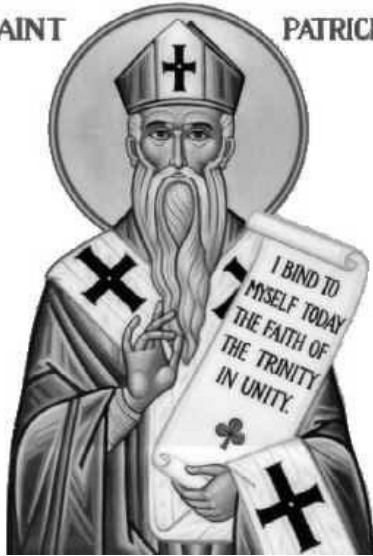


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PATRICK



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, *Finance Manager*
Gary MacDonald, *Music Director*
Paul & Jennifer Murano,
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

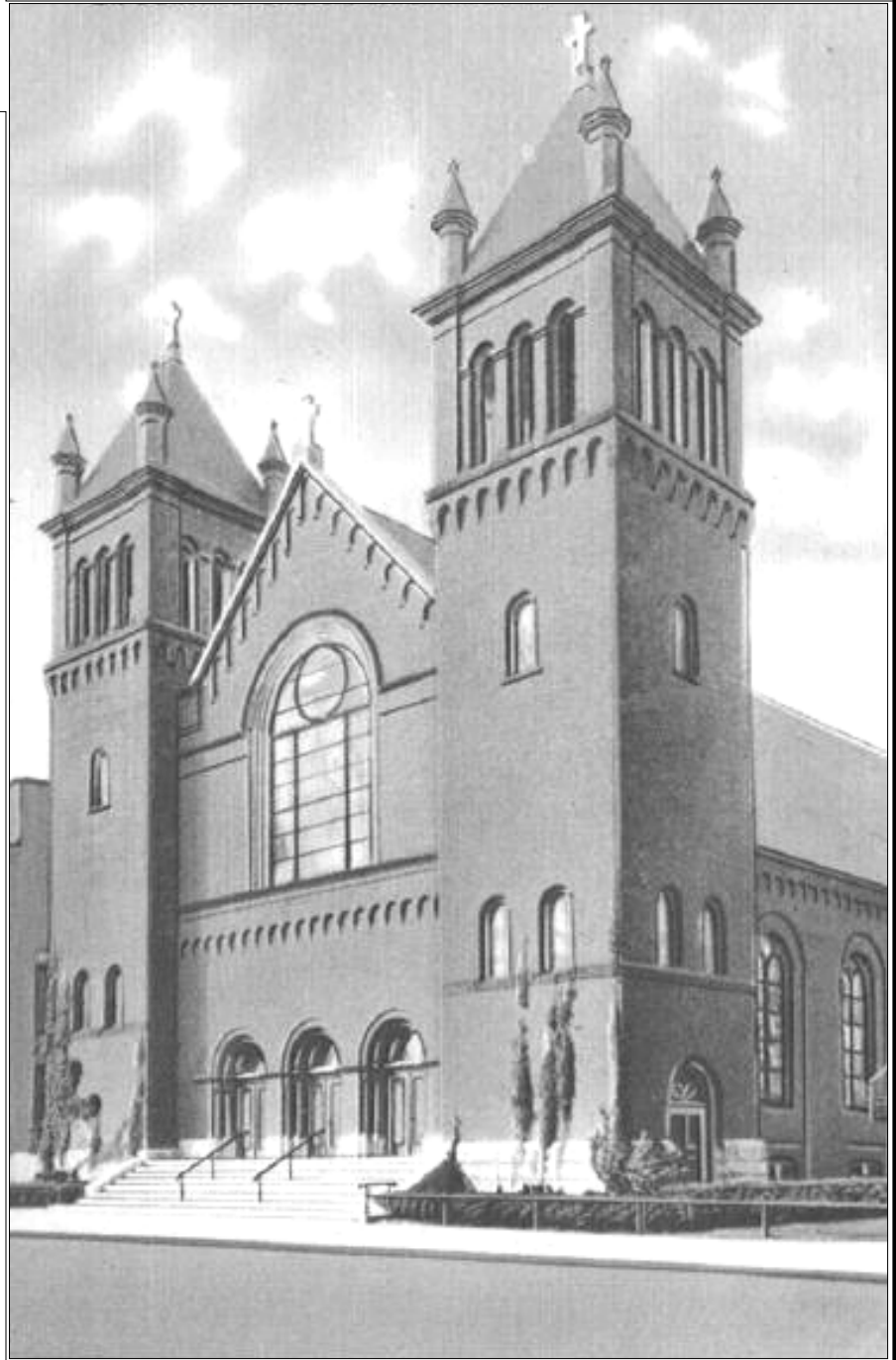
Sat. 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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



St. Patrick Parish

Nashua, NH

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24, 2017 - Vigil - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Lillian Loveley Williams**
By her daughter Dorothy Peabody

Sunday, June 25, 2017 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Ennis Family: Matt Sr., Matt Jr., Florence & Priscilla**
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **William G. Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

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

Monday, June 26, 2017

12:05 PM **Virginia Getchell (Living)**
By Sandy Leavitt

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 - St. Cyril of Alexandria

12:05 PM **Mary Doyle, 1st Anniversary**
By Joyce Hutchins

Wednesday, June 28, 2017 - St. Iraneus

12:05 PM **Domacelia Sarameta**
By Mary Sarameta

Thursday, June 29, 2017 - Sts. Peter and Paul

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

Friday, June 30, 2017 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

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

Saturday, July 1, 2017 - Vigil - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Sheila Hurley**
By the Family

Sunday, July 2, 2017 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz**
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 June 17 & 18

From (144) Envelope Users:	\$3,971.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,030.00
- Cash	\$1,397.00
Electronic Giving Users (31)	\$1,274.00
Total Collection	\$7,672.00

Mass Count: 675

Mass Count for June 10 & 11: 650

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of June 18, 2017 **\$788.00**

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!



