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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor

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Priest-in-Residence

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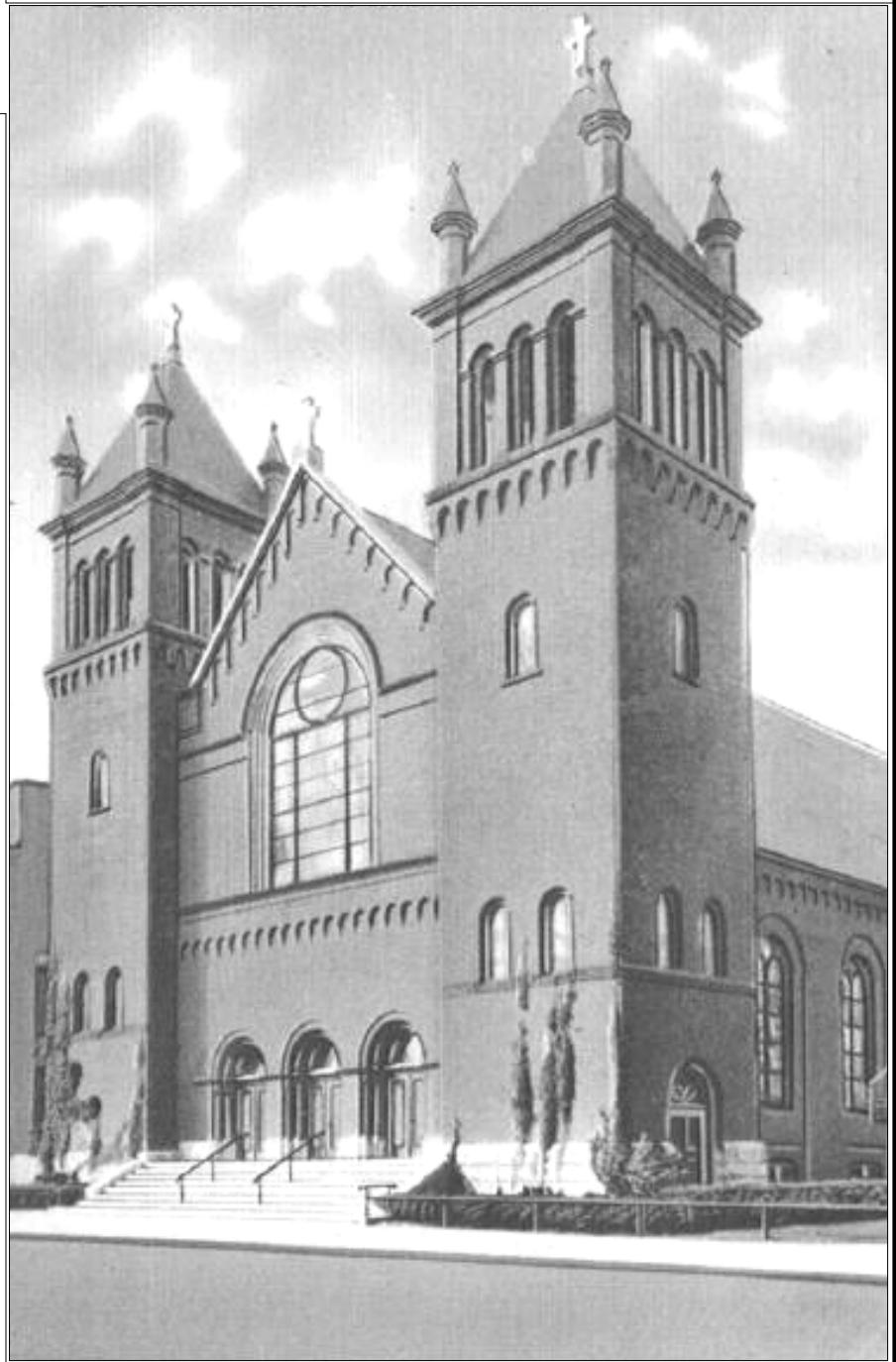
**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)  
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)  
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)  
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

