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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
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Priest-in-Residence

**Linda Marolla**, *Office Manager*

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**Gary MacDonald**, *Music Director*

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*Faith Formation*

**David Santerre**, *Maintenance*

**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

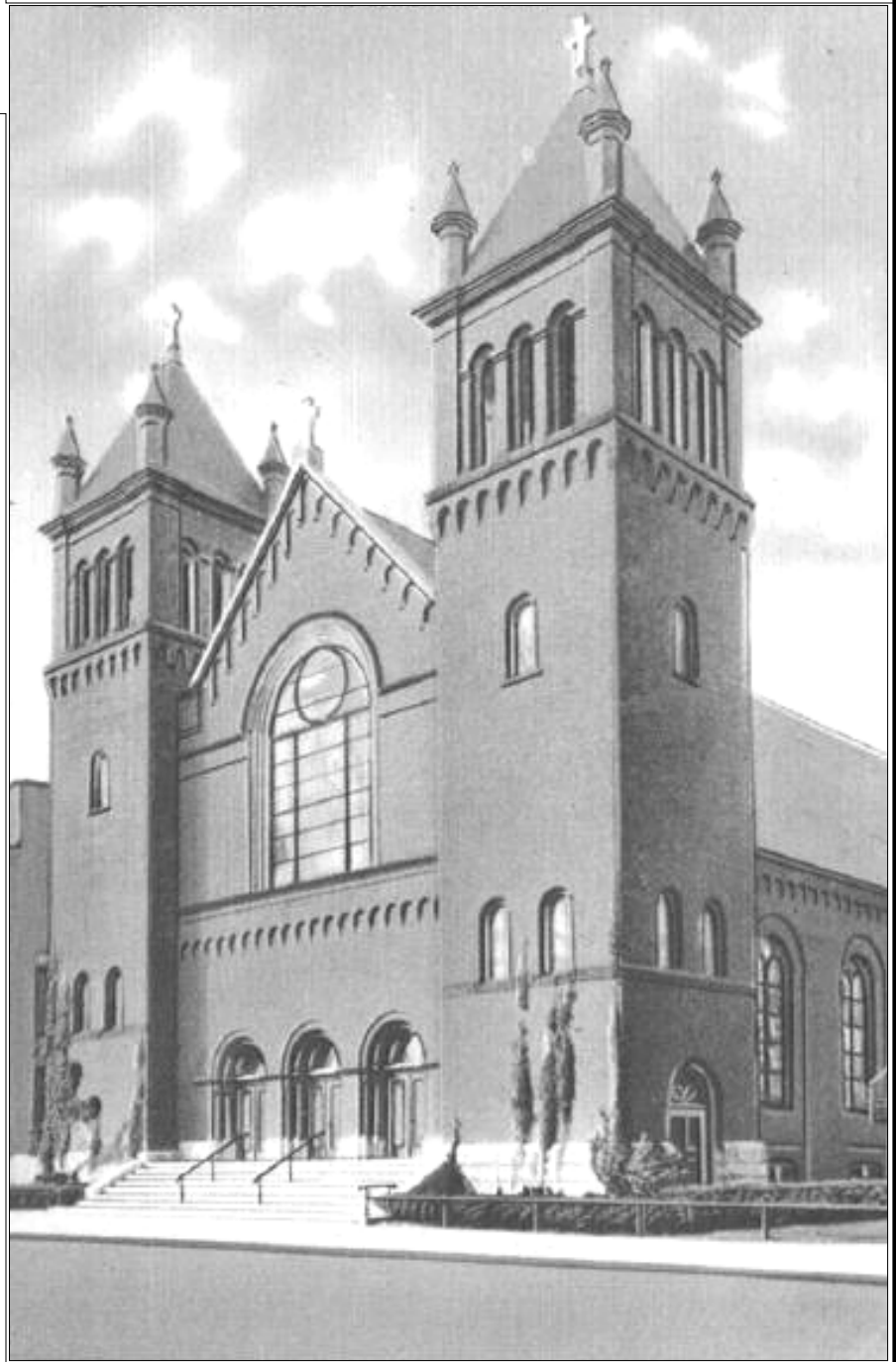
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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 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**

