

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Help for those in Need
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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, Nov. 14, 2015 - Vigil ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **James Waisolonis**
By his daughter, Mary Doyle

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

9:30 AM **Lillian Hogan, 14th Anniversary**
By her Family

12:00 PM **Maria Louisa Burne**
By the Family

Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 ~ St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude

12:00 PM **David & Helen Hopkins**
By the Family

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015 ~ The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul

12:05 PM **Msgr. Matthew Creamer**

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015

12:05 PM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**
By Kathy Ennis

Friday, Nov. 20, 2015

12:05 PM **Deceased Members of the Belton Family**
By the Family

Saturday, Nov. 21 2015 - Vigil ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 PM **Ronald Boucher, 4th Anniversary**
By his mother Jean Boucher

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

9:30 AM **Charles R. & Margaret M. Provost**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Pro Populo**

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 Nov. 7 & 8

From (198) Envelope Users:	\$6,080.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$2,383.00
- Cash:	\$1,604.00
Electronic Giving Users (14)	\$ 480.00
Total Collection	\$10,547.00

Mass Count: 825

Retired Priests Fund

Previous Total:	\$6,837.00
Weekend of Nov. 7 & 8	\$ 75.00
Total:	\$6,912.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of Nov. 7 & 8 **\$ 709.00**

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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2015

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

December 13, 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

November 21, 2015

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 28, 2015

Vigil of St. Andrew

HOLIDAY STROLL CRAFT FAIR

Nov. 28, 2015 3:00 - 9:00 PM - Gym

Attention Crafters! If you are interested in a booth for this year's craft fair, applications can be found on the tables in the vestibule. Discounts are available to parishioners. If you'd like a discounted rate, please call the contact listed on the application. Booths are expected to sell out and space is limited, so please get your reservation in quickly! For additional information about the Craft Fair, please contact Janet Polaneczky at 603-880-1614.

St. Patrick Church Open and Craft Fair during Winter Holiday Stroll - HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed on Nov 28th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, from 5:15 to 8:15 PM in the Church to greet visitors, hand out programs, assist with the children's activity and insure safety. Help is needed on Nov 28th in the Center for the Craft Fair from 12:00 noon until 9:30 pm. To volunteer to help - shift sign-ups will be available after Masses on Nov. 14/15 and Nov. 21/22 on the table in the vestibule. The stroll events are a great chance to meet other parishioners and greet visitors to our beautiful church!!!

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

Music & Texts for Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Texts and Readings pp. 201-202

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional: #525 Crown Him with
Many Crowns

Communion Antiphon: pg. 203

*To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope
in God the Lord. (Ps. 73:28)*

Recessional: #568 Holy God We Praise
Thy Name

Religious Christmas Cards for SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after all Masses in November. Last year, nearly every box sold out quickly. To pre-order, please contact Brandon Pierotti at (603) 546-8395 or at BGP27@cornell.edu. The selection of available cards can be viewed at www.ChristIsChristmas.com/products.aspx. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Brandon to receive a brochure of available designs.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is located at 43 Franklin, St., Nashua, NH. Our pantry is able to provide temporary help to families in need, usually 3 days of meals, because we are blessed with donations such as yours. Shelf ready or canned meat such as Beef Stew, ham, Spam, Vienna Sausage; cereal, pancake and muffin mixes, healthy granola or breakfast bars, Macaroni and Cheese, instant potatoes, pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables are some of the items we would be grateful for this month. Please contact us at (603) 882-6372 or at Corpuschristifp@outlook.com with any questions. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE HOME VISITATION TRAVELING KIT

The World Apostolate of Fatima, an organization devoted to Our Lady of Fatima and her message of conversion, offers individual families the opportunity to host a home visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. The Pilgrim Virgin kit includes a 27" Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with three doves and gold crown; a 90 minute DVD: "Apparition at Fatima;" an 80 minute DVD documentary: "Fatima;" 2 paperback booklets: "Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program;" WAF USA Spiritual Guide; Pieta Prayer booklet; a bottle of Holy Water; a plastic covered Apostolate of Fatima Information Booklet; and a Journal Book - "Our Lady's Visit to Our Home." If you are interested in hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue for a week or two, please contact the Parish Office at 603-882-2262 to make arrangements.

NOTES AND UPDATES

The Book of Intentions, once located on the lectern near the confessional, has been removed. Some people began writing very detailed prayers, including full names, medical conditions, family disputes, political comments, and even personal attacks. We will soon replace the book with a box that can receive written intentions on small pieces of paper. This will provide complete privacy, unlike the book, whose contents were public. The contents of the box will **not** be examined.

Following the recent **theft and damage to our copper drain spouts**, we have taken several actions to enhance the security of our buildings. We had already considered more exterior lighting for our complex. We have now jumped ahead with brighter lights on the north side of the church. We are also consulting with the Church of the Good Shepherd, our good neighbors, about coordinating our efforts to improve safety and security. The five spouts taken in the first "attack" remain missing. The Nashua Police Department, as always, has been most helpful and attentive to our situation.