**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 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

**Monday, March 21, 2016 ~ Monday of Holy Week**

12:05 PM **Anne Murray**  
By the Religious Education Group

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week**

12:05 PM **Jacquelyn Burnham**  
By the Family

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week**

12:05 PM **Francis Novotny**  
By Kathy and Walter Osinkoski

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 ~ HOLY THURSDAY**

**(No Noon Mass)**  
7:00 PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*(Followed by Adoration and Confessions until 10:00 PM)*

**Friday, March 25, 2016 ~ GOOD FRIDAY**

**(No Noon Mass)**  
7:00 PM **THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION**  
*(Includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, followed by Confessions)*

**Saturday, March 26, 2016 - EASTER VIGIL MASS**

8:00 PM **Priest's Intention**  
(No 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday)

**Sunday, March 27, 2016 ~ EASTER SUNDAY**

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**  
(Quiet Mass)

9:30 AM **Priest's Intention**  
(Organ/Cantor)

12:00 PM **Priest's Intention**  
(Organ/Choir)

*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 12 and 13**

From (197) Envelope Users:	\$7,833.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,866.00
- Cash:	\$1,934.00
Electronic Giving Users (21)	\$ 835.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$12,468.50</b>

**Mass Count: 838**

**Fuel Collection \$662.00**

**Catholic Relief Services**

Previous Total	\$ 638.00
Weekend of 3/13/16	\$ 217.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 855.00</b>

**Flowers \$ 337.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of March 12 and 13 **\$1,742.00**

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](mailto: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.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Confession Schedule

<b>Mon., March 21</b>	<b>11:00 AM to 2:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM to 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Tues., March 22</b>	<b>11:15 AM to 11:55 AM</b>
<b>Wed., March 23</b>	<b>11:15 AM to 11:55 AM</b>
<b>Thurs. March 24</b>	<b>Following Mass</b> <b>until 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Fri., March 25</b>	<b>Following the Solemn</b> <b>Liturgy until 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat., March 26</b>	<b>3:00 PM to 4:00 PM</b>

**THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**March 24**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 PM**  
**Followed by Adoration and**  
**Confessions until 10:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**March 25**

**Ecumenical Prayer Service @ 12:00 Noon**  
At Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
Our next door neighbor

**Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 PM**  
Followed by Confessions

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 7:00 PM**  
Includes Veneration of the Cross &  
Holy Communion, followed by Confessions

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**March 26**

**EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**March 27**

**7:00 AM Quiet Mass**  
**9:30 AM Mass with Organ and Cantor**  
**12:00 PM Mass with Organ and Choir**

*Note: All Easter Masses are in English.*  
*No Confessions on Easter Day.*

**Music & Texts for Vigil Mass**  
**at 4:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 92 - 100

Collegeville Hymnal

**Processional:** #259 *O Sacred Head Surrounded*

**Communion Antiphon:** Pg. 100

*Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking*  
*it, your will be done.* *Matthew 26:42*

**Recessional:** #542 *Lift High The Cross*

**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 26, 2016

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**No 8:00 AM LATIN Mass**

April 2, 2016

**Easter Saturday**

April 9, 2016\*

**NO 8:00 AM LATIN MASS**

April 16, 2016

**Saturday of Our Lady**

**\*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.

## 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!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please keep our Religious Education students who are preparing to receive First Communion and Confirmation in your prayers over the coming weeks.

### First Communicants

Brady Borromeo	Vanessa Martinez-Bayon
Sean Broderick	Ameilie Secovich
Keithreyn Dolotina	Thomas Topping
Jack Fitzpatrick	Samuel Woodward

### Confirmation Candidates

Alexandra Bazzani  
Tara Duffy  
Jacqueline Dumont  
Mary Fahey  
Sara Veronica Hay  
A.J. Meehan  
Mike Polaneczky  
Timothy Rosco  
Peter Thompson

### RCIA Candidate

Kevin S. Gilbert

## "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 on Saturday, March 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.

