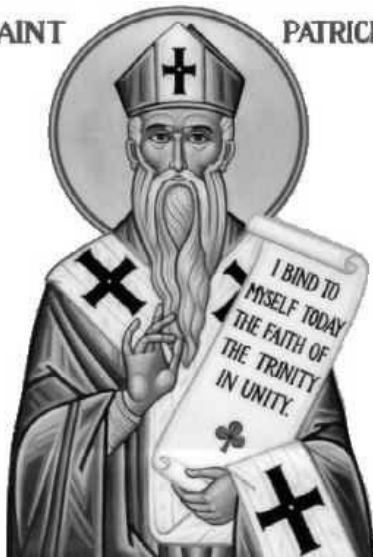


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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

**Rev. John Healey**  
Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper  
Kelly Lockwood, Rel. Education  
Gary McDonald, Music Director

**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

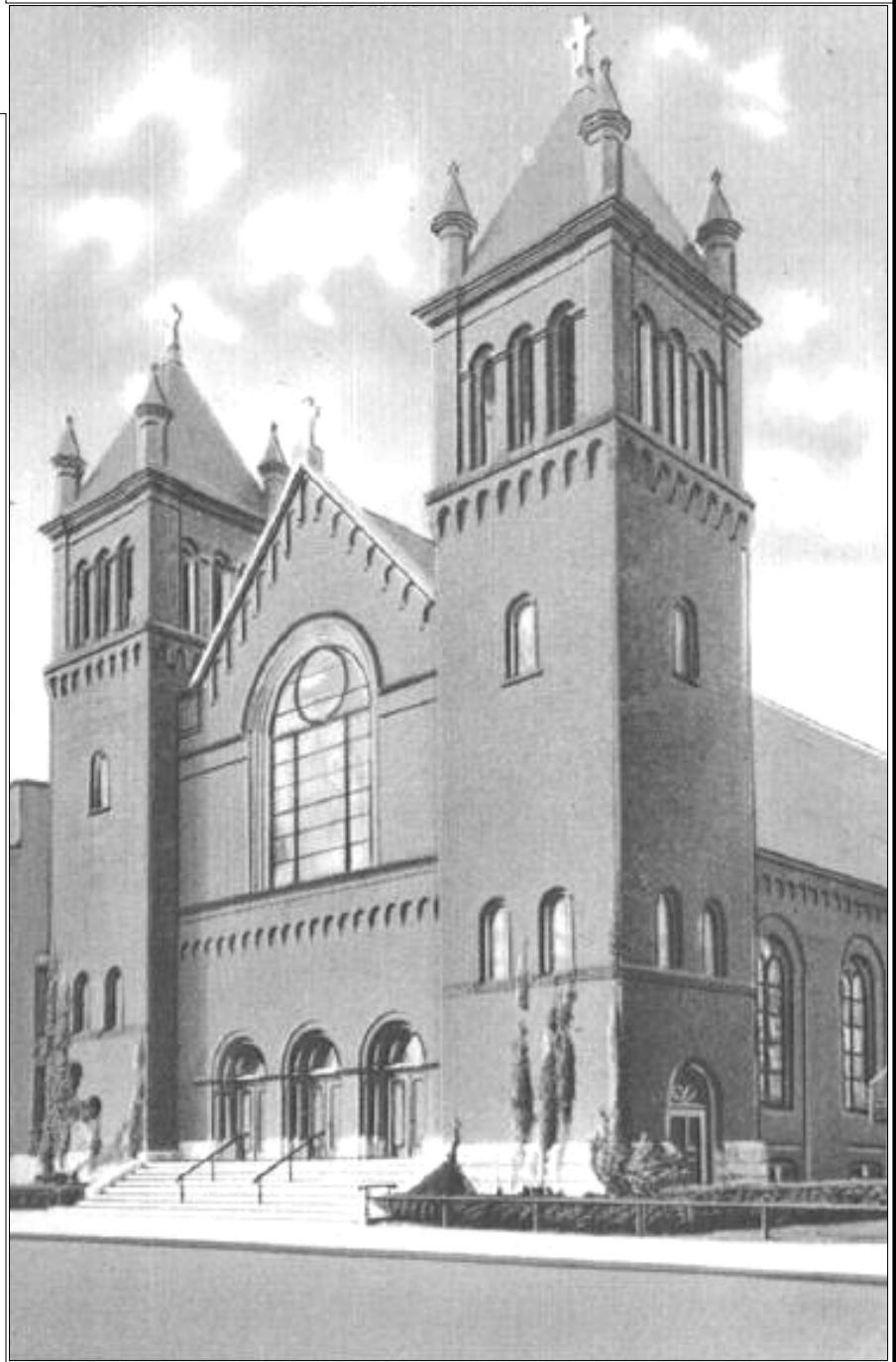
Sat.: 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### 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 2, 2015 - Vigil ~ 5th Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday, May 3, 2015 - 5th Sunday of Easter**

7:00 AM **Ron Lavalle**  
By Norm and Mary Lavallee

9:30 AM **Marion J. Sweklo Mateoska**  
By Bob Narkunas

12:00 PM **Patrick Joseph Terrin**  
By Alice Martin

**Monday, May 4, 2015 ~ Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM **David Bolen**  
By his sister Rosemary Daly

