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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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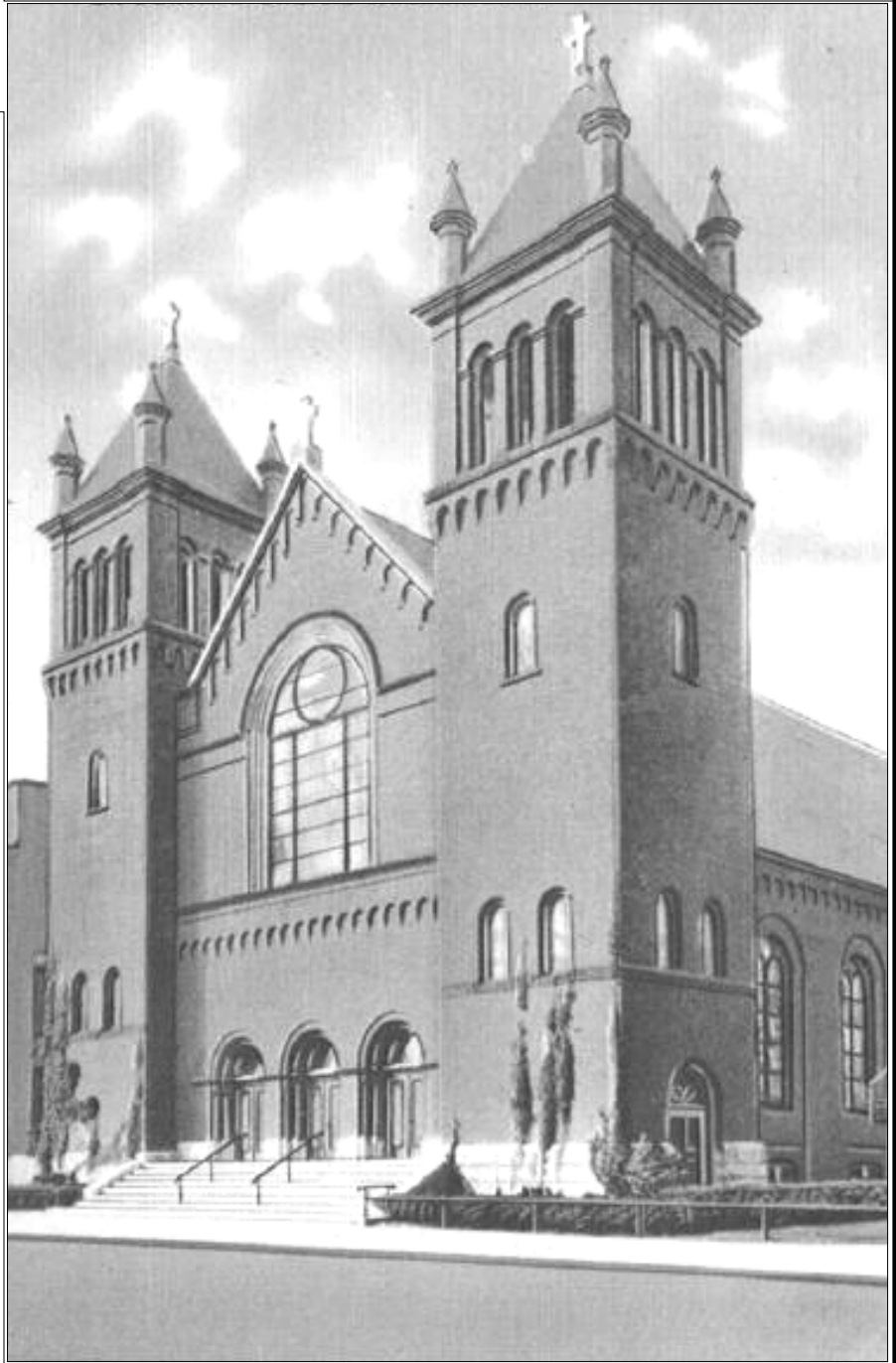
Mass Schedule
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

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, March 11, 2017 - Vigil - 2nd Sunday in Lent

4:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

9:30 AM **Lorna Damon**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Zuzana Pavlisko**
By the Kwiatkowski Family

Monday, March 13, 2017

12:05 PM **Chris and Cindy Laursen (living)**
By Benouit Shoja

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

12:05 PM Elizabeth Helen Knue (Living)
By her mother Charlene Knue

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

12:05 PM **Deceased Members of the Byrne Family**
By the Belton Family

Thursday, March 16, 2017

12:05 PM **John and Bernice McCaughey**
By the Family

Friday, March 17, 2017 - St. Patrick

12:05 PM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 18, 2017 - Vigil - 3rd Sunday in Lent

4:00 PM **Ronald Boucher**
By his mother Jean Boucher

Sunday, March 19, 2017 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **Francisco Santos**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Misti Bean**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **John and Ula Kusaj**
By the Kwiatkowski Family

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 March 4 & 5

From (170) Envelope Users: \$5,469.00
From All Others - Checks: \$ 963.00
- Cash \$1,629.00
Electronic Giving Users (33) \$1,276.00
Total Collection \$9,337.00

Mass Count: 723

Ash Wednesday, March 1 *(For the Church in Eastern Europe)*

Checks: \$ 120.00
Cash \$1,278.00
Total Collection \$1,398.00

Mass Count: 506

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 3/5/17 **\$809.00**

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

Offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass.
For individual arrangements call 603-882-2262.

