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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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**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, April 30, 2016 - Vigil - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM        **Jafar and Yvette M. Shoja (living)**  
**40th Wedding Anniversary**  
 By Benoit Shoja

**Sunday, May 1, 2016 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

9:30 AM        **Jeanette E. McCabe**  
 By William E. McCabe

12:00 PM       **The Benefactors of the**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**Monday, May 2, 2016 ~ St. Athanasius**

7:00 AM        **Priest's Intention**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016 - NO MASS**

**Priest Convocation**  
**No Mass or Confessions**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016 (No noon Mass)**

7:00 PM        **Priest's Intention**

**Thursday, May 5, 2016 ~ Ascension Thursday**

12:05 PM       **Priest's Intention**

7:00 PM        **Priest's Intention**

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

12:05 PM       **Isabelle Goodspeed**  
 By the Family

**Saturday, May 7, 2016 - Vigil - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM        **Regina Waisolonis**  
 By her daughter, Mary Doyle

**Sunday, May 8, 2016 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM        **Anastasius and Joanna De Jesus**  
 By Joseph A. Fariz

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

12:00 PM       **Eileen Foley**  
 By Fr. Michael Kerper

*Thank you for respecting God's Holy Presence by keeping mobile phones and other electronic devices outside of this Sacred Place.*

**MEMORIAL WEEK FLOWERS  
 at St. Patrick and  
 Holy Cross Cemeteries**

Flowers may be placed on the graves at St. Patrick and Holy Cross Cemeteries beginning on Thursday, May 26, 2016 and must be removed by Sunday, June 5, 2016.

***GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK***  
**Weekend of April 23 and 24**

From (188) Envelope Users:	\$6,532.20
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,068.00
- Cash:	\$1,565.00
Electronic Giving Users (19)	\$ 718.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,883.20</b>

**Mass Count: 773**

Previous Easter Offerings	\$24,523.46
Easter Offering 4/24/16	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Easter Offering</b>	<b>\$24,548.46</b>

**Mission Appeal to benefit  
 the St. James Society**

Previous Total	\$4,755.00
Weekend of 4/24/16	\$ 250.00
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$5,005.00</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 4/24/16	<b>\$475.00</b>
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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!**

*“Building on Our Past,  
Securing Our Future”*

**Capital Campaign continues:  
almost \$568,884 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 \$568,884! While this progress is tremendous, we need your support to reach our goal of \$850,000.

We invite you prayerfully to 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**

Campaign Pledge reminders have been mailed to parishioners who pledged to the capital campaign. Monthly reminders will be mailed around the 10th of each month. Quarterly reminders will be sent each January, April, July and October. Semi-Annual will be sent January and July. Annual reminders will be mailed each December (allowing for year-end gifts). You may also make payments at your convenience or on the anniversary of your pledge.

Please be sure to include your payment coupon along with your check to ensure proper credit to the capital campaign. If there is an error with your statement, please make a note of it and your account will be updated.

**Thank you!**

**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!

**Corpus Christi Chapel Adoration**

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday ~ 12 - 8 PM  
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

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

**Liturgy of the Word** Missalette

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 134 - 135

**Collegeville Hymnal**

**Processional:** # 269 Christ is Alive

**Communion Antiphon:** Pg. 135

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

*John 14:15-16*

**Recessional:** # 504 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

Sunday, May 8, 2016

**Sunday after the Ascension**

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

May 7, 2016

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

May 14, 2016

**Vigil of Pentecost**

May 21, 2016

**Ember Saturday of Pentecost**

May 28, 2016

**St. Augustine of Canterbury**

**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.

## Special Mass Schedule for May 2-4

All active priests must attend the Diocesan Convocation in Whitefield, NH. This event will begin on the afternoon of Monday, May 2 and conclude on Wednesday, May 4. During this time, we will follow an altered Mass schedule.

**Monday, May 2** Mass at 7:00 AM  
**Tuesday, May 3** No Mass  
**Wednesday, May 4** Mass at 7:00 PM

We will not be able to provide Confessions on these three days. Thank you for your kind accommodation to these changes.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BABY'S LIFE

The Knights of Columbus, Council # 11907 will host a baby shower for CareNet Pregnancy Center of Nashua on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9:30 AM Mass. Gifts may be placed on the tables that will be set up in the Parish Center after Mass. **The Knights will also be serving coffee and donuts after the Sunday 9:30am Mass.**

Needed items include new baby clothes (size 0-6 months), onesies, diapers, wipes, baby towels, face clothes, etc. Gift cards and monetary donations for maternity clothes and infant car seats would be greatly appreciated.

CareNet assists women experiencing unplanned pregnancies and seeks to prevent abortions by relying heavily on the generosity of Churches and individuals for support.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to this cause. Please contact Mike Dangel at 429-4302 for additional information.

## **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** **Thursday, May 5, 2016**

St. Patrick Parish will hold Masses at the following times to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 5, 2016:

**12:05 PM**  
**and**  
**7:00 PM**

## **WEEKLY READINGS** **May 2 - May 8**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

## **St. Christopher School Open House** **Sunday, May 15th ~ 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

Students and families interested in joining the St. Christopher School community are invited to attend an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, May 15 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. St. Christopher School offers a superior Catholic elementary education with high academic and moral standards for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through six. No reservation is necessary for the Open House, but parents are welcome to call the school at (603) 882-7442, ext. 114 or visit us on our website at [www.StChrisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StChrisSchoolNH.org).

