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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper
Gary McDonald, Music Director

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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

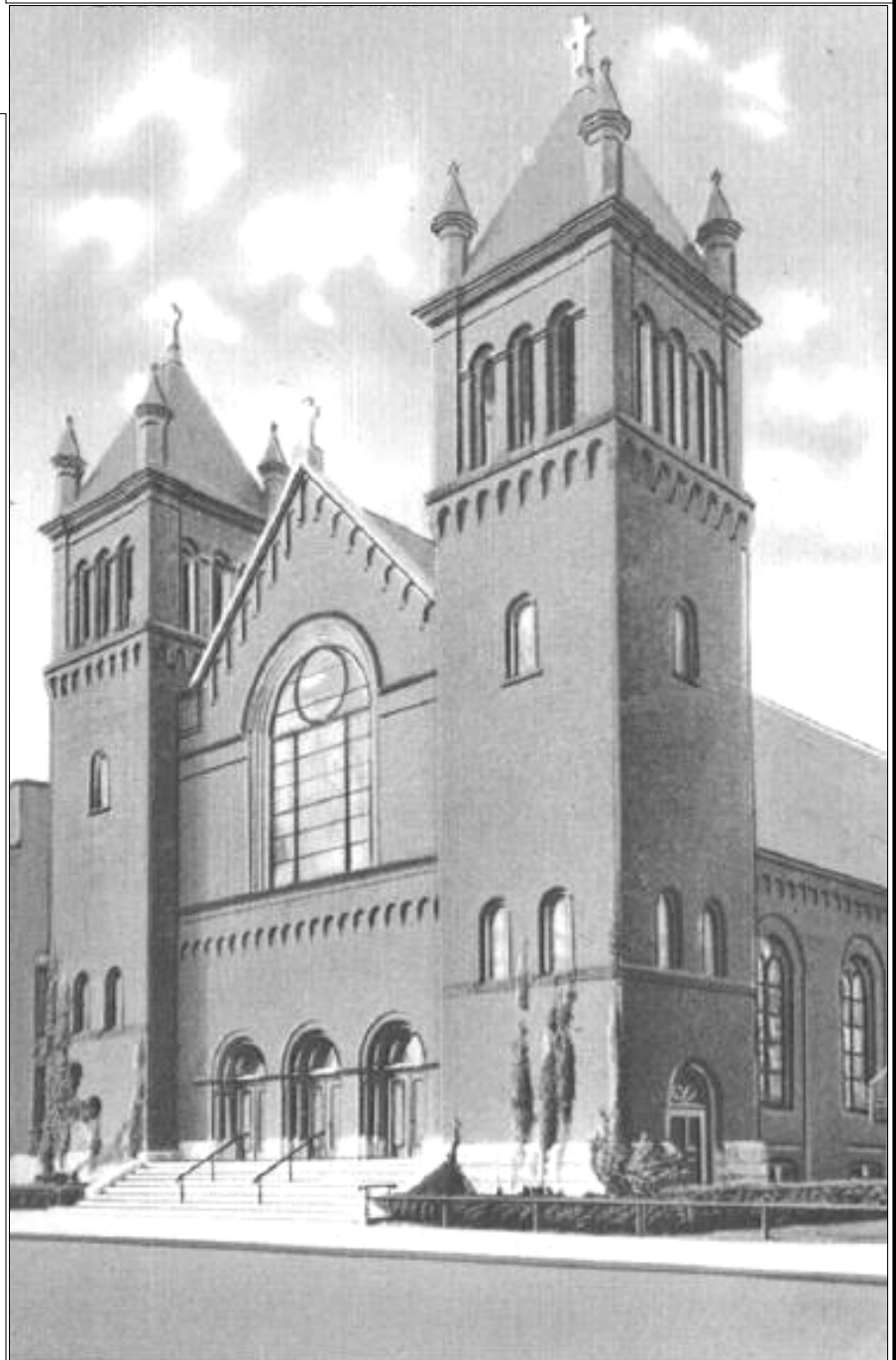
Sat.: 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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 25, 2015 - Vigil ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Sandy & Susie Guerette**
By the Family

