

SAINT

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, 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**

Monday, May 30, 2016 - MEMORIAL DAY

9:00 AM **Priest's Intention**

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 ~ Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 PM **Grace Bolen**
By the Family

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 ~ St. Justin

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

Thursday, June 2, 2016 ~ Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

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

Friday, June 3, 2016 ~ The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

12:05 PM **Robert Alerie**
By Ray Chagnon

Saturday, June 4, 2016 - Vigil - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Loretta R. Brown, 10th Anniv.**
By her son Richard Brown

Sunday, June 5, 2016 ~ 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

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 21 & 22

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| From (180) Envelope Users: | \$5,367.25 |
| From All Others - Checks: | \$1,229.00 |
| - Cash: | \$1,859.00 |
| Electronic Giving Users (22) | \$ 848.00 |
| Total Collection | \$9,303.25 |

Mass Count: 799

Catholic Communications Campaign

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| Previous Total | \$784.00 |
| Week of 5/22/16 | \$125.00 |
| Total Received to Date | \$909.00 |

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 5/21/16 **\$656.00**

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 28, 2016
St. Augustine of Canterbury

June 4, 2016
Immaculate Heart of Mary

June 11, 2016
St. Barnabus

June 18, 2016
St. Ephrem

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 BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Texts and Readings pgs. 149 - 151

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional: # 366 At That First Eucharist

Communion Antiphon: Pg 151

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. Jn 6:57

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.

The Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and 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 Hel and St. Philomena for an evening meal and prayer. Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 3, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For more information, contact Stephanie at (603) 718-8629 or via email at OlphSodality@yahoo.com.



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 or call us at (603)424-3312.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Oct. 25, 2016 to Nov. 4, 2016

Thirty-five years ago, Our Lady appeared to 6 young people in Medjugorje, and is still appearing today and delivering messages to the world. Our Lady is trying to bring the world back to Her Son through prayer, fasting, penance, faith, and conversion. You are invited to see Medjugorje for yourself. Please pray and consider joining our pilgrimage retreat Oct. 25 - Nov. 4, 2016. Deacon Geoff Ashman, Saint Matthew Parish in Windham, NH will be our Spiritual Director. For more information about the pilgrimage, please contact Doreen Duquette at 603-216-4186 or email laduduke95@yahoo.com.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Advanced notification increases the chances of providing the Sacrament in a timely manner. Unable to travel? Call the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

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. 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!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **David Harris and Matthew Schultz** who will be ordained by Bishop Peter A. Libasci to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate on May 28, 2016 and to **Michael Sartori** who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester, NH.

Please keep these men in your prayers as they enter into a life of service to the Lord and to our faith community.

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

Thursday, June 2: Hibernians meet in Classroom 2 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 2: Boy Scouts meet in Classrooms 3 & 4 at 7:00 PM

Friday, June 3: The Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena meet in Classroom 1 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, June 4: 33 Days to Merciful Love Retreat meets in Classroom 1 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Sunday, June 5: Coffee and Donuts in the Center following 9:30 AM Mass.

*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 30 to June 5

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-2

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

The Eucharistic Humiliation of Christ

Frequently devout Catholics complain about irreverence toward the Blessed Sacrament. These offenses come in many forms: people who leave Mass while chewing the Host, people yakking loudly, people snatching the Host from the priest, people putting the Host in their pockets, people not genuflecting, and so forth. To some, it appears that irreverence is quite new, the product of the “secular age.” However, irreverence to the Eucharistic Lord has always been there. Indeed, it seems that the very possibility of irreverence simply repeats an intrinsic dimension of the Cross – the self-humiliation of Christ.

We see this in many artistic depictions of the Last Supper. For sure, some show the apostles in a prayerful attitude as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time on Holy Thursday. Think of Salvatore Dali’s famous painting. But many others show the apostles acting quite disrespectfully. The rectory dining room, for example, has a small Greek icon of the Last Supper. Upon close inspection, you will see that only one apostle – the Beloved Disciple – faces the Lord. All the others are chatting among themselves, ignoring the Lord and the Eucharistic elements. And Judas is shown reaching across the table and helping himself to Holy Communion!

This shockingly irreverent behavior of the apostles reflects a basic human weakness: *we have very little capacity to discern and endure the Presence of God.* Why? Because we have great trouble turning away from ourselves toward the Other.

The Lord, always compassionate toward our weaknesses, has always understood our struggle to pay attention to Him. And so He claimed only 14.3% of our time – the one-day Sabbath – for mandatory worship and cessation of work. Today, of course, that single day seems to be an extreme demand, and so most devout people reduce it to a single hour (give or take a few minutes), which amounts to .6% of the 168 hours of the week.

When time for public worship and personal attention to God shrinks, so does reverence. How could it be otherwise? As the memory and awareness of God fade quickly, people cannot recognize what the Eucharist is and so treat it as nothing at all. This, of course, can happen even to faithful Catholics – including priests! -- who worship and pray all the time. Everything can become *routine*, which kills the sense of the sacred.

Since most acts of irreverence arise from ignorance, boredom, and inattention, we must assume that very few people actually intend sacrilege. After all, “*They know not what they do.*” And so perhaps these episodes of irreverence call us to ponder the beauty of the Lord’s own *self-humiliation*, which began at the moment of His conception and culminated on the Cross. By repeatedly coming into our midst in the Eucharistic elements, He forever makes Himself completely vulnerable to ingratitude, unbelief, and boredom fostered by routine. After all, no lightning bolts ever shoot out from the Tabernacle, slaying irreverent people. Rather, the Eucharistic Lord calmly, patiently, and silently abides in the Tabernacle, making Himself available even to those do not recognize or honor His presence. Is this not a mysterious repetition of the Last Supper and Calvary? And is not the Eucharist the great memorial of the Lord’s self-humiliation for the sake of humanity?

Fr. Michael Kerper