**Monday, July 24, 2017 - St Sharbel Makhluf**

7:00 AM **Carol Miller**  
By Barbara Spaulding

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017 - St James**

12:05 PM **John and Veronica Farrell**  
By their children

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017 - Sts. Joachim & Anne**

12:05 PM **Ann Lucas, 27th Anniversary**  
By Elona Lucas

**Thursday, July 27, 2017**

12:05 PM **Barbara Lebel**  
By her brother & sister Bob & Mary

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

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

**Saturday, July 29, 2017 - Vigil - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Barbara Colarusso, 1st Anniversary**  
By Martha Horton

**Sunday, July 30, 2017 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM **Diann Pineault**  
By R. Durocher

12:00 PM **Richard J. Piwowarski**  
By Janice & Joe Sweklo

*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 15 & 16**

From (140) Envelope Users: \$4,242.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$ 883.00  
- Cash \$1,202.00  
Electronic Giving Users (32) \$1,130.00  
**Total Collection \$7,457.00**

**Mass Count: 660**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of July 16, 2017 **\$293.00**

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!**

***ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION***

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a ***Special Anniversary Mass***. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office by **September 22, 2017**. We will need your ***last names, first names and mailing address***. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. ***There is no need for the couple to RSVP.***

*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 **\$4,376.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of July **15th & 16th**. 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 **\$155.00** for the weekend of July 8th & 9th, and **\$57.00** for the weekend of July 15th & 16th bringing the total to date to **\$1,196.00**. 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](mailto: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 23 - July 30

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

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 (44-46)



## 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)*

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Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

July 29, 2017

**St. Martha**

August 5, 2017

**Immaculate Heart of 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.

## *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.

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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](http://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](mailto: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/>.

## *Christian Rituals: Adopted and Abandoned*

Human beings like rituals. They provide order, stability, and linkages among generations. However, rituals can become empty shells, endlessly repeating “customs” that exist without their original substance or meaning. When that happens, rituals become puzzling.

Last Monday’s Wall Street Journal had two articles about the changing status of rituals: those around weddings and those linked with death.

The first piece, written by Chao Deng, described the growing popularity of American-European wedding customs among affluent Chinese. Most of these traditions, of course, have deep roots in Christianity.

Chinese brides like elegant white bridal gowns, traditional wedding music, dramatic entry processions, tossing bouquets, and so on. Moreover, some brides want their weddings to happen in chapels even though they have no religious beliefs. For them, it’s all about “style.”

As these Chinese brides and grooms adopt the American-European “ritual wedding shell” without its substance, they completely abandon the traditional elements of the Confucian wedding ritual, such as bowing to heaven and earth, parents and ancestors, and one another. Though these customs are certainly not Christian, at least they affirm that marriage has something to do with family, community, and perhaps a “higher power” beyond the earth.

Since most young Chinese have no religion, they entrust their ceremonies to professional “wedding hosts,” who accept the vows, offer personalized commentaries, and so forth. Top notch “wedding hosts” can command up to \$2,500 per service. The “host” also ensures that the wedding will be filled with emotion and drama, unlike the stodgy old Confucian ceremony or the sterile civil weddings promoted by the Communists.

How strange to see the importation of wedding rituals with Christian origins but now completely stripped of any Christian substance.

The second story, which appeared on page A9, shows Liu Xia watching someone disperse the ashes of her husband, Liu Xiaobo, a prominent Chinese dissident, into the sea.

For many centuries, of course, most Asians have cremated their dead and sprinkled their ashes in rivers or seas. This nearly universal Asian practice affirmed an essential doctrine of the great Asian religions: only the *spirit* survives. This, of course, contradicts the Christian belief in the resurrection of the body, which we profess in the Creed.

In the case of Mr. Liu, the dispersal of his ashes had another non-religious purpose: the complete eradication of his memory. The Journal noted: “The government has sought to erase Mr. Liu’s legacy and mentions of his name have long been scrubbed from China’s internet; the scattering of the ashes means he won’t have a grave where supporters can gather.”

How strange! Chinese brides embrace our wedding rituals without their substance, while some Christians abandon the ritual of Christian burial, freely choosing to do to themselves what Chinese Communists impose on their enemies as a punishment.

For the Chinese, the “style” of the wedding rituals increases their popularity; for some Christians, the inconvenience of burying the dead causes a holy ritual to disappear.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*