DINING FOR A CAUSE

**The Ninety-Nine Restaurants
Invite You to a
Fundraiser to Benefit
Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance**

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Time: 5:00 - 10:00 PM
Location: Ninety-Nine Restaurant
10 St. Laurent Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Vouchers will be available at the back of the church for those who are interested in participating in this fundraiser. 15% of your guest check will be donated to the Corpus Christi Food Pantry. Remember to present the voucher to your server when seated, as this is required for the Corpus Christi Food Pantry to receive credit. *Coupons, discounts and promotions including "Kids Eat Free" will not be accepted during the fundraiser.*



Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy

The moving, live production of this work performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Manchester on **Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for Students. **For additional information**, contact Mary Quinn at 603-472-5975 or mmcdonnell139@comcast.net. Tickets may be purchased online. Visit our website at: www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com.

Watch the trailer & learn more at www.DivineMercyDrama.com

**ST. PATRICK PARISH
LENTEN SCHEDULE**



DAILY MASS
(Monday - Friday)
12:05 PM

SATURDAY MASS
(Extraordinary Form)
8:00 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday
3:00 PM
(Traditional St. Alphonsus version)
7:00 PM
(Biblical version with organ)

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon
March 12, 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent
(Followed by a light luncheon)

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

March 11, 2017
Ember Saturday
March 18, 2017
Feria of Lent
March 25, 2017

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin 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.



Lenten Friday Fish Dinners March 17, 24, 31, April 7 St. Christopher Church Hall 62 Manchester St, Nashua, NH

Menu: Baked Haddock, Baked Potato, Sweet Golden Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls, Beverage, Famous Dessert Table

Time: 4:30 to 6:30

Cost: Fish Dinner: \$12, Pizza Slice: \$2

Payment: Cash, Check, Credit Card
Gift Certificates Available



Take Out: 603-717-4980

Weather Cancellation Policy: Dinners are cancelled when Nashua schools are cancelled
Host: Knight of Columbus St. Boniface Council 11907, St. Patrick & St. Christopher Parishes
www.kofc11907.org

Stations of the Cross and Sacrament of Reconciliation available following dinners in Church



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Boniface Council 11907 is pleased to announce our Lenten Fish Dinners will run on Fridays from March 3 through April 7 at the St. Christopher Parish Hall from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Followed by Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation in the church. Please see our ad for more information. New for this year we can accept credit card payments. If interested in assisting please contact us.

Business meeting March 21, 7:30 PM St. Patrick Parish Center. Rosary at 7:00 PM.

Red Cross/PAL Blood Drive in the St. Patrick Parish Center Gym March 29 from 11:30am to 4:30pm. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

The **Rev. Martin Kelly Scholarship** Applications are now available for graduating H.S. Seniors who are parishioners of St. Patrick or St. Christopher Parishes. Completed applications must be received no later than Friday, April 21, 2017. For more information contact: Rob Everett, Grand Knight, at (603) 229-7319 or rje7@hotmail.com

If you are a Catholic male 18 or older interested in becoming a knight or are looking for more information please contact Rob Everett at: www.kofc11907.org or on facebook at www.facebook.com/kofc11907.

Spirited Theology Catholic Teaching, Food and Drink Have Fun & Learn!

Please join us for a **Spirited Theology** event on Tuesday, March 14th, at 6:00 PM at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. The speaker is:

**Ryan Topping, D.Phil. (Oxon.),
Fellow/Assistant Professor
Thomas More College of the Liberal Arts
Topic: Christ's Passion and Our Suffering**

Spirited Theology, held every second Tuesday, is a great way to connect with fellow Catholics and learn more about our Faith!

Gathering starts at 6:00 PM for food and fellowship. The guest speaker begins at 7:00 PM. Events are held in the room just outside the *Shade Bar & Grill* near the side entrance to the hotel. Look for the *Shades* signs to point the way! Food and drink can be ordered from the restaurant. Come early to eat and socialize (pay as you go). Catholic or non-Catholic friends are welcome!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17-19, 2017 in So. Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us on the web: www.WMEMA.org.

Cash, Checks, and E-Giving

In these rapidly changing times, cash and checks are rapidly becoming obsolete. This widespread trend has an impact on our parish. Banks, including ours, now prefer electronic “cashless” transactions.

