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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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 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

Monday, May 9, 2016

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

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 - St. Damien de Veuster

12:05 PM **William "Bill" Avril**
By the Family

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

12:05 PM **Mary Ellen Colburn**
By Mr. and Mrs. Richard Levesque

Thursday, May 12, 2016 ~ Saints Nereus and Achilleus

12:05 PM **Paul Morin**
By his Mother

Friday, May 13, 2016 ~ Our Lady of Fatima

12:05 PM **Yolande Doben, 2nd Anniversary**
By the Family

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Vigil - Pentecost

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

Sunday, May 15, 2016 ~ Pentecost Sunday

7:00 AM **Priest's Intention**

9:30 AM **Paul Kaminski, 30th Anniversary**
By the Family

12:00 PM **Rita Maloney**
By St. Patrick Parish

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 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 30 and May 1

From (197) Envelope Users:	\$6,174.20
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,104.60
- Cash:	\$1,884.00
Electronic Giving Users (26)	\$1,350.00
Total Collection	\$10,512.80

Mass Count:

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

Previous Total	\$5,005.00
Weekend of 5/1/16	\$ 21.00
Total Offering:	\$5,026.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 5/1/16 **\$654.00**

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.

MARATHON SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On Saturday, May 14th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM we will be hosting a Pasta Supper in connection with the Nashua Marathon. The supper will be held in the St. Patrick Parish Gym and tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for children. 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.

Ticket may be purchased online at: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1555/DirectDonate/46231>

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!

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Music & Texts for Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Texts and Readings pgs. 139 - 140

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional: #504 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Communion Antiphon: Pg. 140

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

John 17:22

Recessional: # Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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 14, 2016

Vigil of Pentecost

May 21, 2016

Ember Saturday of Pentecost

May 28, 2016

St. Augustine of Canterbury

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..

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Last Faith Formation classes for the year are on May 8/9. We are so grateful for having traveled this year's journey in faith with you and your family. We are particularly grateful for all the volunteers and volunteer catechists who led our students through this year. We ask all to unite in prayer for each other that we might all continue to grow closer to Christ over the summer. Keep your eyes peeled for Registration for next year's classes.

Please continue to pray for our First Communicants who will receive our Lord for the first time during the 9:30 Mass on May 22nd.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates who will be fully initiated into the Church at a 7:00pm Mass on May 19th. There is a required rehearsal the night before, May 18, at 6:30pm, for both sponsor (or a proxy) and candidate.

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!

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 on Sunday, May 15 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. No reservation is necessary.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick Council 11907, express their gratitude and appreciation to everyone who contributed their support to the CareNet Pregnancy Center Baby Shower last week, and for helping the mothers and babies served by CareNet.

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 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.

Corpus Christi Chapel Adoration

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

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 8:** Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 in Classrooms 1-4 and outer Gym Area.
- **Sunday, May 8:** Latin Mass Social in Gym after the Noon Mass.
- **Monday, May 9:** Religious Education Classes Grades 7-12 in Classrooms 1-4 and Outer Gym Area.
- **Thursday, May 12:** Boy Scouts meet in Rooms 3 and 4 at 7:00 PM
- **Saturday, May 14:** 33 Days to Merciful Love Retreat in Classroom 1; 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.
- **Saturday, May 14:** Marathon Spaghetti Supper in Gym

*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.***

9th ANNUAL PINE HAVEN BOYS CENTER RECEPTION NASHUA CROWN PLAZA HOTEL MAY 26, 2016 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Please join Fr. Remo Zanatta and Fr. Dixon for the 9th annual Pine Haven Boys Center Reception, to be held at the Nashua Crowne Plaza Hotel on May 26, 2016, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This event is held to thank the friends who have helped Pine Haven in the past and to provide information on how to assist our boys in the future. Our special guest speaker will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, founder of Grace Before Meals, conference speaker, author and TV host. The evening includes refreshments, music and fun raffle prizes.

Please **RSVP by May 12, 2016** to either Fr. Remo, remozanatta@hotmail.com; Fr. Dixon Choolakkal, C.R.S. at dix_143@hotmail.com; or Marisa Spilios, mmspilios@gmail.com, 603-475-7480. Tickets are not required, but reservations are mandatory due to limited space. This is a wonderful opportunity to join your friends for an evening of entertainment and to learn more about the Pine Haven mission. We hope to see you there!

WEEKLY READINGS May 9 - May 15

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

On Receiving “Foreign” Catholic Priests

Every year the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) publishes a report about the most recent ordination class. These excellent studies give Catholics a glimpse of the future of the Catholic priesthood in the United States. Huge changes lurk on the horizon!

Of the 548 priests expected to be ordained in 2016, 30% are foreign born. Mexicans form the largest group, followed by Colombians, Filipinos, Vietnamese, and Poles. The most significant trend is the disproportionate number of new priests emerging from Asian backgrounds: 14%. This is about triple the proportion of Catholics who are Asian.

Another trend is very clear: the Catholic priesthood in the United States is becoming increasingly “foreign.” Currently, more than 6,500 foreign-born priests serve in the United States. This means that one out of four priests is now a “foreigner.” The proportion of “foreign” priests is destined to rise as much older “native-born” priests die off and retire.

In large measure, then, the future of the Catholic Church in the United States depends on whether Catholics graciously receive foreign-born priests -- or reject them. Jesus spoke of this when He commissioned the apostles, the first band of “foreign” priests sent into the world. He declared: *“He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me”* (Matthew 10:40). How gracious are we toward “foreign” priests -- and toward Christ, the One whom they bear?

Sad to say, some Catholics actually *complain* about “foreign” priests: they have thick accents, they preach too long, their Masses take forever, they’re “foreign,” and so on. But think of the Apostles. They traveled to hostile lands and probably had a very limited command of the local languages. All of the apostles were “foreigners” to the people whom they evangelized. And yet those people eagerly turned their ears – and hearts – to the rough and garbled language of poorly educated Jews who came from afar to speak about Jesus, the Risen One, whom they knew and loved. The ancient people who heard the Gospel from the “foreign” apostles received them as precious gifts, sent by God. Indeed, they received them as Christ Himself. Can we do the same?

Though the trend is toward more foreign-born priests, we can’t assume this this will continue indefinitely. Fr. Philip Brown, the rector of Theological College in Washington, recently said: “I don't think it's wrong for us to be attracting these men but I also think we have to be very conscious and intentional about not exploiting their situation or their need.” The exploitation comes in many forms: cutting them off from their families, giving them assignments refused by “native-born” clergy, refusing to learn about their cultures, and even subjecting them to ridicule and racism. Will they stay? Will others want to leave home for the “American mission”? Who knows? It depends on the response of the current generation of Catholics in the United States.

Fr. Michael Kerper