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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

**Rev. John Healey**  
Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper  
Gary McDonald, Music Director

**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, June 13, 2015 - Vigil ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Jesse A. York, Jr.**  
By the Family

**Sunday, June 14, 2015 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Laurel Baas**  
By Kirk and Linda Pomeroy

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

12:00 PM  
(Latin Mass) **People of the Parish**

**Monday, June 15, 2015**

12:05 PM **John Downey**  
By the Family

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015**

12:05 PM **John T. Sullivan**  
By the Family

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

12:05 PM **Paul Morin, 1st Anniversary**  
By the Family

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

12:05 PM **Bernadette Freyne**  
By the Family

**Friday, June 19, 2015 ~ St. Romuald**

12:05 PM **The Leonard & Boucher Families**  
By Jean Boucher

**Saturday, June 20, 2015 - Vigil ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Jesse A. York, Jr.**  
By the Family

**Sunday, June 21, 2015 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Ray Dumont**  
By his daughter Melanie Kirkland

9:30 AM **Fr. Martin T. Kelly**  
By Elona Lucas

12:00 PM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

*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 June 6 & 7**

From (192) Envelope Users:	\$6,694.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,276.00
- Cash:	\$1,452.00
Electronic Giving Users (21)	\$ 902.82
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,324.82</b>

**Mass Count:686**

**Nepal Earthquake Donation**

Previous Total	\$3,026.00
Total Weekend June 6 & 7	\$1,181.00
Total To Date	\$4,207.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of June 6 & 7 \$530.00

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**

**REST IN PEACE**

**Therese Desautels  
Joel Boucher**

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

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

NEWS AND NOTES

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

Sunday, June 14, 2015  
**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, July 12, 2015  
**7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday Mornings  
8:00 AM  
*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

June 20, 2015  
**St. Silverius**

June 27, 2015  
**Saturday of Our Lady**

July 4, 2015  
**Commemoration of All Holy Popes**

July 11, 2015  
**Saturday of Our Lady**

July 18, 2015  
**St. Camillus de Lellis**

July 25, 2015  
**St. James the Greater**

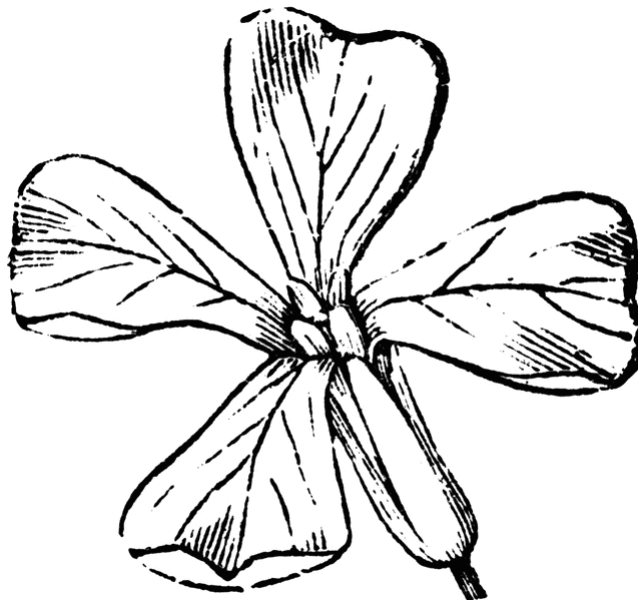
LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

*Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) 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.



**WEEKLY READINGS  
June 14 through June 21**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

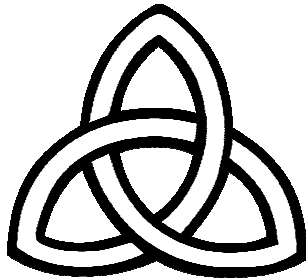
**NEPAL EARTHQUAKE  
COLLECTION**

St. Patrick Parish continues its special collection for the victims of the recent earthquake in Nepal. We will receive donations for these people through the month of June. Please put your gift in an envelope marked "NEPAL" and we will add it to our total gift.

Thank you!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS END OF YEAR MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual end of year meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015. The meeting/social event will begin at 6:00 PM in the Center. All are welcome.



## ST. PATRICK PARISH MOST HOLY TRINITY RETREAT Final Session June 28

St. Patrick Parish invites all parishioners and guests to attend the final session of a retreat contemplating the wonder and wisdom of the Most Holy Trinity.

**The final session will be offered on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at the Divine Mercy Shrine located in Stockbridge, MA.** Participants will leave from the Court Parking lot at 8:00 AM.

For those who are unable to make the session on Sunday, June 28th, a *special session will be held on Saturday, June 27th between 9:30 and 11:00 AM in the Parish Center.*



## ROSARY PICNIC FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the many volunteers who worked so diligently together to make the 3rd Annual Rosary Picnic held at Greeley Park this past weekend such a great success.

Also, many thanks to those who contributed to the picnic, especially: The Knights of Columbus, Shaw's, Wendy's, Riverside BBQ, and Portland Pie Company. Thank you to all who attended the event. It was wonderful seeing our parish family gathered together for an afternoon of prayer, food and fun.

Special thanks to Sr. Elizabeth Castro for making the time to visit us at the Picnic.

