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PATRICK



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



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR
& INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 12, 2016 - Vigil ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, March 13, 2016 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **Francisco Santos**
By Joseph A. Fariz

9:30 AM **Anne Murray**
By the Members of the Sodality
of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
and St. Philomena

12:00 PM **Normand Caron, 1st Anniversary**
(Latin) By the Family

Monday, March 14, 2016

12:05 PM **Robert Wolfgang**
By Pat Hurd

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

12:05 PM **Dorothy Sirois**
By Jim Dobens

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

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

Thursday, March 17, 2016 ~ St. Patrick

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

Friday, March 18, 2016 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12:05 PM **Victor and Laurance LaPierre**
By the Family

Saturday, March 19, 2016 - Vigil ~ Palm Sunday

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

Sunday, March 20, 2016 ~ Palm Sunday

7:00 AM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **Henry and Theresa Paglierani**
By their daughter Donna Comeau

12:00 PM **Elizabeth "Betty" O'Neal**
By the Gillis 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 2 and 3

From (174) Envelope Users:	\$6,109.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,705.10
- Cash:	\$1,842.00
Electronic Giving Users (18)	\$ 990.00
Total Collection	\$10,646.60

Mass Count: 818

Fuel Collection **\$1,240.00**

Catholic Relief Services **\$ 638.00**

Flowers **\$ 86.00**

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of March 2 and 3 **\$1,754.00**

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!

Knights of Columbus

Rev. Martin T. Kelly Scholarship

Applications Being Accepted through April 22

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 is accepting applications for its annual Rev. Martin T. Kelly Scholarship. These applications may be picked up at either the St. Christopher or St. Patrick rectories or by contacting Deputy Grand Knight Robert Everett at (603) 229-7319 or rje7@hotmail.com please put Rev. Martin Kelly Scholarship in the heading. All applications must be received no later than April 22, 2016. Father Kelly was the pastor at St. Patrick Parish from 1992 until 2011. Prior to his ordination he worked for the Nashua School District and taught Latin at Nashua Senior High School. The members of Council 11907 find it fitting to offer this scholarship in Fr. Kelly's memory.

**Music & Texts for Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM
and Latin Mass Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 12:00 Noon**

**Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

Text and Readings: Pages 86-88

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional: #259 *O Sacred Head Surrounded*

Communion Antiphon - Pg. 88

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Jn 8:10-11

Recessional: #242 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

**Sunday Missa Cantata at 12:00 Noon
Passion Sunday**

**Text and Music from the
St. Edmund Campion Missal**

Text and Readings: Pages 125 - 129

Processional # # 828 *Throughout These Forty Days*

Recessional # # 829 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

***APRIL LATIN MASS UPDATES ***

There will be **NO 8:00 AM Latin Mass on Saturday, April 9th** and the **April Sunday Latin Mass will be held on the FIRST Sunday in April (April 3, 2016 at 12:00 PM)**, as Fr. Kerper will be unavailable for Masses on that weekend. We will be hosting a Missionary Priest on the weekend of April 9 & 10. More information regarding the missionary visitor will be made available in future bulletin announcements.

**VISITING AND SHARING
THE EUCHARIST**

We need to renew our group of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who bring Holy Communion to many people unable to come to Mass. If you are presently a Minister of Holy Communion or are interested in this work, please join us for a review and update about this important "spiritual work of mercy."

**Thursday, March 17
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Parish Center - Room 2**

**Lenten Stations of the Cross
Every Friday of Lent**

3:00 PM
(Traditional: St. Alphonsus version)

7:00 PM
(Biblical version with organ)

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

April 3, 2016*

(note change of date for April)

Low Sunday Octave of Easter

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

March 19, 2016

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 26, 2016

HOLY SATURDAY

No 8:00 AM Mass

April 2, 2016

Easter Saturday

April 9, 2016*

NO LATIN MASS

April 16, 2016

Saturday of Our Lady

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..

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.

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS

During Holy Week, we have two traditional collections that require explanation.

