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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 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**

Monday, March 27, 2017

12:05 PM **Richard J. Piwowarski**
By Janice & Joe Sweklo

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

12:05 PM **Raymond "Duke" Galipeau,**
1st Anniv.
By the Family

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

12:05 PM **Benefactors of St. Vincent**
De Paul Society

Thursday, March 30, 2017

12:05 PM **Anet Garneau**
By Estelle Gosselin

Friday, March 31, 2017

12:05 PM **Joseph Byrne**
By the Belton Family

Saturday, April 1, 2017 - Vigil - 5th Sunday in Lent

4:00 PM **Stephen Proulx**
By the Family

Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 5th Sunday in Lent

7:00 AM **Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz**
By the Family

9:30 AM **People of the Parish**

12:00 PM **Maria de Lourdes & Ruys Dias**
By the 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 18 & 19

From (155) Envelope Users: \$4,502.00
From All Others - Checks: \$1,079.00
- Cash \$1,499.00
Electronic Giving Users (27) \$1,129.00
Total Collection \$8,209.00

Mass Count: 722

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 3/19/17 **\$640.00**

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.

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 **\$3,829.00** towards the Capital Campaign for the weekend of March 18 and 19, either as one-time gifts or payments on pledges. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

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 parishioners are welcome!

[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.messengerofdivinemercy.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)

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.

ST. PATRICK LENTEN MOVIES!

All parishioners are invited to join us for two classic Catholic movies during the Lenten season! Come and enjoy pizza, a movie and fellowship in the parish center. Pizza orders will be taken when you arrive (\$1 per slice or \$6 per cheese pizza - specialty pizzas will be priced accordingly). You also are welcome to bring your own food. Folding chairs and benches will be provided, or feel free to bring your own chair if you'd like something a bit more comfortable. A discussion period will follow the movie presentations.

Child care is not available during these presentations.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Saturday, April 1, 2017 @ 5:15 PM
Sunday, April 2, 2017 @ 1:15
St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 2

A Man for All Seasons is the compelling biographical story of St. Thomas More, who stood up to King Henry VIII when the king rejected the Roman Catholic faith to obtain a divorce and remarriage. His refusal to sign a letter asking for the termination of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and his subsequent refusal to take an Oath of Supremacy acknowledging the King as the Head of the Church of England lead to his ultimate execution. This is a story of one man's faith and virtue. This movie is rated G.

OF GODS AND MEN

Saturday, April 8, 2017 @ 5:15 PM
Sunday, April 9, 2017 @ 2:15 PM
St. Patrick Parish Center, Room 2

Of Gods and Men is the inspiring story of a group of Trappist monks living in community and mission in 1996 Algeria. They work together in harmony with their Muslim neighbors providing medical assistance to the community, until a group of radical Islamist terrorists threaten their way of life. The movie depicts their struggle as a community as they deal with the increasing violence. Ultimately, most of the monks are seized during a raid and assassinated. It is a story of faith, courage and martyrdom. This movie is rated PG13.

K of C LENTEN FISH DINNERS

March 31 and April 7
St. Christopher Church Hall
62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH

Join us for a baked haddock dinner with baked potato, sweet golden corn, coleslaw, rolls and beverage, as well as our famous dessert table on Friday evenings during Lent. Doors open at 4:30 PM and dinner is served until 6:30 PM. Fish Dinner cost is \$12 per person; Pizza slices are \$2.00 each. We accept cash, check, and credit cards. For Take Out options, call 603-717-4980.

Hosted by K of C St. Boniface Council 11907
www.kofc11907.org

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.

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 26 to April 2

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)

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 (3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

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 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>.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Corned Beef on Friday?

Recent media focus on the possibility of Catholics eating corned beef on Friday, March 17, helps us to understand why the Catholic Church is in such deep trouble. Three things stand out.

First, many continue to experience Catholicism as a religion of laws, not of love. Take the traditional Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Fasting, which was legally mandated for many years, is now required on only two days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When the law was dropped, most Catholics stopped fasting altogether. They entirely missed the two reasons for repealing the law: first, to allow people freely to choose their own acts of penance; and second, to avoid minimalistic fasting, namely not eating between meals. The Church had hoped that love for God and the desire to atone for personal sins would motivate true fasting *without imposing a law*. That never happened. Instead, we tend to search out the minimum requirement, verify it with an authority, and then keep the letter of the law, confident that we have avoided sin. Sad to say, mere conformity to the law is still equated with "being good." The danger, of course, is that the greatest sins violate no explicit laws. For example, pride, anger, and hatred don't violate any law and so may never be confessed.

Second, Catholics quickly surrender old "territory" to those who give it new -- and even anti-Christian -- meanings. Take St. Patrick's Day. In its original form, March 17 was a day kept by the Irish to thank God for the gift of their Christian faith, which entered Ireland through the preaching of St. Patrick. On feast days, people were once encouraged to imitate the particular saint. As is well known, St. Patrick had a deep sense of his past sinfulness and lived a penitential life. It is very hard, then, to imagine him "dispensing" his own people from the Lenten fast for any reason whatsoever, least of all to celebrate himself. Wouldn't St. Patrick be better honored by imitating his example rather than suspending the lingering remnant of the traditional Lenten fast?

Third, we still tend to elevate the ethnic-secular over the sacred. Why does eating corned beef on March 17 take precedence over the ancient Lenten custom of abstaining from meat? Consider the numbers. Years ago, almost all Catholics observed 52 Fridays of the year (plus the eves of some major feasts) as days of abstinence. Now we have just 8 days of mandatory abstinence. Perhaps dispensing from 2 percent of the Fridays every 7 years could be justified. But 12 percent? Is corned beef all that important, especially when Catholics can eat it on almost any day of the year, including most days of Lent? As to the dispensation itself, how many Catholics, who eat meat on all the Lenten Fridays anyway, give a hoot about getting "permission" to do what they do already?

How do ex-Catholics, wavering Catholics, religious seekers, and non-believing people of good will view Catholicism, having heard our discussions about eating corned beef on Friday? Do we perhaps appear to be more concerned about trivia rather than about loving and serving God?

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