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015 ~ Easter Weekday**

**NO MASS OR CONFESSION  
DIOCESAN CONVOCATION**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015 ~ Easter Weekday**

7:00 PM **Priest's Intention**  
(No Confession due to Convocation)

**Thursday, May 7, 2015 ~ Easter Weekday**

12:05 PM **Jeannette E. McCabe**  
By her husband William E. McCabe

**Friday, May 8, 2015 ~ Easter Weekday**

12:05 PM **Yvonne Piwowarski**  
By the Family

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 - Vigil ~ 6th Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday, May 10, 2015 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter**

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

9:30 AM **Margaret E. Hanafin &  
Margaret M. Provost**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Bertha Roberge, 3rd Anniversary**  
By Theresa Roberge

*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 April 25/26**

From (197) Envelope Users:	\$6,177.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,192.00
- Cash:	\$1,550.00
Electronic Giving Users (19)	\$ 725.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$9,644.50</b>

**Mass Count: 742**

**Fuel Fund**

Weekend of April 25/26 \$170.00

**Easter**

Weekend of April 25/26 \$95.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of April 25/26 \$529.00

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.

## 5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

### News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

#### UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, May 10, 2015  
**5th Sunday after Easter**

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

May 9, 2015

**St. Gregory Nazianzen**

May 16, 2015

**St. Ubald**

May 23

**Vigil of Pentecost**

May 30, 2015

**Ember Saturday of Pentecost**

#### LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

*Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) in Latin and English are available for purchase for \$50.00. Contact Jack McGreevy at 603-888-5824 for more information or to obtain your missal.*

#### **St. Patrick and Holy Cross Cemetery Schedule for Memorial Week Flowers**

*Flowers may be placed on the graves in St. Patrick and Holy Cross Cemeteries on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and must be picked up by noon on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.* Please note that our cemetery personnel do not remove flowers during this week. If you find that yours are missing, most likely they were stolen. In the past baskets seemed to disappear more often than arrangements. We will ask the Hudson Police to patrol the cemeteries in the evenings. If you have any questions please call the Cemetery Office (881-8131) Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 3:00.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM

43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

### Diocesan Convocation

Bishop Libasci has called the priests of the Diocese together for the annual Convocation in North Conway on May 4, 5, and 6. Because of the unavailability of a priest-substitute, our regular weekday Mass schedule must be replaced by the one below. Also, confessions will be heard only on Thursday and Friday.

#### **Special Weekday Mass Schedule**

May 4 to May 8

Monday, May 4	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 5	No Mass
Wednesday, May 6	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 7	12:05 PM
Friday, May 8	12:05 PM

### ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 14, 2015

Thursday, May 14, 2015 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 PM

&

7:00 PM

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

May 4 through May 11

**Monday:** Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## **Temporary Change in Confession Times**

During Fr. Healey's absence, Father Kerper will begin Sunday confessions 15 minutes earlier: at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM. However, confessions must end by 9:15 AM and 11:45 AM so that he can begin Mass promptly.

## **St. Patrick's Youth Group**

The Saint Patrick Youth Group/Bible Study is currently meeting twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, from 7 - 9 pm in Classroom 1 in the center. We invite all teens, ages 12 to 18 to join us for prayer, bible study, pizza and fellowship. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, have some fun, and share our faith. For more information, call Beth Bord at 880-6853. Come join us!

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY SHOWER MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A BABY'S LIFE May 2 & 3, 2015 - Parish Center**



The Knights of Columbus Council #11907 will host a baby shower for Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua on Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd. Gifts may be placed on the tables that will be set up in the Parish Center after all Masses. The Knights will also be serving Coffee and Donuts after the Sunday 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. Needed items include: new baby clothes (size 0-6 mos.), onesies, diapers, wipes, baby towels, face cloths, etc. Gift cards and monetary donations for maternity clothing and infant car seats would be appreciated.

Care Net assists women experiencing unplanned pregnancies and seeks to prevent abortions by relying heavily on the generosity of Churches and individuals for support. Thank you for your contributions!

Please contact Mike Dangel at 429-4302 for additional information.

## **Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts Social Sunday, May 3, 2015 - Parish Center**



The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in the center for coffee, donuts, juice, rolls, and bagels, as well as a time of fellowship, on Sunday, May 3rd after the 7:00 and 9:30 AM Masses. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!



## **ST. PATRICK PARISH MOST HOLY TRINITY RETREAT**

St. Patrick Parish invites all to attend a retreat contemplating the wonder and wisdom of the Most Holy Trinity. The retreat will be offered on the following Saturdays: **May 9, 16, 23, and 30**. The final meeting will take place on the morning of the Vigil of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center between 9:30 and 11:00 AM. The cost for the retreat (including materials) is \$40.00. (\$30.00 if attendee already owns the primary reading material).

## REST IN PEACE

Ruth Drouin

### Mother's Day Flower Sale to 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 10th, 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 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!

