 13, 2017

10th Sunday after Pentecost

(Low Mass)

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

July 22, 2017

St. Mary Magdalene

July 29, 2017

St. Martha

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.

Are you registered?

Please help us keep our database up to date. New parishioners are encouraged to fill out the form below and return it to the office. Long-time parishioners are asked to update their information if they have any changes. Thank you.

I am not registered. Please send me a form.

I am registered. Here is my correct address:

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

Tel. No. _____

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2017

There are so many who never thought they would have to ask for help: parents, once financially secure, now wondering how they can make ends meet; couples struggling with pressures of job stability or marriage difficulties in search of counseling; young mothers trying to improve their situation and become better parents. 1-in-13 people in New Hampshire knock on our door each year.

Your support of Catholic Charities helps ensure that your neighbors in crisis can find comfort and support. You improve lives and give hope.

Catholic Charities envelopes are available at the back of the church for your convenience. Can't find one? Make a check out to Catholic Charities and place it in a plain white envelope marked Catholic Charities and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS 2017 HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS AT WETHERSFIELD ESTATE

Session I: August 9 -11, 2017

Session II: August 14-16, 2017

\$100 for room, tuition & meals

Scholarships are available!

For more information about our summer programs, visit www.ThomasMoreCollege.Edu/SummerProgram.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is searching for a new home. Items to be considered for our new locations are: 5,000 to 6,000 square feet of space in a downtown area, a parking lot, all on one floor, handicapped accessible areas, bathrooms, and an affordable monthly rent. If you have such a space or know of one, please contact Deloris Davis at (603)318-1005 or ddavis3929@msn.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let God amplify and elucidate the love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends will be held on September 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen and Micelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <http://wwmema.org/>.

13th Annual Nashua Catholic Regional JHS Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
Amherst Country Club

Nashua Catholic has openings for their Annual Golf Tournament being held at Amherst Country Club on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

The tournament format is best-ball with an 8:30 AM shot gun start. The \$120 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, raffles and a steak and ribs lunch after golf. Money raised will help build students' skills in science, technology, engineering, art and math, (a.k.a. our STEAM curriculum). Help us develop the next generation of innovators, problem solvers and game changers.

For more information or to sponsor a hole, visit <http://www.ncrjh.org/support-nc/golf-tournament/>.

Make Catholicism Grow: Ban It!

A few weeks ago I reread a novel by Milan Kundera, a Czech-French writer who is a well-known opponent of Communism. His novel recounts the terrible years following the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. Many people who opposed the Soviet occupation suffered imprisonment, loss of professional employment, permanent exile, and even execution. Kundera himself fled to France and never returned home.

We usually think of the Czechs as being Catholics. And so it seemed very strange that Kundera said almost nothing about Catholicism in his book except for a few references to the Old Testament, several vaguely religious comments, and one character, the son of an atheist father, who converts to Catholicism after the Soviet invasion. Other than those specks of religion, the landscape of the novel is weirdly Godless.

Had I been wrong about most Czechs being Catholics. Not exactly. I checked the numbers. In 1968, when Soviet tanks and troops surged into Czechoslovakia, Prague had 1.6 million Catholics (61% of the population). Today, Prague has only 373,000 Catholics (18% of the population). As the Catholic population has fallen immensely, so has the number of priests. At the end of World War II, the Archdiocese of Prague had 607 diocesan priests. Today it has only 180. What explains the “disappearance” of about 1.2 million Czech Catholics since 1968?

Something remarkable has happened. The Catholic Church -- and other forms of religion -- began to shrink precisely when religious freedom gradually returned to the Czechs following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the liberation of the “People's Republics” of Eastern Europe. All of the former Soviet “satellites” now have religious freedom, multi-party democracies, and a free press, all of which the Catholics prayed for and strongly supported. Yet in most of these countries, religious freedom has become the *freedom to leave the Church* or at least to stop worshipping. (Note: Even in Catholic Poland, only about half the people now go to Mass on Sunday. When the Communists held power, almost everyone went.)

Strange as it may seem, Catholicism had more devout adherents, priests, and influence when the State was officially atheistic and the Church tightly controlled. Now, living within the free and open societies that supplanted the “People’s Republics,” the Catholic Church struggles to survive in Eastern Europe.

The theory that repression actually *strengthens* Catholicism is validated by data from Vietnam, which continues to be a “People’s Republic.” Though only about 3-4% of Vietnamese are Catholics, the Church is growing and has an abundance of priestly and religious vocations. Consider the following numbers: In 1963, Vietnam had 317 Catholic priests; it now has about 850 priests -- an 268% *increase!*

How do we make sense of the *State repression/Catholic strength* linkage? Perhaps it simply means that people are drawn to *dangerous* religions more than they are to *safe* ones. After all, that which that State prohibits always becomes very alluring.

Fr. Michael Kerper