On **Holy Thursday**, the entire collection at the evening Mass is transferred to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, which provides much assistance to the poor and needy who come our way. This seems fitting because the rite of foot washing, which occurs at Mass, is meant to foster the spirit of charity toward others. The ritual without the deeds of mercy seems quite empty. Hence, the collection allows each person to heed the Lord's command to imitate His act of personal service.

The collection received on **Good Friday** at the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Stations of the Cross goes to support the ancient Christian shrines in the Holy Land. A portion also supports the small and endangered Christian community that bravely resides in that region of the world. This custom of supporting the shrines is a longstanding practice in the Catholic Church.

On **Easter Sunday** and at the **Easter Vigil** we have our standard weekly collection. In the spirit of Easter joy, many people use this occasion to support St. Patrick's Parish with a very generous gift that exceeds their ordinary weekly contribution. The Easter Collection always helps us move toward a balanced budget. If you regularly use envelopes, please use the Easter envelope in your packet.

Thank you!

ST. PATRICK EVENING MEAL TOGETHER DINNER April 23rd - 5:00 - 8:30 PM

St. Patrick Parish will host its next evening meal together on April 23, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Gym. Save the date on your calendars and join us for fellowship, great food and fun! Tickets will go on sale in April. Watch the bulletin for more info.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Monday, March 28th ~ 2:00 - 7:00 PM St. Patrick Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus will host an American Red Cross Blood drive at St. Patrick Parish on Monday, March 28th from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. It is highly recommended to make an appointment in advance by calling their offices at 1-800-RedCross or on their website at www.redcrossblood.org.

“Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future” Capital Campaign Capital Campaign continues!

Our Capital Campaign is off to a great start. So far, people have pledged over \$400,000.

If you have not decided on your gift to the campaign, we invite you prayerfully to consider making your pledge soon. Please review the suggested gift plans. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

As you make your pledge . . . please remember: Pledges should be made over a period of 3 or 4 years. Pledge payments are in addition to your weekly offertory commitment. Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed in accordance with the selected payment plan. All contributions are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generous support.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Special offering envelopes to defray the cost of decorating St. Patrick Church with flowers for the Easter Season are available on the tables at the back of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to honor or commemorate a loved one, and to help St. Patrick's look its best for the Easter Season.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

K OF C LENTEN FISH DINNER Friday, March 18

St. Christopher Church Hall - 62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH

The final Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on March 18th from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM. The cost for the meal is \$11 for adults. Pizza is available at \$2 per slice. **Take out is available by calling 717-4980.** Stations of the Cross and Confession are held in St. Christopher Church following the dinners. All are welcome.

“CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS” RETREAT

The “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” retreat will be held in the St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 1, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon. Sessions will be held on Saturday, March 19 & 26. The final session will be held on April 2nd. The final session times and location will be announced at a later date. Additional sessions are held on Tuesday mornings at St. Christopher Church from 10 to Noon.

Annual Divine Mercy Sunday Family Celebration

*Sunday, April 3, 2013 – 10:30am
in the Gym at the Parish Center*

This Family Gathering Session for the Faith Formation Program will consist of reciting the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy after sharing in a pancake breakfast!

While this is required for all students and families in the Faith Formation Program, all parishioners are welcome!

WEEKLY READINGS

March 14 through March 20

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 (23:1-49)

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Below is a list of Parish meetings being held in the Parish Center this week. *(PAL uses the gym Monday through Saturday, unless otherwise arranged in advance).*

Sunday, March 13: Religious Education Classes grades 1 through 6 in all classrooms and outer gym area.

Latin Mass Social in Gym following the 12:00 PM Latin Mass.

Monday, March 14: Religious Education Classes grades 7 through 12 in all classrooms and outer gym area.

Tuesday, March 15: Knights of Columbus Meeting in Room 1 (6:00 - 9:00 PM).

Thursday, March 17: Outreach Meeting in Room 1 at 7:00 PM;

Visiting and Sharing the Eucharist Meeting in Classroom 2 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Friday, March 18: Youth Group Meeting in Room 1 beginning at 7:00 PM

Please note: Schedule is subject to change. To schedule a meeting or an event in the Center, please contact Rosemary Daly in the Office at 603-882-2262.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOTE

When making donations to the Capital Campaign, we ask that you put your check or cash donation for this project in a separate envelope marked Capital Campaign. Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope for tracking purposes. Thank you!