## Sacrament of the Sick... Don't Wait

If you know of people who are in declining health, please let us know. Without direct contact, we have no way of knowing where people are or what their spiritual needs are. If you have loved ones or friends in local nursing homes, please call the office at 882-2262.

Also, please remember that the Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Advance notification will increase the chances of providing the Sacrament in a timely manner. Delay will likely result in disappointment and stress.

Please know that our parish continues to offer the Sacrament every Friday after the 12:05 Mass.

## Community News

### CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY Corpus Christi Food Pantry Seeking Volunteers

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 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](mailto:Corpuschristifp@aol.com), or call 882-6372.

## **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](http://www.catholicnh.org/bcaf/pvca).

## **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION June 28, 2015**

This collection allows the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests made to aid the most needy throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as you can.

## **The Knights of Columbus Invite You to Join Us for an Evening Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe**

St. John the Evangelist Church, located on Library Street in Hudson, NH, will host an evening in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

The evening will begin with **Mass at 4:00 PM**. The "Silver Rose," a gift from the Knights of Columbus, will be on display. Following Mass, there will be a recitation of the **Living Rosary** prayed outside near the statue of "Our Lady of Grace" (weather permitting). After the Rosary, we will gather in the Church Hall for light refreshments and a brief presentation on the "Silver Rose", as well as a short DVD entitled "The Blood and the Rose," which is a short film about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

For more information regarding this evening of prayer and devotion, please contact Ron DiStasio at 595-7837 or email Ron at [rddistasio@comcast.net](mailto:rddistasio@comcast.net)

## **La Fete St. Jean-Baptiste Celebration Cardinal Lacroix Award Recipient Friday, June 26, 2015 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM St. Anthony of Padua Church 172 Belmont Street Manchester, NH 03103-4322**

The Franco-American Center invites you to join them in celebrating La Fete St. Jean-Baptiste. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with Mass, followed at 7:15 PM with a Braised Beef Dinner Banquet/Reception. This year, the 2015 Franco American of the Year Award will be presented to Cardinal Gerald Cyprien Lacroix. The Franco American Center is proud to have Cardinal Lacroix as our 2015 Franco American of the Year and know that you will be motivated by the Cardinal's message, as have multitudes of people. The cost for the event is \$35 per person. Please contact Raymond Houle at 603-867-8678 for more information.

## **CATHOLIC FAMILY WEEKEND AUGUST 14-16, 2015 BARBARA C. HARRIS CENTER GREENFIELD, NH [www.bchcenter.org](http://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](http://www.vitanova.org). Contact Shawn & Teresa Rouillard with questions at (603) 641-8878 or email Teresa at [tree227777@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.catholicnh.org/wmof).

## *Post-Catholicism: Learning from Ireland*

Following Ireland's referendum on May 22, which changed the constitutional definition of marriage, several articles have appeared that still use the term "Catholic Ireland." This term, still common among Irish-Americans, has been obsolete for about 50 years. Ireland is now clearly "Post-Catholic" – and what has happened in Ireland is happening before our very eyes.

"Post-Catholic" refers to the current situation of regions and nation that once had a monolithic Catholic identity, places like Québec, France, Belgium, Austria, the Catholic cantons of Switzerland, the Catholic areas of Germany, and a few others. As Frank Bruni, the *New York Times* columnist pointed out on May 27, the Catholic Church includes large numbers of people who claim Catholic identity based solely on their ethnicity, not on their actual religious beliefs. Unlike, say, evangelical or Pentecostal Christians, few Catholics "opt into" Church membership. Most of us are "born" into the Church, and many either don't know or don't accept Catholic beliefs.

Ireland is now filled with "Post-Catholics." These people aren't necessarily anti-Catholic. Some aren't even angry with the Church. Rather, they are "beyond" Catholicism. Ruari Quinn, who used to be the Finance Minister of Ireland, is a good example of a "Post-Catholic" Irishman. In his 2005 memoir called *Straight Left: A Journey in Politics*, he fondly recalled his days in Catholic schools when he studied theology and philosophy with admirable priests. The he lovingly recounted how he had told his mother that he had decided to stop going to Mass. He and his mother agreed to keep this news from his devout father and his younger brothers. While acknowledging that he still finds some aspects of Catholicism appealing, such as the Church's commitment to justice, he dismisses most Church teaching as irrelevant and backward. (By the way, the current President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins of Galway, is also very "Post-Catholic," though he has been very discreet about his theological views and now shows up frequently at Masses!)

Many "born Catholics" in New Hampshire have followed the "Post-Catholic" pattern so evident in Ireland. These people don't actually switch to other Christian groups. They simply drop out while retaining a vague Catholic identity loosely linked to their ethnicity. Increasingly one hears people say, "I have a *Catholic background*."

The obituary pages of our newspapers serve as good thermometers of "Catholic identity." On any given day you will see many names of people who had a "Catholic background." But most have no funeral services or even burials. There may be a "Celebration of Life," but no prayers. And please pay attention to what happens at many funerals. For example, a few weeks ago, I conducted a graveside service at one of our cemeteries attend by about 50 people from three generations. About half of the oldest people (70 years plus) knew some prayers; the middle group was rather shaky with the Our Father; and the youngest group (teenagers and younger) remained mute, completely disconnected. "Post-Catholicism" evolves into "Catholic background," which then leaves a religious void. And in the void, anything can happen.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*