### 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. Unable to travel? Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

### Funeral Scheduling

Several months ago we engaged a cleaning service for the church. Our regular weekly cleaning is now done every Monday morning. As a result, we cannot schedule funeral Masses on Mondays.

### Community News

#### CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 6TH & 7TH GRADER INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

300 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841

Learn what Central Catholic High School has to offer you by attending our Information Night on Wednesday, May 13th with sessions beginning at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM. Tour the campus and meet with faculty and students in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions at (978) 682-0260, ext. 612 or email [admissions@centralcatholic.net](mailto:admissions@centralcatholic.net)

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 @ 7:30 PM ST. LOUIS CHURCH HALL

Would you like to help others in the community while having fun and making new friends? Come learn more about The Daughters of Isabella! We are having an open meeting Tuesday May 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Come join us in the Church Hall at St. Louis Church – West Hollis St. Nashua. Our Circle is open to all Catholic Women ages 16 and up. Our focus is to provide charitable activities and social interaction. For more details please contact Micheline Coen at 603-889-8849.

### CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY Corpus Christi Food Pantry Seeking Volunteers

Do you have a small window of your day, some time to share? An hour or two goes a long way at the pantry while sorting, stocking, shopping and smiling! Volunteer hours are Monday or Wednesday mornings 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Tuesday or Thursday afternoons 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Those who can lift approx. 30 lbs. would be a great asset, however this not a requirement.

Thank you to the many parishioners who have generously donated to our pantry. We are Blessed to have your support and prayerfully remember you each day as we assist our neighbors in Nashua. Non perishable Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, and Pancake Mix, as well as, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toiletry items are on our "wish list" this month. For more information, email Susan Dignan at [Corpuschristifp@aol.com](mailto:Corpuschristifp@aol.com), or call 882-6372.

### RCIA Institute: Making Disciples

Has your parish been offering RCIA ministry for years and you still wonder if there might be a better way of offering the process? Do the neophytes return for mystagogy after their initiation and evolve into joy-filled and active Catholics? There is an RCIA Institute coming to our diocese on Friday evening, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at Rivier University in Nashua and presented by nationally known presenters Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal of [TeamRCIA.org](http://TeamRCIA.org) in San Jose, California. If you are new to RCIA ministry or seasoned and looking for fresh ideas that prove successful, consider joining others from around the diocese and New England. More information and flyer is available at [catholicnh.org/rcia-institute](http://catholicnh.org/rcia-institute) or contact Eileen Smith 663-0174 [esmith@rcbm.org](mailto:esmith@rcbm.org) or Fran Doucette 663-0173 [fdoucette@rcbm.org](mailto:fdoucette@rcbm.org)

## *Collections at Mass: The Ancient View*

For nearly 2,000 years, the Mass has remained remarkably stable in its essential elements. The sequence of Scripture readings, psalms, homily, consecration of bread and wine, Holy Communion, and final blessing is virtually unchanged. Moreover, to the surprise of many, the Eucharist has almost always had a *collection*, an act that seems mundane and "unspiritual." But the collection, like every element of the Eucharist, has deep spiritual meaning.

We find extensive comments about the collection in the 2nd century text called "The First Apology in Defense of Christians" by St. Justin Martyr. After carefully describing the various "movements" of the Mass, St. Justin wrote: "*Those who are well provided for, if they wish to do so, contribute what seems fit; this is collected and left with the president [the presbyter/priest/pastor], so that he can help the orphans and widows and the sick, and all who are in need for any other reason, such as prisoners and visitors from abroad. In short, he provides for all who are in want.*"

This ancient custom of collecting money had two motives. First, it provided worshippers with an immediate opportunity to imitate the generosity of the Lord who would soon give Himself as the totally free Gift in and through Holy Communion. The old Roman Missal emphasized this reciprocity by requiring the priest to say the following prayer before drinking from the chalice: "*What shall I render to the Lord for all the things he has rendered to me?*" Indeed. Can anyone receive this Gift without wanting to give *something* in return?

Second, the collection, as described by St. Justin, was used *primarily* to improve the condition of the poor and people cut off from the safety of family life. Early Christians understood that worship had to replicate Christ's acts of preaching, healing, and feeding. His work had spiritual "work" had inevitable material consequences. As such, the Church's worship must have both dimensions. After all, how could anyone who partakes of the Body and Blood of Christ fail to honor Christ in the sick, hungry, poor, and displaced?

St. Justin also wrote very delicately about the requirement to contribute. He didn't even specify an amount, such as the traditional 10% tithe from the Old Testament. Instead, he simply said that people should "contribute what seems fit." Because his community probably contained rich and poor, he allowed wide discretion, thereby freeing the poorer people from feeling obligated to match the contributions of the wealthy.

Of course, the Church of St. Justin's time had very few buildings and virtually no administrative expenses. Today, most of what we collect at Mass pays for insurance, utilities, snow plowing, repairs and so on. However, we must remain faithful to the ancient practice of linking the celebration of the Eucharist to material assistance to those in need. We do this through the Poor Box, special collections, and New Hampshire Catholic Charities. Your generosity helps to preserve the Church's noble and holy tradition described by St. Justin.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*