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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass for all who wish to receive it. The Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

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 **\$1,452.00** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of June 17th and 18th. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

Catholic Communication Campaign

St. Patrick Parish has received **\$497.00** to date for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Thank you.

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 **\$15.00** for the weekend of June 17 & 18.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

July 9, 2017

5th Sunday after Pentecost
(Missa Cantata)
(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

July 1, 2017

Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

July 8, 2017

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

July 15, 2017

St. Henry the Emperor

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.



Fatima Centenary Indulgence

During the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to people who visit a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed in a church.

The visits are to be made on the anniversary of each apparition, namely the 13th of each month from May to October. The standard conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence apply: 1.) recitation of the Our Father and Creed; 2.) Confession; 3.) reception of Holy Communion; and 4.) prayers for the Holy Father's intentions. In addition, one must pray to Mary under the title Our Lady of Fatima. The plenary indulgence can be applied to the dead and be received every month.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is located on the right side of the sanctuary. This statue apparently came from Portugal, was donated to St. Patrick's by a parish member, and was lost in a rectory closet for many years. Our Lady's right hand was missing. The father of Jerry Levesque, our former maintenance man, carefully carved a tiny hand, restoring the statue to its original integrity. The statue will be displayed for veneration until November 26, the conclusion of the Centenary.

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.

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 Weekend of June 24 & 25

Flowers for Our Lady of Fatima have been donated by Barbara Zaverson in memory of her mother, Catherine Buchanan.

Thank you!

WEEKLY READINGS

June 25 - July 2

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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. _____



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS 2017 HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

GREAT BOOKS PROGRAM

July 16 - 29, 2017

\$975 for room, tuition, books & meals

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, visit us on the web at 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.

Attending to the Bereaved Series

Are you grieving the loss of a family member? Come join us for prayer, sharing, and lunch at the San Damiano House of Prayer, 333 Pawtucket St. in Lowell on the following Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM..

July 8, 2017

*Support for those who have lost a parent,
grandparent or godparent.*

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/>.

Happy Birthday to John the Baptist!

Just as summer finally begins, the Church directs our attention to *Christmas*. Yes, Christmas! This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, a feast directly linked with Christmas.

Notice that St. John's birthday occurs exactly six months before Christmas Eve. Nobody, of course, knows John's real birthday. Centuries ago the Church selected June 24 because of its close proximity to the *summer solstice*, the day when daylight begins to diminish. This natural phenomenon is symbolically related to the role, mission, and self-identity of St. John. In the Gospel of St. John, the Baptist puts it this way: "*He must increase, but I must decrease*" (John 3:30). St. John is the "light" that *decreases*; Jesus is the "light" that *increases*. Hence, the birthday of Jesus occurs close to the *winter solstice*, when daylight increases, the polar opposite of St. John's birthday. The early church deliberately linked the birthdays of Jesus and St. John the Baptist to accent to the Baptist's enormous importance. But why?

First, it is well known that St. John the Baptist had a large and committed following of disciples. In fact, there is more documentary evidence about John than Jesus. Some of St. John's disciples turned to Jesus after John's execution. Others, however, continued to regard St. John as the Messiah, even after the death and resurrection of Christ. In order to win over the disciples of the Baptist, the early church always accented the exceptional sanctity of St. John and recalled his testimony on behalf of Christ. For example, all four gospels and the Act of the Apostles provide a fairly large amount of material about John's origins, activity, preaching, and execution. Aside from Jesus himself, St. John gets more attention than anyone else.

Second, St. John was seen as the essential *hinge* holding together the Old and New Testaments. Though obviously not mentioned in the Old Testament, the Church has long considered St. John as the last and greatest Old Testament prophet, indeed the culmination of Israel's great prophetic tradition. Jesus made this remarkable statement: "*Truly, I tell you, among those born of woman no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist*" (Matthew 11:11a). That's quite an endorsement. (Note: This is why St. John the Baptist is always listed *before* St. Joseph in the Litany of Saints and in the order of specific Prefaces in the Roman Missal.)

Third, a tradition (not a definitive teaching) emerged in the early Church that St. John the Baptist was "sanctified in the womb," meaning that he was born without original sin. In fact, the Eastern Church had a feast on September 23rd called "The Conception of the Holy and Glorious Prophet John the Baptist." Notice that the feast occurred nine months and one day before June 24. (This feast, by the way, never made its way into the Latin Church because it seemed to put St. John on par with Mary, the only human person *conceived without original sin*.) Because St. John's holiness began at his birth and was co-extensive with his entire life, the Church celebrates his *birth* as his principal feast. The Church celebrates only two other birthdays -- those of Jesus and Mary. Normally, the feast days of saints coincide with their date of *death*, rather than *birth*, because death is their birth into eternal life, the ratification of their holiness. In the cases of Jesus, Mary, and John --no one else! -- sanctity is ratified and celebrated from the very beginning.

Happy birthday, St. John the Baptist!

Fr. Michael Kerper