## Mother's Day Flower Sale

Proceeds benefit Birthright of Southern NH

St. Patrick's will be sponsoring our annual flower sale to benefit Birthright of Southern NH on Mother's Day, May 8th, after the 9:30 AM and the 12:00 PM Masses. Carnations will be available for purchase for a suggested donation of at least one dollar (\$1.00) per carnation.

Birthright is a pregnancy help center that supports mothers and children in all of their needs. We encourage you to support this wonderful organization and to celebrate all the Moms in your life!

## THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & ST. PHILOMENA

Do you desire to deepen your Faith and foster a special devotion to Our Blessed Mother? Women of all ages are invited to join the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena for an evening meal and prayer. Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For more information contact Stephanie at 603-718-8629 or email us at [OlphSodality@yahoo.com](mailto:OlphSodality@yahoo.com).

## 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, May 1:** Religious Education Classes grades 1-6 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer gym area.
- **Sunday, May 1:** *CareNet Baby Shower and Coffee and Donuts in the gym after the 9:30 AM Mass.*
- **Monday, May 2:** Religious Education Classes grades 7-12 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer gym area.
- **Thursday, May 5:** Hibernians meet in Classroom 2 at 7:00 PM.
- **Thursday, May 5:** Boy Scouts meet in Classrooms 3 and 4 at 7:00 PM.
- **Friday, May 6:** Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena Meeting at 6:30 in Classroom 1.

*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.*

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard and creatively on last Saturday's parish supper. Everyone had a great time. **On Saturday, May 14, we will be hosting a Pasta Supper in connection with the Nashua Marathon.** We're doing this as a joint project with our neighbors: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and Main Street Methodist Church. Please consider taking part in what promises to be a fun evening.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

## Thanks from Birthright!!!

Over 800 diapers, wipes, perfectly clean and well cared for clothing, wonderful books and cash donations were received to improve the lives of the Mom's and Dad's who've chosen LIFE and their families!!! A huge THANK YOU from Birthright for helping them help others!!!

## The St. Patrick Parish "Bring Your Own Lunch" Rosary Picnic with Sister Elizabeth!!!

Sister Elizabeth will come up from Rhode Island to join us for our Parish Rosary Picnic!!! The picnic will be held May 21st, 12:30 - 3:30, in the Center classrooms and field on Spring Street, behind Citizens Bank. We'll pray the Rosary, play outdoor games and socialize!!! Each family and attendee should bring their own picnic basket of prepared food, drinks and dessert. If you'd like to bring an item to share - chips, a dessert, a salad or drinks, it is welcomed, but not required. Also, please bring your outdoor chair to watch the activities on the lawn and a sun umbrella if you'd like. If it is a sunny day, there will not be much shade outside. There will be tables and chairs set up in the Center classrooms to eat and socialize inside and hopefully it will be a beautiful day for outdoor activities on the Citizen's Bank lot that they have graciously allowed us to use. We'll have outdoor and indoor games set up. If the weather is bad, all activities will be in the Center classrooms. It will be so good to see Sister Elizabeth!!!

## Sacrament of the Sick

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

## *May Day, St. Joseph, and Pope St. John Paul II*

Many Americans still think of May Day as great “feast day” of Communism, being celebrated with huge military parades in Moscow and the capitals of what used to be called the Soviet Bloc. Though May Day did indeed eventually become the principal festival of Communist totalitarianism, it didn’t begin that way. Indeed, May Day actually began in the United States, not Russia.

In 1888, American trade unionists meeting in St. Louis, Missouri voted to organize simultaneous mass demonstrations on May 1, 1889. These workers had one simple demand: the legal limitation of the working day to 8 hours. Following the example of American workers, people in European nations began promoting the 8-hour day. On May 1, 1890, huge May Day rallies happened throughout Europe. The biggest demonstrations were in Belgium (340,000 workers), Stockholm (120,000), Barcelona (100,000), and London (100,000). Other big rallies happened in Poland, Russia, France, and Italy.

Eventually, May Day became the “Labor Day” of the entire world, celebrated by Communists, but also by social democrats, most of whom were staunchly anti-Communist, and all sorts of trade unionists, including Catholics, who had organized unions linked to their Christian Democratic parties.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII created the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and assigned it to May 1, thereby providing a Christian dimension to the secular celebration. By honoring St. Joseph with the title “worker,” the Holy Father reminded people that Jesus himself emerged from a family headed by a skilled worker, a carpenter. This feast was also meant to reconnect Catholic workers to the Church, since many had departed, believing that bishops and priests had no real concern about their often horrible situations.

This deep alienation between the Church and European workers deeply concerned Pope St. John Paul II. In 1981, less than 3 years after his election, Pope John Paul II used his third encyclical to explore the meaning of human labor. While his letter drew heavily on existing Catholic teaching about the dignity of human labor, he introduced two new – and very controversial -- ideas. First, he wrote about *the priority of labor over capital*. He insisted that the dignity of workers always takes precedence over “things,” notably the material means of production. To put it another way, the success of an economy is not determined by the quantity of things but by the general quality of life among those who do the work, whether manual or intellectual. Second, Pope St. John Paul II wrote about the need for social *solidarity*, the notion that people must act *together*, always being concerned about the welfare of the entire group, not just themselves. The term *solidarity* had enormous political significance in 1981 because the democratic trade union movement in Poland used the name *Solidarnosc/Solidarity*. This movement, which enjoyed the public support of Pope St. John Paul II, successfully opposed the Soviet-sponsored regime in Poland whose collapse began the deterioration and eventual collapse of the entire Communist system.

The feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 reminds us to cherish whatever work we do, to honor the work of our parents and ancestors, and to appreciate the work of all those who somehow contribute to our own well being. Happy May Day!

*Fr. Michael Kerper*