

SAINT

PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

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Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
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Gary MacDonald, Music Director  
Rel. Educ. Paul & Jennifer Murano

**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 21, 2016 - Vigil - The Most Holy Trinity**

4:00 PM      **Keith Trombley**  
By the Goy Family

**Sunday, May 22, 2016 ~ The Most Holy Trinity**

7:00 AM      **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**  
By Caroline Kemezys &  
Katherine F. Ennis

9:30 AM      **Ethel and Norman Nadeau**  
By the Family

12:00 PM     People of the Parish

**Monday, May 23, 2016**

12:05 PM     **Ed Hutchins**  
By his wife Joyce and Family

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

12:05 PM     **Priest's Intention**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016 ~ St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, and St. Mary Magdelene de Pazzi**

12:05 PM     **Babe and Lillian Gaken**  
By Jack Sullivan

**Thursday, May 26, 2016 ~ St. Philip Neri**

12:05 PM     **Yolande Dobens**  
By the Family

**Friday, May 27, 2016 ~ St. Augustine of Canterbury**

12:05 PM     **Philip Christ, Jr.**  
By Kelly Shimmel

**Saturday, May 28, 2016 - Vigil - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

4:00 PM      **The Canavan Family**  
By Sharron Linehan

**Sunday, May 29, 2016 ~ Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

7:00 AM      **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM      **Rita Maloney**  
By St. Patrick Parish

12:00 PM     **Priest's Intention**

*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 & Holy Cross Cemeteries**

Flowers may be placed on the graves at Saint 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 May 14 & 15**

From (172) Envelope Users:	\$5,147.20
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 850.00
- Cash:	\$1,708.00
Electronic Giving Users (20)	\$ 800.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$8,505.20</b>

**Mass Count: 760**

**Catholic Communications Campaign**

Week of 5/8/16	\$717.00
Week of 5/15/16	\$ 67.00
<b>Total Received to Date</b>	<b>\$784.00</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 5/15/16      **\$408.00**

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!**

**Catholic Charities Appeal**

New Hampshire Catholic Charities does great work in our area. St. Patrick's has a long history of supporting this worthy Catholic institution. Indeed, Monsignor McGreal, who founded Catholic Charities, was the predecessor to Monsignor McDonough as the pastor here.

If you would like to support Catholic Charities, please use one of the envelopes available in the vestibule. And please take one of the brochures about NHCC's current works.

**"The Joy of Love"**

We have a supply of "The Joy of Love," the Apostolic Exhortation recently published by Pope Francis. This beautiful work provides a comprehensive spiritual reflection on marriage, family life, and the meaning of human love. You can pick up a copy at the rectory during regular business hours. The cost is \$10.00 - 30% off the cover price.

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

June 12, 2016

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

May 21, 2016

**Ember Saturday of Pentecost**

May 28, 2016

**St. Augustine of Canterbury**

June 4, 2016

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

June 11, 2016

**St. Barnabus**

**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..

**MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE**

St. Patrick Offices will be closed  
Monday, May 30, 2016.

**Mass Schedule**

**Mass will be held at 9:00 AM  
No Confessions or 12:05 PM Mass on Monday, May 30th.**

Offices re-open on  
Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 9:00 AM



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

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

**Most Holy Trinity**

**Texts and Readings** pgs. 147-148

Collegeville Hymnal

**Processional:** # 309 O God Almighty Father

**Communion Antiphon: Pg. 148**

Since you are the children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father. *Galatians 4:6*

**Recessional:** # 568 Holy God. We Praise Thy Name

**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.

## “33 Days to Merciful Love” Retreat

You are invited to join us for a five-week retreat entitled “33 Days to Merciful Love.” The retreat is based on the book of the same name by Michael Gaitley. The retreat will be held on Tuesday mornings at St. Christopher Church in the Sr. Leon Pennelle Center, and on Saturday mornings at St. Patrick Parish in the Parish Center, Classroom 1. All classes begin at 10:30 AM and end at 12:00 noon. The cost for the book is \$15.00 and checks should be made out to John Kiely and mailed to him at 8 Louisburg Square, Apt. 6, Nashua, NH 03060. If you already own a copy of the book, the retreat is available at no charge, but please contact John Kiely at (603) 888-8124 to reserve space.

Sessions at St. Patrick Church will begin on Saturday, May 14th, and will continue each Saturday morning through June 11th.

Sessions at St. Christopher Church in the Sr. Leon Pennelle Center located on Manchester Street in Nashua beginning on Tuesday, May 10th and will continue each Tuesday morning through June 7th.

## First Eucharist News

Congratulations to the following students who received First Communion on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at St. Patrick Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Brady Joseph Borromeo  
Sean Patrick Broderick  
Vanessa Martine-Bayon  
Keithreyn Carisel Dolotina  
Jack Keegan Fitzpatrick  
Amelie Elyse Secovich  
Thomas Benedict Topping  
Samuel Kenneth Woodward



## MEMORIAL DAY MASS FOR ST. LOUIS, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERIES

The Memorial Day Mass for the Cemeteries of St. Louis, St. Francis Xavier and St. Stanislaus will be celebrated at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Pine Hill Rd., Nashua, NH on May 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Please bring your own lawn chairs, as there is no available seating there. In event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at St. Louis Church.