Sunday, July 26, 2015 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Florence Roscoe**
By Norman LeBlond

9:30 AM **Ann Lucas, 25th Anniversary**
By her daughter Elona Lucas

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

Monday, July 27, 2015

12:05 PM **Christine Rousseau (Living)**
By Kelly Lockwood

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

12:05 PM **Theresa Bord (Living)**
By Kelly Lockwood

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 ~ St. Martha

12:05 PM **Doris Wood**
By the Family

Thursday, July 30, 2015 ~ St. Peter Chrysologus

12:05 PM **Daniel Francis LaCroix**
By Agnes LaCroix

Friday, July 31, 2015 ~ St. Ingatius of Lovola

12:05 PM **Special Intention**
By David Hayes

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015 - Vigil ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Joan B. Hayes**
By Dorothy J. Garon

Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Mary F. and Rose M. Keane**
By Rosemary Daly

9:30 AM **James M. 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 18 & 19

From (176) Envelope Users: \$5,937.50
From All Others - Checks: \$ 767.42
- Cash: \$1,461.00
Electronic Giving Users (18) \$ 625.00
Total Collection \$8,790.92

Mass Count: 644

Peter's Pence Previous Total \$512.00
Peter's Pence July 18 & 19 \$120.00
Total to Date: \$632.00

Parish to Parish
July 18 & 19 \$1,196.00

St. Vincent de Paul
Weekend of July 18 & 19 \$435.00

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

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to those 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.

NEWS AND NOTES

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, August 9, 2015

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Sept. 13, 2015

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

August 1, 2015

The Holy Maccabees

August 8, 2015

St. John Mary Vianney

August 15, 2015

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22, 2015

Immaculate Heart of Mary

August 29, 2015

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Sept. 5, 2015

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 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

**Parish Focus Groups
Save the Date!**



We have scheduled a variety of times for people to express their thoughts and concerns about the need to make significant upgrades and repairs on our buildings. Some people have already provided valuable input and asked great questions that have stirred much thought. Please consider participating in one of these sessions.

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

**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.

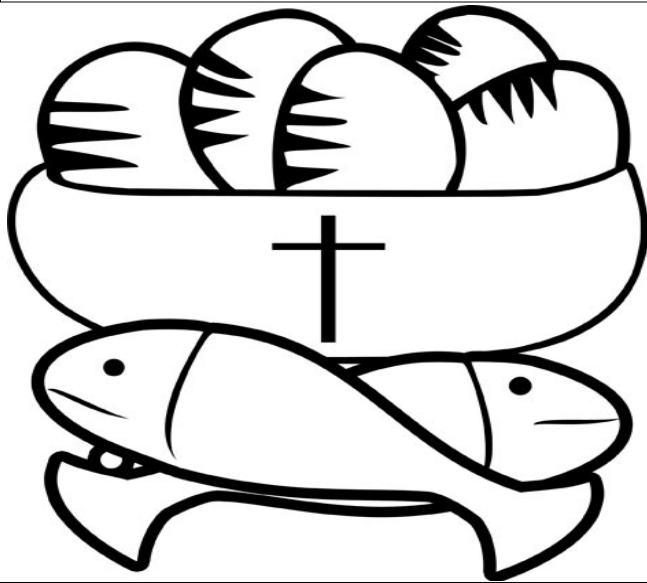
Thank you for your continued support.

Laudato si

We have obtained a supply of *Laudato si*, the Holy Father's encyclical about Catholic social teaching, economics, and the environment. Copies will be available after the Masses and at the rectory. The requested offering is \$12.00 per copy. If you are unable to afford a copy, we will gladly provide it free.

THRIFT SHOP IN SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The idea of putting a Parish Thrift Shop in the school is being explored. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee, or just want to come and voice your ideas and opinions, the first meeting is Monday, Aug. 3 at 6:00 PM in Center Classroom 1. If you have experience running or working in a thrift shop, have ideas and/or want to assist in any way and cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to call Janet Polaneczky at (603) 880-1614 (home) or (603) 930-5090 (cell), or email Janet at jpolaneczky@comcast.net



WEEKLY READINGS July 26 through Aug. 2

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Community News

NASHUA CATHOLIC SUMMER PROGRAM

There are a few seats remaining in our popular Study Skills & Junior High Success courses for students entering Grades 6 - 8. For more information or to register, visit us at www.ncrjhs.org. Our courses are open to non-NC students, too. Questions? Please contact us by phone at 882-7011 or email dmatson@ncrjhs.net. Hope to see you this summer!