## 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## 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.

## *"Building on Our Past, Securing Our Future"*

**Capital Campaign continues...  
almost \$500,000 raised to date!**

Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. To date we have raised just over \$500,000! While this progress is tremendous, we will not reach our goal of \$850,000 without your support.

If you have not decided on your gift to the campaign, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your pledge this week. Please review the suggested gift plans and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift as soon as possible! Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

### Campaign Pledge Reminders:

Pledge reminders will begin after Easter. If you would like to make an early payment, be sure to add "Capital Campaign" to the memo line on your check.

Thank you for your support!

## 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 21 through March 27**

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

## 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 20:** Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 in Rooms 1 through 4 and Outer Gym Area.

**Monday, March 21:** Religious Education Classes Grades 7 through 12 in Rooms 1 through 4 and Outer Gym Area.

**Thursday, March 24:** Hibernians meet in Room 1 @ 7:00 PM.

**Thursday, March 24:** Scouts meet in Rooms 3 & 4 @ 7:00 PM.

**Saturday, March 26:** Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat in Room 1 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

**Easter Sunday, March 27th & Monday, March 28th:** No Religious Education classes.

*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.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note that there are **no Religious Education Classes on Sunday, March 27 and Monday March 28th** in observance of Easter. Happy Easter!

## 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

## *Holy Week: The Opportunity to Hear the Full Story*

Page B3 of last Monday's Boston *Globe* carried a somewhat puzzling headline: "Catholic Memorial to make changes after chants at game." At first glance I stupidly thought that Catholic high school students had gotten in trouble for singing religious songs in a public school gym. As I read the article, I discovered that the "chant" was "You killed Jesus!" According to the *Globe*, several Catholic students "taunted a group of Newton North High School fans, many of them Jewish." A high school basketball game had become the site of a religious conflict.

Fortunately, the "chant" emerged only from a small group of Catholic students. However, even if only one Catholic student had publicly accused the Jewish fans of killing Christ, that in itself would have caused one to wonder: How could such a thing still happen in 2016 in suburban Boston?

We have here a stubborn remnant of "tribal" Catholicism, which clings to a few fragmentary ideas – like the "Jews killed Jesus" – without ever having learned the fullness of Catholic faith. Chances are that the students who chanted the accusation against the Jewish fans haven't been to Mass in a long time. If they had regularly heard the biblical readings and prayers, even just occasionally, they could never conclude that the Jews alone "killed Christ." As it is, these students have some vague ideas as to what Catholics supposedly oppose – Jews, Protestants, Muslims, Masons, and the "others." But what about the "rest of the story"? Have they ever really heard it?

Holy Week exists so that Catholics can hear the "rest of the story." As things stand now, many Catholics hear only the account of Christ's Resurrection. Though this is the central event of Christian faith, it loses its force when it gets cut off from the other events of the Lord's life, notably the Last Supper, His Passion, and His Death. Celebrating Easter without Holy Thursday and Good Friday, then, is like reading the last chapter of a long novel without knowing anything about the rest of the story. Easter, when isolated, simply asserts that one dead man came back to life, leaving out why He died and why this singular event saves sinners from eternal death.

Of course, the absence of the full story is not entirely new. Back in 1955, Pope Pius XII attempted to restore the traditional liturgies of Holy Week, which had fallen into disuse in many places. His reform met much resistance, including from priests, who were quite satisfied with an "Easter only" celebration. Ten years later, following Vatican II, Pope Paul VI tried again to recover the fullness of the Paschal Triduum. He met more success than Pope Pius XII had, but there is now a noticeable slipping back to an "Easter only" celebration, thereby wiping away the memory of the "rest of the story."

This "spiritual amnesia" reduces Catholic faith to a few "tribal" relics. This impoverishment of memory then produces terrible episodes like the basketball game in Newton where a few young Catholics displayed a weirdly distorted – and offensive -- form of the faith. There is, however, a very powerful antidote to this tendency: hearing, remembering, celebrating, and living according to the *full story* of the Easter Mystery. Fortunately, we have the *full story* available at St. Patrick's during the coming week.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*