On Wednesday, October 21, **Officer Bill Adamson** met with 22 parishioners to provide some direction regarding church security and safety during Mass. Everyone found his advice helpful. On Thursday, October 29, we had a follow up meeting with 12 parish members who want to help out with these concerns. We hope to schedule two people at each Mass to take responsibility for monitoring activity in the church. This also includes medical emergencies and so forth.

The **new boilers and improved heating system** are being installed in the Parish Center and should be completed soon. Finally, we will be freed from the ancient "monster boiler" in the school basement. Also, a beautiful **new sign** has been erected in front of the gym, giving us new visibility to people who travel along Main Street.

WEEKLY READINGS November 16 through November 22

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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, Nov. 15: Religious Education Grades 1-6 in all classrooms and outer gym area.

Monday, Nov. 16: Religious Education Grades 7-12 in all classrooms and outer gym area.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Knights of Columbus Meeting in Room 1 beginning at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Outreach Meeting in Room 1 beginning at 7:00 PM and Boy Scouts in Room 3 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, Nov. 20: PAL in the Gym until 4 PM; HMSP Retreat setup in the Gym beginning at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, Nov. 21: Religious Education classes in all classrooms and out gym; HMSP Retreat in Gym 8AM - 4:00 PM and in Classrooms beginning at 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.

Community News

Centennial Gift for Our Lady 2017: 1st Saturday's Communion of Reparation Devotion

The world Apostolate of Fatima, USA has initiated a campaign that it hopes and prays will increase the practice of the Devotion of 1st Saturday Communion of Reparation on the part of the Catholic faithful. "God wishes devotion to Her Immaculate Heart to be established in the world, and that it would be the key to the salvation of souls and world peace." The success of the campaign depends upon us. To register: please send the following information to: World Apostolate of Fatima, Manchester Division, PO Box 6432, Manchester, NH 03108:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Tel. _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Daughters of Isabella Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 21 - 8AM to 2PM

St. Louis Church Hall, W. Hollis St., Nashua

Join the Daughters of Isabella for their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st. The bazaar features a variety of baked goods; Tourtiere (pork pies); Cretons (pork spread); and baked beans, as well as a Penny Sale. Tables are available for rent at \$20/table or 2 tables for \$30. Please call Lorraine Audet at 429-2168 for more info. Pie Pickup: Thursday, Nov. 19 and Friday, Nov. 20 - 10AM to 2PM, and Saturday while they last.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Market

Fresh-cut Fraser fir trees and wreaths for sale. Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 12 PM to 6 PM. Don't miss the Blessing of the Christmas Trees and Caroling at 1:00 PM!

Winter Open House for Pre-School - Sixth Grade

Wednesday, December 16th: Join us for some or all of our school day. We are a joyfully Catholic school with a curriculum that provides a strong foundation in what is good, true and beautiful. We offer this at the most formative time in a child's life, namely, the beginning. For more information about each of these events, visit our website at www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org or call (603) 424-3312.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY RETREAT

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sr. Leon Pennell Center, Room A

St. Christopher Parish, Nashua, NH

The Knights of Columbus of St. Christopher and St. Patrick Parishes are offering "33 Days of Morning Glory" which is a retreat in preparation of Marian Consecration.

The retreat will be held in the Sr. Leon Pennell Center, Room A at St. Christopher Parish on Nov. 17, 24 and Dec. 1 and 8 from 10:30 AM to Noon. If necessary a second class will be offered on Nov. 16, 23 and 30 at 10AM to 11:30 AM. The last class, for both groups will be held Dec. 8 at 10:30 AM to Noon and will consist of the 6th session and a special activity - both religious and social.

Understanding the Crisis in the Middle East

The Diocese of Manchester will host the 7th Annual Catholics in the Public Square event on **November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the NH Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College** to address the crisis in the Middle East. The keynote will be delivered by Dr. Thomas Farr, a leading authority on international religious freedom. Rev. Andrew Nelson will share why Catholics should be concerned about religious persecution in other areas of the world, and attendees will receive an update from Catholic Relief Services on efforts to work with refugees of religious persecution and what can be done to advocate for change. The event is free of charge, but advance registration is required by visiting catholicnh.org/publicsquare or contacting Kimberly Low at klow@rcbm.org or 663-0131.

LITHUANIAN HERITAGE CONCERT

Friday, Nov. 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Judd Gregg Auditorium Nashua Community College
505 Amherst St., Nashua, NH

The Lithuanian-American Brothers and Sisters of Nashua will conduct the annual Lithuanian Heritage Concert on Friday, November 20th at 6:30 PM. The concert will be held at the Judd Gregg Auditorium at Nashua Community College on 505 Amherst Street in Nashua. The concert will feature a four-person singing group, **Vairas**, which will travel here from Lithuania, where it is well-known and highly regarded. The concert is free, but a ticket is required for admission. Tickets may be obtained either calling Frank Ulcikas at 603-759-4067 or by sending an email to Labas.Nashua@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI WITH BISHOP LIBASCI

April 18-26, 2016

Join Bishop Peter A. Libasci and the Diocese of Manchester as they celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with a pilgrimage to Italy from April 18-26, 2016.

