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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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, 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

Monday, March 20, 2017 - St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mercier**
By Eugene Mercier

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

12:05 PM **Rita Lavoie**
By Triangle Credit Union

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

12:05 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mercier**
By Eugene Mercier

Thursday, March 23, 2017 - St. Turibius of Mogrowejo

12:05 PM **Anthony Cirillo**
By Mark Petty

Friday, March 24, 2017 - Blessed Oscar Romero

12:05 PM **For Those with No One
To Pray for Them**

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - Vigil - 4th Sunday in Lent

4:00 PM **Pauline Mercier**
By the Family

Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 4th Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM **Stephanie 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 March 11 & 12

From (153) Envelope Users: \$4,804.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,736.00
- Cash \$1,559.00
Electronic Giving Users (31) \$1,624.00
Total Collection \$9,723.00

Mass Count: 700

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 3/12/17 **\$668.00**

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!

**Faith Formation Registration
for 2017-2018**

This year we will be conducting registration for next year's Faith Formation class in April, 2017. Registration forms and fees will be due to the Rectory, to the attention of the Faith Formation office **by April 30**, in order to reserve your child's spot in the program. The forms can also be submitted during class by that date. Registration forms will be in the back of the Church, as well as sent home to currently registered students. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks!

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.

**Annual Divine Mercy Sunday
Family Celebration**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017 – 10:30 AM
in the Gym at the Parish Center**

All Parish members are welcome to join the Faith Formation Program! We will enjoy faith, food and fellowship to include praying 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 parish members are welcome!

**ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH
& RESOURCE FAIR**

Immaculate Conception Parish
216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH
Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Keynote Speaker

Mrs. Pam Deres, MS RN, Manager
SJH Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center

Topics include: Navigating Medicare, Long Term Care, Advanced Directives, Blood Pressure Checks, Home Care Options, Senior Activities, and Memory Care. To register, contact the Immaculate Conception parish office at 603-888-0321. This event is free and open to the public.

[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.messengerofdivinemercury.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

April 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY

(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

March 25, 2017

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

April 1, 2017

Immaculate Heart of Mary

April 8, 2017

Passiontide Feria

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 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

St. Patrick Parish Catholic Movies Free!

Please join us for two Catholic movies during Lent! A short discussion will follow each movie. Pizza orders will be taken when you arrive (\$1 per slice or \$6 per cheese pizza - specialty pizzas will be priced accordingly). You are welcome to bring your own food. If you'd like a comfortable chair, please bring your own - folding chairs and benches will be available. A children's movie or care will not be available for these two movie showings. Future events may include a child movie and child care.

A Man for All Seasons is a story of faith and virtue. It is the story of St. Thomas More, who stood up to King Henry VIII when the King rejected the Roman Catholic Church to obtain a divorce and remarriage. The movie will be shown Saturday, April 1st at 5:15 PM and Sunday, April 2nd at 1:15 PM in the Parish Center, Classroom 2. The movie is 2 hours long and will be shown in its entirety both Saturday and Sunday. It is rated G.

Of Gods and Men contains in-depth discussion of the Incarnation and the meaning of vocation and martyrdom. It is based on an event in Algeria in 1996, depicting the faith and fortitude of Trappist monks, eight of which were taken hostage by terrorists. The movie will be shown Saturday, April 8th at 5:15 PM and Sunday April 9th at 2:15 PM in the Parish Center, Classroom 2. The movie is 2 hours long and will be shown in its entirety both Saturday and Sunday. It is rated PG-13.

Reservations are not required. Come, enjoy and learn!

Free to Good Homes March 25/26

We are cleaning out all the furniture left in the Sacred Heart School. There are many metal base school desks (small and large), wooden chairs of various sizes, and some teacher's desks. In addition, there are two pianos in worn condition and some other miscellaneous furniture such as low benches, low work tables and cabinets. The weekend of March 25/26 we will have items displayed in the Center available for the taking. Please stop by and see if there is anything you can use. We may be able to arrange delivery of larger pieces. If you have any questions or immediate interest in a large item or a number of items, please contact Jean Dickson at 882-2262 or email: bookkeeper@stpatricksnashua.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

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.

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ST. PATRICK PARISH CENTER GYM

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

11:30 AM to 4:30 PM

To schedule an appointment please visit us at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

March is Red Cross Month.

Be part of an elite group of volunteers!
Give blood.

Thanks to PAL for their support!

WEEKLY READINGS March 19 - March 26

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)

4th Annual Catholic Literature Conference

“20th Century Catholic Literature”

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

St. Peter’s 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 Cantic 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>.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

St. Joseph: Patron of Used and Obscure People

Many people take quick offense at being “used” by others. People expect – and boldly demand – recognition and praise even for fulfilling their stated duties. To live without lavish and constant affirmation is considered a terrible ordeal. The experience of St. Joseph, however, gives us a very different perspective: it reminds us that simple goodness, especially when hidden and forgotten, has immense value in the eyes of God, who sees, remembers, and rewards every good deed we do for others.

St. Joseph, whose feast we celebrate this year on Monday, March 20, can rightly be regarded as the patron saint of the “used,” unrewarded, and unacknowledged people of the world. The gospels portray St. Joseph as a man who was blatantly “used” by God. For example, in St. Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus, St. Joseph is simply described as “*the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, the Messiah*” (Mt 1:16b). In the ancient world, men *never* received their identities from their wives or children because the adult male was always considered active and primary. In the case of St. Joseph, the reverse happens. He is known primarily as Mary’s husband. Indeed, his official title in the church is “husband of Mary.”

With no active role in the generation of Jesus, St. Joseph is clearly secondary and passive. We see this clearly in St. Matthew’s account of the flight into the Egypt. The angel gives this instruction to St. Joseph: “*Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt*” (Mt 2:13b). Note that Mary is not described as St. Joseph’s wife, but as the mother of the Child, who is clearly not his. Here St. Joseph is simply “used” as protector, transporter, and caregiver for a mysterious woman and her Child.

St. Joseph’s obscurity in the gospels carried over into the liturgical life of the Church, which almost totally forgot about him for centuries. Whereas the ancient churches of the East were quickly adorned with multiple icons of Mary, St. John the Baptist, the apostles, and various theologians, St. Joseph was almost never depicted. Amazingly, devotion to St. Joseph in the West didn’t begin until the late 15th century, when his universal feast entered the Roman calendar in 1479.

Incidentally, the greatest promoters of devotion to St. Joseph were two women: St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Teresa of Avila. Perhaps they better understood the experience of being “used” and therefore tried to rescue St. Joseph from the shadows. With the passage of time, the cult of St. Joseph steadily grew in popularity, culminating in 1870 when Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph “Patron of the Universal Church.” Pope John XXIII also lifted St. Joseph from obscurity by adding his name to the Roman Canon in 1962, the first saint ever added to that ancient Eucharistic prayer.

If you feel unappreciated and overlooked, remember St. Joseph, who did God’s will faithfully and graciously without the slightest hint of resentment or rancor.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Fr. Michael Kerper