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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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David Santerre, *Maintenance*

St. Vincent de Paul Society
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 4, 2017 - Vigil - 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, March 5, 2017 - 1st Sunday in Lent

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

9:30 AM **Donal P. Dignan**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Maria de Lourdes & Luis Diaz**
By the Family

Monday, March 6, 2017

12:05 PM **Anne Bosse**
By her daughter Sharron Linehan

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

12:05 PM **Paul Ricci**
By a Friend

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - St. John of God

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

Thursday, March 9, 2017 - St. Frances of Rome

12:05 PM **Dorothy Hurley**

Friday, March 10, 2017

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

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

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 February 25 & 26

From (178) Envelope Users: \$ 6,138.00
From All Others - Checks: \$ 1,283.00
- Cash \$ 1,932.00
Electronic Giving Users (25) \$ 897.00
Total Collection \$10,250.00

Mass Count: 710

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 2/26/17 **\$857.00**

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.

K OF C COFFEE AND DONUTS

Sunday, March 5, 2017 after the 9:30 AM Mass

Please join us for coffee, donuts, juice and a time of fellowship in the center following the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 5. All are welcome.

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.*

Rose Flint

Rose Flint, a long time parishioner, has moved to a facility in Connecticut. Rose attended the 9:30 AM Mass every Sunday. She was usually the first person to arrive and last to leave. She loved coming to Mass. As she prepared to leave Nashua, she said, "I hope the people in Connecticut will be as nice as the people here." Her new address is: Rose Flint, Mansfield Nursing Home, Room 206-1, 100 Warren Circle, Mansfield, CT 06268.

Thank you to the Cleaning Crew

Thanks to the faithful women who spent hours last Saturday cleaning our church in preparation for Lent. Though we have a professional cleaning service here every Monday morning, many details require special attention, and these women have eyes that see the unseen, including many wads of old chewing gum under the pews. Their hard work is truly a labor of love and a genuine act of worship. Thank you!

Fr. Michael Kerper

**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 4, 2017

Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 11, 2017

Ember Saturday

March 18, 2017

Feria of Lent

March 25, 2017

**Annunciation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**



Lenten Friday Fish Dinners
 March 3, 10, 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.

Officers/ Planning Meeting March 7, 7:30pm Pennell Center. Rosary at 7pm in the Church. 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.

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. Purchase tickets online at www.messengerofdivinemeracy.eventbrite.com.

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



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

Please join us for a **Spirited Theology** event on Tuesday, March 14th, at 6pm. 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 is held every second Tuesday of the month at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH --- a great way to connect with fellow Catholics in the area and learn more about our Faith!

Gathering starts at 6pm for food and fellowship with the guest speaker beginning at 7pm. Events are held in the room just outside of *Shade Bar & Grill* in 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!



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 5 - March 12

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

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

Homosexuality and Same-Sex Attraction

St. Patrick Church in Pelham, NH will be hosting Daniel Mattson, whose first book, *Why I Don't Call Myself Gay: How I Reclaimed My Sexual Reality and Found Peace*, will be published this spring. Dan will be speaking at the **St. Patrick Parish School Building, 16 Main St. in Pelham, NH on Saturday, March 11th at 10:00 AM.** Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to hear Dan give his personal witness and the healing he found in the Catholic Church. His talk is appropriate from high-school age on up.



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:

Why a Canticle for Leibowitz is 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>.

Could St. Casimir get elected?

The label "Christian" defines many who hold political office. But what makes a leader truly Christian? St. Casimir, whose feast day occurs on March 4, acts as a "definition in the flesh." Three qualities stand out.

1. Christian leaders are formed by morally good influences, not by "strategy."

St. Casimir, born in Krakow in 1458, was the son of King Casimir IV of Poland who pre-programmed the boy for political power. The king provided his 9-year old son with a brilliant tutor: Fr. John Dlugosz, a holy priest who would become one of Poland's greatest historians. Most important, the priest emphasized faith and ethical behavior over the pursuit of national and personal gain, which guided most other leaders. When St. Casimir got a little older, his father hired a new tutor for him: Flippo Buonaccorsi, a political operative with deep roots in corrupt Roman politics. As a young man, Buonaccorsi had tasted the fruits of moral corruption and fled from Italy when his intrigues failed. St. Casimir, though a teenager, recognized the huge difference between Buonaccorsi and Fr. Dlugosz. He always trusted the priest, not the "consultant," who pushed for centralized state power under the king.

2. Christian leaders promote the common good; personal and even national interests are always secondary.

St. Casimir navigated through a very complex and fluid mix of ethnic and political identities and agendas. His father was mostly Polish; his mother was Austrian. He grew up probably speaking German, Polish, Latin, and possibly Lithuanian. For sure, he loved Poland, but he believed that moral considerations should always supersede national ones. At age 13 (!) he was drawn into his father's scheme to advance Polish power by dominating Hungary. When St. Casimir, still a boy, discerned injustice and imprudence within his father's plans he refused to participate, thus irritating him immensely.

3. Christian leaders recognize absolute moral norms and follow them.

After the Hungarian mess, St. Casimir did much soul-searching. His spiritual life deepened and he began to pray much more, dressed simply, avoided luxury, and practiced penance, including a hair-shirt. Most drastic of all, he took a vow of celibacy. This vow derailed his father's plan for St. Casimir to become the next king. He insisted, however, on keeping his solemn commitment to remain unmarried. No vow would be broken, even to satisfy his father. There's another odd example of his fidelity to moral truth. When he contracted tuberculosis his doctors prescribed a therapeutic plan: begin having sexual relations with multiple women! They believed that his chastity had caused his disease! Of course, he refused: Better to die young than commit a single mortal sin.

Out of filial respect for his father, St. Casimir did exercise political power, notably as the "caretaker" of Poland while his father was in Lithuania for five years. However, he was a totally different type of leader: no self glorification, no self advancement, no fiery language, and no animosity toward anyone.

One must wonder: Could St. Casimir win an election today, even in Poland or Lithuania? Probably not. The ways of Flippo Buonaccorsi are now ascendant; but the ways of St. Casimir and Fr. Dlugosz remain true and good. St. Casimir, pray for us!

Fr. Michael Kerper