Bishop Libasci will lead a pilgrimage in honor of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis I. Visit the Holy Doors of Rome, participate in a Papal Audience, tour the Eternal City, and pray and renew your faith in tranquil Assisi. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! Registration deadline is February 28, 2016. (Single - \$3,895; Double - \$3,350; Triple - \$3,250; Quad - \$3,195). Contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at (800) 653-0017 to make your reservation or for information.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA HOLIDAY FAIR

St. Catherine of Sienna School, Manchester, NH.

Sat., Nov. 21 - 9AM to 7PM &

Sun., Nov. 22 - 8AM to 1PM

Includes: Penny Sale, Baked Goods, Jewelry Table, Petting Zoo, Crafts, Raffles and lots of good food. Join us!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT LASALETTE SHRINE

The Oblate Foreign Mission Office in Lowell, MA is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA to benefit its missionary work in Haiti. LaSalette Shrine has over 300,000 Christmas lights on display, a Museum of several hundred Christmas Creches, and a large Gift Shop. This year's theme is "Mercy Takes Flesh." **Motor coach will depart on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at 1:30 PM from the rear parking lot of St. William Church, 1351 Main St., Tewksbury, MA and return by 8:00 PM.** Bring a bag lunch, or eat in the Shrine Cafeteria. Send name, address, phone number and a check for \$25 to Oblate Foreign Missions, PO Box 9088, Lowell, MA 01853-9088 attention Br. Richard Cote, OMI, Spiritual Director. For more information email: rcote@omiusa.org.

Revisiting the "Day of Wrath"

The Sequence (a special hymn) once sung or recited at Catholic funerals until 1969 has a terrible reputation because it begins with the Latin words *Dies irae*, commonly translated as "day of wrath" or "day of anger." Can you imagine anyone requesting "Day of Wrath" for a loved one's funeral Mass?

I feel sorry for the poor *Dies irae* because some Catholics ridicule and even despise it just because for its somber opening words. But there's so much more to it. We just need to get beyond its opening line.

Recently I discovered a very positive evaluation of the old Latin hymn from an unlikely source: the Westminster Dictionary of the Church (1971 edition), an important work of main-stream Protestant scholarship. The anonymous Protestant scholar described the *Dies irae* as "one of the most beautiful and moving hymns of the church." Fortunately, he or she had taken the trouble to read the *whole* hymn, not just the first two words.

For sure, the first six verses of the 20-verse hymn paint a terrifying picture of the "End." Verse 6, for example, says, "When the Judge takes his seat/and each hidden deed is made visible/nothing un-avenged remains." Whoa! This is clearly not a sentiment you'll find on a Hallmark sympathy card. But once you get beyond the sixth verse, the hymn has a very beautiful tenderness. The anonymous dead sinner, who "speaks" the hymn, "faces the Lord and says: "King of tremendous majesty/who has given salvation freely/You, the fount of loving mercy, save me!" The dead sinner then reminds Jesus that he had suffered and died on the cross to *save* sinners, not to *destroy* them. One translator, who freely embellished the Latin, rendered verses 9 and 10 this way:

Think kind Jesus my salvation
Caused thy wondrous Incarnation
Leave me not to reprobation.

Faint and weary Thou hast sought me
On the Cross of suffering bought me
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?

In these two verses, we hear the dead sinner's *accurate* perception of the Lord as kind, merciful, and totally self-giving to the point of dying on the cross so that sinners could be saved. The dead sinner, then, does not recoil in horror from an angry Judge eager to begin his spiteful tortures. Instead, the dead sinner looks to Christ with hope. In verse 15, the dead sinner echoes Psalm 23: "Grant me, please, a place among the sheep/and separate me from the goats/Your right hand holding me safely." Christ is the Good Shepherd, not Darth Vader.

Some people, of course, are totally put off by the hymn's eerie images of fire, ashes, groaning and moaning. But this unsettling -- and terrifying -- darkness serves as the background that makes the Divine Mercy all the more radiant and astounding. After all, God does not save sinners from a mild bout of the sniffles, but from total annihilation. God's mercy is truly grand and glorious!

The hymn's focus on Divine Mercy derives from its *Franciscan* origin. According to a long tradition, the *Dies irae* came from the pen of Thomas of Celano (1190-1260), a Franciscan who wrote two lyrical biographies of St. Francis of Assisi. Surely, Thomas's close friendship with St. Francis taught him to look toward death with joyful hope, not dreadful fear.

Fr. Michael Kerper