Community News

BE A BOOKWORM!

Elise Roy is conducting a community service project called, "Be A Bookworm." She is collecting used, elementary age chapter books in the back of the church. The books will be donated to area classrooms to benefit students who don't have adequate resources to obtain reading materials. Your contribution to this project is greatly appreciated! For more info, call Elise at (603) 321-8731.

RIVIER PRAYER COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Rivier Prayer Community invites you to join them at the following upcoming events:

- **A Healing Mass will be held on April 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH; Rev. Moe Larochelle, Pastor Ste. Marie Parish, Manchester will be our Celebrant. (Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 6:30 PM).
- **A New Pentecost: 8 Teachings to Prepare for a New "Life in the Spirit"** is a series of 8 DVD presentations that will inspire and challenge you to pray with fervor. Sessions will be held on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Rivier University, Memorial Hall, Room 104 beginning on Friday, April 8 and concluding on Friday, May 27th. Registration will be held on Friday, April 8 between 7:00 and 7:30 PM. For more information call Joanne Charron at 603-889-3483.

ELDER CARE FAIR

Saturday, April 16 - 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
Immaculate Conception Parish Gathering Hall

Come learn how to plan for a safe future for you or a loved one. Topics will cover the spectrum from stay-at-home services to long-term care. Keynote speaker is Kathi Rice-Orshak, VP Mission Integration and Ethics, St. Joseph Hospital. Please join us on Saturday, April 16th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon in the parish center. A continental breakfast will be served. The program is free and open to the public. Please call 888-0321 to register.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

The spiritual danger of insults

As much as we value politeness, we must also acknowledge our own secret appetite for insults. Recall the popularity of comedians like Don Rickles, Phyllis Diller, and Moe Howard of the Three Stooges. Each was a master of stinging put downs, rebukes, and name calling. For sure, they all gave us a "bad example," but many enjoyed them and wrote off their rude antics as "just having fun." More important, we understood that such behavior was never to be imitated.

Today, things have changed drastically. Rudeness and insults have become acceptable, indeed virtually obligatory in public discourse. Because these very bad practices pervade the public square, we gradually accept -- and enjoy -- them as normal. Some good people even defend them as "fighting fire with fire." Others dismiss them as "just words," really harmless. But are they?

Insults are sins. In certain cases, they are serious sins. How so? Insults deliberately strip the target of his or her human dignity -- or at least ignore it. People who habitually insult others erode the "culture of life." This happens by reducing one's favorite enemies to mere objects, "things" marked by stupidity, malevolence, ugliness, or "otherness" (religion, race, ethnicity, and so forth). Once a person is dehumanized, he or she easily becomes an acceptable target for harm, much like an unborn child who is nothing more than a "product of conception."

Insults reveal a great deal about a person's "interior life." They manifest the person's pride, self-absorption and belief in one's own innate superiority over other people. Or perhaps they reflect a person's sad sense of inferiority which can be "healed" only by cutting down other people. In either case, great danger lurks beneath insulting words, even when made in jest or for the sake of spectacle.

We should never minimize the spiritual damage done by deliberate insults. St. Ignatius of Loyola made this point strongly in The Constitutions, which he began writing in 1547. He exhorted the early Jesuits "*to keep their souls in peace and tranquility*" by always speaking in a "*considerate and edifying*" manner. He insisted that every Jesuit "*value all others from the heart as superior to himself, and outwardly show them the respect and reverence due to each person's position with mildness and simplicity.*"

The norms espoused by St. Ignatius apply to every self-proclaimed Christian, not just Jesuits. By constantly listening to the fury, bombast, and insults that flow through the media, we can easily forget -- and eventually reject -- the Christian standards of speech about other people. Perhaps the two weeks of Passiontide, which begin this Sunday, are a good time to turn down the volume and recall the silence of the Lord as he stood before Pilate.

Fr. Michael Kerper