In light of this remarkable change, we respectfully encourage everyone to consider using the “Bill Pay” service of their bank or credit union. This involves replacing cash or paper checks with an electronic check sent to St. Patrick Parish. Many already do this for their other recurring payments, such as cable TV, insurance premiums, and so on. It is a fairly easy process to add St. Patrick’s. Switching to electronic giving will help the parish in the four ways:

- Saving money by eliminating costly church envelopes.
- Making it easier to generate documentation for tax purposes.
- Simplifying the complex process of counting loose cash in the weekly collection.
- Providing a stable flow of income uninterrupted by vacations and bad weather.

At the moment, about 10% of our income arrives in our bank account in some electronic form. Please take a look at your current on-line “Bill Pay” options and consider helping our parish to adjust to the new ways of the banking system. Also, please take a look at the alternative on-line giving system on the parish website: www.stpatricksnashua.org.

Thanks for your generous and constant presence and support. *Please note that there is no obligation to participate in the online donation program.*

Fr. Michael Kerper

WEEKLY READINGS

March 12 - March 19

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 (5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)

BISHOP GUERTI HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

GUYS AND DOLLS

Bishop Guertin High School announces their student production of *Guys and Dolls*. Performances are Friday, March 17 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM at Bishop Guertin High School, 194 Lund Rd, Nashua. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, and \$25 per family.



4th Annual Catholic Literature Conference

“20th Century Catholic Literature”

Saturday, April 29, 2017 - 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist Church,/Christ the King Parish
Concord, NH

Join us for a day of engaging and enlightening discussion of literary works from a Catholic perspective.

Speakers

Dr. Peter Kreeft:

A Canticle of Leibowitz:

The Greatest Science Fiction Novel of All Time

Joseph Pearce

Hilaire Belloc: Defender of the Faith

Dr. Amy Fahey

A Saga of Saints and Sinners

Sigrid Undset’s *Kristin Lavransdatter*

Fr. Michael Kerper

The Diary of a Country Priest

“An Anti-Depressant for Today’s Believing Catholics”

Tickets are \$20 by April 1st and \$25 April 2nd or later. Lunch is included. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2jEEuQQ>.

How to Pray in Troubled Times

How should Christians pray in times of warfare, terrorism, and religious conflict? Christ taught His disciples only one prayer, the Our Father. However through the centuries the Church has instructed us how to pray through a vast collection of liturgical prayers. These prayers, especially the ones used at Mass, reflect the Lord's desires and concerns. They also correct our mistaken ideas about how God views us and the rest of humanity.

We can learn much about God's surprising ways by examining the prayers of the Roman Missal grouped together in two sections: Masses for Civil Needs; and Masses for Various Occasions. These prayers teach us three key lessons:

1. Our prayerful concerns must extend beyond our national borders.

Among the several prayers "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice," we find a petition calling upon God to "form in peace a single family." The specific prayers for the nation and its principal leader ask that they receive wisdom, integrity, freedom and prosperity "with peace." The prayer "For the Progress of Peoples" asks God that "every division be removed and equity and justice be established in human society." These prayers reflect the Church's teaching that the family -- whether the specific household or humankind -- is prior to any nation-state. As such, concern for the whole always takes precedence over any single part.

2. The prayers always stress dependence on God's loving concern, not human power.

The opening prayer for the Mass "In Time of War or Civil Disturbance" asks God to strengthen our "trust in your protection" so that we "may not fear the weapons of any foe." This prayer requires very deep faith. After all, do we really believe that God will protect us? Our fear is the measure of our faith. When fear prevails and generates total reliance on human power, faith has surely disappeared -- or never existed at all.

3. The prayers frequently require us to admit our own guilt.

Just as the Lord's Prayer includes the confession of "our trespasses," so do many prayers in the Roman Missal. For example, the fourth prayer "For Peace" asks God "that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed." This remarkable statement acknowledges that each party involved in conflict has at least some evil within itself. This point becomes even more explicit in the Prayer over the Offerings used at Masses "In Time of War." Here we beseech God: "Look in mercy on our own evil deeds." Could my "side" possibly be evil?

These delicately balanced prayers pull us away from an essentially pagan understanding of the "gods." In the view of almost all ancient people, except the Israelites, every nation had its own specific gods who defended and advanced the national interest. While Israel surely understood itself as being the Chosen People, Israel also knew that their God cared passionately about all humankind. Building on that crucial insight, Christ formed a community founded on common faith, not ethnic bloodlines. As such, liturgical prayer always affirms God's universal love and prevents us from seeking God's endorsement for our own fallible strategies.

Our basic prayer, then, must always resemble Christ's prayer: *Thy will be done*. After all, the Lord doesn't need strategic consultants but faithful people who trust in His governance of His world.

Fr. Michael Kerper