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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015, to attend a Special Anniversary Mass. **If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office at 603-882-2262 by August 6, 2015.** We will need your first and last name, mailing address, and the anniversary year. The celebration will be held on October 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM at St. Anselm Abbey Church, Manchester, NH.

Annual Homeschool Mass

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all homeschool students, parents, instructors and those interested in the ever-growing homeschool system in New Hampshire to attend a special Mass on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell Street, Manchester. Questions are welcomed by Father Jason Jalbert at 663-0153 or e-mail rvinson@rcbm.org.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 14, 2015

UMASS LOWELL INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

The Immaculate Heart of Mary New England Homeschool Conference will be held at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 50 Warren St., Lowell, MA on Friday, August 14 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Amy Fahey, Dr. Bill Thierfelder, Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett, and Mrs. Colleen Billing. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org or call 540-636-1946.

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.

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, having humility, gentleness and patience and to bear with one another through love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 19 - 20, October 23 - 25 and December 4 - 6, 2015. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME visit our webpage at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com.wwmema>.

ST. CHARLES CHILDREN'S HOME 5K RACE

**9:00 AM - LABOR DAY
MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2015**

Come and join us on Labor Day, Sept. 7th, for the 19th Annual Saint Charles Children's Home 5K Race at Martin's Point Healthcare located on the Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. To learn more and register, visit our website at: www.runningnuns.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.

The Jewish Martyrs on the Catholic Calendar

We usually define martyrs as people who suffered and died for the Christian faith. However, the liturgical calendar in the old Roman Missal (1962) contains a commemoration of *non-Christian martyrs* -- the seven Jewish brothers executed under Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek ruler who attempted to destroy Judaism during the 2nd century BC. The commemoration of the so-called Maccabean Brothers occurs on August 1.

We find the gruesome and graphic account of their ordeal in 2 Maccabees 7:1-42. According to the inspired writer, the seven young men refused the Greek ruler's demand to eat pork. As a result, each was tortured and executed in the presence of his mother, who encouraged her sons to resist to the point of death.

In light of the fact these young men were killed for observing the kosher dietary law, which does not apply to Christians, many will rightly ask: What does "keeping kosher" have to do with us? Why are they on the *Catholic* liturgical calendar? Moreover, they died nearly 170 years before Christ was born! How can they be true martyrs?

These obviously non-Christian young men found a place on the ancient Catholic calendar for two reasons.

First, they died as witnesses to the dignity of conscience. As devout Jewish men, they believed that eating pork was a "mortal sin," to use classical Catholic terminology. In itself, eating pork has no moral dimension. However, in their historical situation, eating pork was equivalent to publicly renouncing one's allegiance to the God of Israel. It was an act of apostasy, something always wrong.

Of course, by our contemporary moral calculation, many would regard the seven brothers as insane. Some would say, "Oh, it's only about a little religious squabble with the Greeks. Surely, God wouldn't mind one little shred of bacon!" And, for sure, the "lesser evil" argument makes an appearance in the biblical story. But the brothers chose death rather than commit sin.

Second, the commemoration of the seven brothers affirms the principle of religious freedom. The brothers died because the Greeks of their time attempted to compel all conquered people to relinquish their religions and to adopt Greek ways of life and belief. As Catholics, we steadfastly oppose the forcible coercion of other people. Though our own history in this regard is far from pure, today no Catholic would ever attempt to impose the faith on unwilling people.

This ancient commemoration of these young Jewish martyrs reminds us that all people of good will somehow mysteriously glorify the One God by following their consciences, adhering sincerely to their own religious beliefs, and respecting the religious freedom of others.

In today's world, filled with so much religious division and animosity, these seven Jewish brothers of the 2nd century BC acquire new and often anonymous companions almost every day.

Fr. Michael Kerper