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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Priest-in-Residence

**Rosemary Daly**, *Office Manager*  
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**Paul & Jennifer Murano**,  
*Faith Formation*  
**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, May 20, 2017 - Vigil - 6th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM **Donald Mayo**  
By Rita Peters

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 6th Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Ennis Family  
(Matt Sr., Matt Jr., Florence & Priscilla)**  
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

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

12:00 PM **Kenneth J. Kwiatkowski (Living)**  
By his Parents

**Monday, May 22, 2017 - St. Rita of Cascia**

12:05 PM **Babe and Lillian Gakin**  
By the Family

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

12:05 PM **Edward P. Hutchins**  
By his wife Joyce and Family

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

12:05 PM **Philip Christ, Jr. - 20th Anniversary**  
By the Shimmel Family

**Thursday, May 25, 2017 - Ascension of the Lord**

12:05 PM **Priest's Intentions**

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

**Friday, May 26, 2017 - St. Philip Neri**

12:00 PM **Paul Shimmel - 1st Anniversary**  
By the Family

**Saturday, May 27, 2017 - Vigil - 7th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM **Donald Mayo**  
By Rita Peters

**Sunday, May 28, 2017 - 7th Sunday of Easter**

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

9:30 AM **James E. Coffey**  
By Post 3 American Legion, Nashua

12:00 PM **Christopher McLeod**  
By his Grandmother and Pa

*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 May 13 & 14**

From (146) Envelope Users: \$5,236.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,290.00  
- Cash \$1,579.00  
Electronic Giving Users (32) \$1,339.00  
**Total Collection \$9,444.00**

**Mass Count: 817**

**Easter Offering**

**Total Collection: \$27,718.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of May 14, 2017 **\$746.80**

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!**

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Thanks to everyone who planned and executed the excellent celebration in honor of Our Lady of Fatima last Saturday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed this event, which combined social time with the prayerful veneration of the Blessed Mother.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

**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 **\$3,417.25** towards the Capital Campaign on the weekend of May 13 & 14. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

### **Trinity Dome Collection**

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have authorized a special collection to fund the completion of the dome inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. Contributions can be placed in the special envelopes and dropped in the collection basket. We have received **\$20.00** to date. Thank you!

### **Project Eden Mission Appeal**

Thank you for your generous support of the Project Eden Mission Appeal to benefit the missions in Honduras. Thanks to your generosity, St. Patrick Parish raised **\$1,213.00** on the weekend of May 13 & 14, with a total of **\$3,917.00** to date. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

## **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

The list of Easter Flower donors will be published in the May 27th Bulletin.

## **UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

June 11, 2017

**Trinity Sunday**

*(Missa Cantata)*

(Followed by a light luncheon)

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Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

May 27, 2017

**St. Bede the Venerable**

June 3, 2017

**Vigil of Pentecost**

June 10, 2017

**Ember Saturday of the Pentecost Octave**

June 17, 2017

**St. Gregory Barbarigo**

June 24, 2017

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

## **CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is searching for a new home. Items to be considered for our new locations are: 5,000 to 6,000 square feet of space in a downtown area, a parking lot, all on one floor, handicapped accessible areas, bathrooms, and an affordable monthly rent. If you have such a space or know of one, please contact Deloris Davis at (603)318-1005 or [ddavis3929@msn.com](mailto:ddavis3929@msn.com).

## **Fatima Centenary Indulgence**

During the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to people who visit a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed in a church.

The visits are to be made on the anniversary of each apparition, namely the 13th of each month from May to October. The standard conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence apply: 1.) recitation of the Our Father and Creed; 2.) Confession; 3.) reception of Holy Communion; and 4.) prayers for the Holy Father's intentions. In addition, one must pray to Mary under the title Our Lady of Fatima. The plenary indulgence can be applied to the dead and be received every month.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is located on the right side of the sanctuary. This statue apparently came from Portugal, was donated to St. Patrick's by a parish member, and was lost in a rectory closet for many years. Our Lady's right hand was missing. The father of Jerry Levesque, our former maintenance man, carefully carved a tiny hand, restoring the statue to its original integrity. The statue will be displayed for veneration until November 26, the conclusion of the Centenary.

## Thank you, K of C

Knights of Columbus members and other volunteers involved with the Lenten fish dinners at St. Christopher's recently presented over \$1,000 of their proceeds to St. Patrick's Capital Campaign. Thank you!

## Sunday Information Session at NASHUA CATHOLIC REGIONAL JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, May 21, 2017 12:30 to 2:00 PM

Open House starts in our gym at 6 Bartlett Ave., Nashua, NH. Opportunities to meet some of our teachers, discuss curriculum, and tour our facility will follow. Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, Catholic based curriculum and is NEASC accredited. Our commitment to our Catholic faith, student service activity, a full contingent of extracurricular activities, and three seasons of Tri-County League athletic participation round out each student's day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School. RSVP by phone, 882-7011 or email, [mkirkwood@ncrjhs.net](mailto:mkirkwood@ncrjhs.net)

## MEMORIAL DAY FLOWERS St. Patrick & Holy Cross Cemeteries

Flowers for St. Patrick and Holy Cross Cemeteries may be placed on graves on **Thursday, May 25th and must be removed by Sunday, June 4th.**

Please note: the staff will not remove any flowers before June 4th. In the past, we have had a problem with people coming into the cemetery when staff is not there and taking flowers from the graves. Hanging baskets and potted plants seem to be the most targeted items.