## St. Francis of Assisi Summer Programs

Join us for Summer Programs and Adventures at St. Francis of Assisi School in Litchfield, NH. Become a soldier for Christ at **Catholic Crusader Camp** (June 27 - July 1); create interactive stories and games at **Camp Code** (August 1-5); or give your child an edge for the coming school year at **Academic Edge Camp** (August 1-12). All camps are discounted now until June 15th. Register online today! To learn more and register, please visit [www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call us at (603)424-3312.

## Confirmation News

Congratulations to the following people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at St. Patrick Parish, Nashua, NH:

### Students

Alexandra Marie Bazzani, Tara Duffy, Jacqueline Elizabeth Dumont, Mary Therese Fahey, Sara Veronica Hey, Andrew Joseph Meehan and Peter Augustine Thompson.

### Adults

Arcadio Alpuche, Paige Flaherty, John Bartholomew Flemings, Hailey Gallagher, Alexandra Marino and Andrew Marino.

The following students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1, 2016 at St. Kathryn Church in Hudson, NH:

Michael Aloysius Polaneczky and Timothy John.

Please continue to keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

## *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.

### **The Front Door Agency Needs Your Vote!**

The Front Door Agency provides services to families and individuals transitioning from crisis to self-sufficiency. They are competing for e-votes to be selected for a portion of a \$50,000 charitable donation from the Provident Bank’s Community Foundation. Voting deadline is May 31. It only takes a minute and costs you nothing.

Please vote at: [tinyurl.com/thefrontdoor](http://tinyurl.com/thefrontdoor). Scroll down to find our name under “T.” Your email will not be added to any lists.

### **FEED OUR FAMILIES**

With summer nearly here, the Anna Marie House needs your help to Feed Our Families. Nine families, 26 people, 14 children, 12 adults. We support families as they move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Contact us at (603) 883-7338 to learn how you can help.

### **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!

## **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).

**Saturday, May 21:** 33 Days to Merciful Love Retreat in Classroom 1 from 10:30 to 12:00 noon.

**Saturday, May 21:** Sr. Elizabeth Rosary Picnic 12:30 to 3:00 PM

**Thursday, May 26:** Boy Scouts meet in Classrooms 3 and 4 at 7:00 PM

**Saturday, May 28:** 33 Days to merciful Love Retreat in Classroom 1 from 10:30 to 12:00 Noon.

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.**



## **WEEKLY READINGS**

**May 23 to May 29**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

### **Corpus Christi Chapel Adoration**

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

# *Zombie Catholicism*

Emmanuel Todd, a French sociologist, has coined a new term: "Zombie Catholicism." This colorful term refers the stubborn survival of Catholic externals among people who have no understanding or real belief in the Catholic faith. France is the capital of "zombie Catholicism." Though it has hundreds of gorgeous Catholic churches almost no people actually worship in them. (Mass attendance in France is now about 7%.)

"Zombie Catholicism," Todd asserts, emerges in nations and regions that were once almost entirely Catholic, places like France, Belgium, Quebec, Ireland, and so on. "Zombi-azation" happens because almost everyone in those places had inherited Catholicism at birth. This "automatic" Catholicism never required a free choice about one's faith. It was "just there," much like the wallpaper in the living room. For sure, some hearty souls freely embraced or retained a living form of Catholicism, but these have always been a small group.

Despite the resilience of the faithful minority, as one generation passes into the next, the Catholic memory continues to fade, leading many Europeans to declare themselves as having no religion. "Zombie Catholics" will now say that they have a "Catholic background," meaning that some distant ancestors were Catholics. Others use the term "post-Catholic," which means, "I'm not mad at the Church but I have moved beyond the comforting myths and unreasonable restrictions of my childhood."

What is one to do? Pope Francis touches up this trend in "The Joy of Love," his rich reflection on marriage and family life. After acknowledging the many circumstances that interfere with fruitful "faith formation" among children and teenagers, he wrote: *"It's essential that children actually see that, for their parents, prayer is really important. Hence, moments of prayer and acts of devotion can be more powerful for evangelization than any catechism class."* In other words, the lived faith of Catholic parents is the antidote to "Zombie Catholicism."

Here the Holy Father echoes the sentiments of Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin. Speaking back in 2014, Archbishop Martin candidly admitted: *"Our young people are among the most catechized in Europe and the least evangelized."* They have factual information about Catholicism but nothing of the heart. To make matters worse, almost all the schools in Ireland operate under the "patronage" of the Catholic Church. Hence, they carry the "Catholic brand." But, as Archbishop Martin sadly conceded, many "religion teachers" are *not* believing Catholics yet prepare children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Catholicism, then is reduced to a mere "tradition," a quaint custom associated with one's grandparents.

Perhaps this new situation is actually an opportunity for the purification and strengthening of the Church. After all, everyone knows that most converts to Catholicism tend to be more fervent than the "born Catholics" because they have freely chosen the faith. As the "Zombie Catholics" slowly fade away, the Catholics of the future will have freely and consciously embraced the faith, not as a family heirloom but as the living center of their lives.

As Pope Francis has clearly told us, the spiritual lives of children depend on the lived faith of their parents, not on the long dead "traditions" of their ancestors.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*