## St. Aloysius de Gonzague Church Memorial Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated this Memorial Day, Monday, **May 29th at St. Stanislaus Cemetery on Pine Hill Avenue in Nashua at 10:00 AM.** In the event of rain, the mass will take place inside the chapel that is located there. Please remember to bring a chair! We hope to see you there. **Please note:** *Flowers may be placed at the cemeteries (St. Louis, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stanislaus) for your loved ones on Sunday, May 28th. The flowers must be removed by Sunday, June 4th. Thank you!*

## Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week **session that runs from Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, August 5, 2017.** Register at [www.NortheastCatholic.edu](http://www.NortheastCatholic.edu)!

For more information, contact 603.456.2656 or email: [admissions@northeastcatholic.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastcatholic.edu).

## Are you registered?

On Wednesday, April 5, we sent our annual Easter mailing to every household currently in our parish database. If you did not get a letter then you are not registered or we have an incorrect address.

Please let us know by putting the following coupon in the collection basket or sending it to the rectory. Thank you.

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\_\_\_ I am not registered. Please send me a form.

\_\_\_ I am registered. Here is my correct address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKLY READINGS

May 14 - May 21

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**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; Mt 28:16-20 (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 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**www.wwmema.org**  
**800-710-WWME**

Join us at the upcoming  
**Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
**June 10-11, 2017**  
Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center  
Medway, MA

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married only a short time or for many years. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better.

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

*The Worldwide Marriage Encounter program is approved by the Office of Family Life Ministry, Archdiocese of Boston, Dioceses of Worcester, Springfield, Fall River, Manchester and Providence.*

## Attending to the Bereaved Series

Are you grieving the loss of a family member? Come join us for prayer, sharing, and lunch at the San Damiano House of Prayer, 333 Pawtucket St. in Lowell on the following Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM..

**June 17, 2017**

*Support for those who have lost  
a sibling or cousin*

**July 8, 2017**

*Support for those who have lost a parent,  
grandparent or godparent.*

## St. Christopher School Spring Open House

St. Christopher School invites area families to see for themselves all that St. Chris offers during it's Spring Open House for prospective students! This drop-in Open House will take place **Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.** We are located at 20 Cushing Avenue in Nashua. No reservation is necessary for the Open House, but parents are welcome to call the school at 882-7442, ext. 114 for more information or you may visit us on our website at [www.StChrisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StChrisSchoolNH.org).

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass for all who wish to receive it. The Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

## *Mary and Fatima*

In the realm of God's handiwork is anything merely a coincidence? Consider, Our Lady's choice to appear in Fatima, a small town in Portugal. The size doesn't matter; the town's name does: Fatima was the daughter of Muhammad!

To be precise, the site of the Our Lady's apparition was actually named after Fatima, a 12th century Moorish princess. Recall that Portugal, along with much of Spain, was dominated by the Moors for several hundred years, hence some places still retain Islamic names. For sure, the princess was named after the "original" Fatima, just as girls named Mary are usually named after Our Lady.

Fatima is one of the most important figures in Islamic history. Unlike Muhammad's other children, who died young or had no offspring, Fatima is recognized as the maternal source of Muhammad's descendants through her marriage to Ali, the Prophet's nephew. The Fatimid dynasty, which ruled much of North Africa from the 10th to 12th century, received its name from Fatima.

The Muslims known as Shias (concentrated in Iraq and Iran) greatly revere Fatima, even to the point of considering her entire life miraculous.

Could it be providential, then, that during the centenary of Mary's apparitions in Portugal that her holy Name will be constantly linked with the name Fatima? Can we imagine that millions of Muslims will wonder about the linkage between Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Fatima, the daughter of Muhammad?

This connection is not far fetched. Raymond William Baker, who wrote *One Islam, Many Muslim Worlds* (2015), noted: "Reverential descriptions of Mary in the *Qur'an* exceed the space accorded to her in the New Testament. An entire *surah* entitled 'Maryam' tells the story of Jesus and Mary."

The *surah* strongly affirms the virginal conception of Jesus, as our gospels do; and severely criticizes anyone who suggests that Mary's pregnancy came about through a man (as many Christians allege). Moreover, it even points to Mary's Assumption. In a truncated version of the Magnificat we find Mary saying: "Peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I am raised alive!"

Coincidences? Our Lady first appeared in Fatima on May 13, 1917, less than two months after the abdication of the Russian Tsar. On October 13, 1917, she appeared for the last time. Several days later the Bolsheviks seized control and the totalitarian Soviet regime began. Now, 100 years later, the Soviet state is gone, yet unbelief penetrates into our own homes. Perhaps the prayerful remembrance of Our Lady, whether by Catholics or those who hear the name Fatima linked with her great shrine, will somehow advance God's desire for peace.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*