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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Gary MacDonald, *Music Director*
Paul & Jennifer Murano,
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David Santerre, *Maintenance*

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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, Nov. 26, 2016

Vigil - 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM **Jeannette E. McCabe**
By William E. McCabe

Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016 - 1st Sunday of Advent

7:00 AM **Bea Belleau**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Derek Dignan**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Monday, Nov. 28, 2016

12:05 PM **Vivi McDonell (Living)**
By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Trowbridge

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016

12:05 PM **Domecelia Sarameta**
By Mary Sarameta

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016 - St. Andrew

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

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016

9:00 AM **Stanley Sarameta**
By Mary Sarameta

Friday, Dec. 2 2016

12:05 PM **NO DAILY MASS**
Mandatory Priests' Conference

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 - Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM **Ralph T. Dirubbo**
By his wife Mary Dirubbo and Family

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 AM **Cornelius M. Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Maria de Lourdes and Luis Diaz**
By the Family

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 November 19 & 20

Offertory information was not available at the time of printing due to the Thanksgiving holiday schedules. Offertory information for the weekend of November 19 and 20th will be published in next week's bulletin.

**MANDATORY PRIESTS'
CONFERENCE**

Bishop Libasci has requested that all priests gather with him on Thursday, December 1, and Friday, December 2, in Meredith, NH. Because of this, **Mass on Thursday will be held at 9:00 AM.** There will be **no Mass or Confessions on Friday, December 2, 2016.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov. 28 - Dec. 4

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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.

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

**ADVENT EVENING
OF QUIET PRAYER
FOR BUSY WOMEN**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:30 TO 9:00 PM

"Being a Faithful Midwife for the Christ Child"

Carmina, Chapp, Ph. D.
Associate Director, Theology Programs
St. Joseph College (Maine)

*Silent Eucharistic Adoration
Benediction
Confession
Light Refreshments.*

At St. Patrick Church and Parish Center

Sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady
of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena



**KEEP CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council 11907 is proud to kick off our Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Campaign in two ways. The first is our KCIC Poster Contest for children ages 5-14. Posters and completed entry forms should be submitted and received no later than December 15, 2016 to Robert Everett 220 Derry Rd. Apt 40 Hudson NH 03051-6620 (603) 229-7319 rje7@hotmail.com

Second, KCIC Christmas Cards will be on sale starting Thanksgiving weekend at the Holiday Stroll and after masses for two weeks.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus please ask any member at the parish or at our coffee socials. Contact Grand Knight Rob Everett at the number listed above.

**Open Meeting
on Finances**

For Your Questions/Comments

**Sunday, December 4, 2016
After the 9:30 AM Mass
Parish Center**

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

**Laetare Sunday
December 11, 2016**
(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings
8:00 AM
(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

December 3, 2016
**Immaculate Heart of Mary
(First Saturday)**

December 10, 2016
Our Lady

December 17, 2016
Ember Saturday

December 24, 2016
**Vigil of Christmas
No Latin Mass at 8:00 AM**

December 31, 2016
7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

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..

Special Collections Update

Information about special appeals and associated special envelopes are available on the back tables and in the vestibule. Here's an update on recent appeals.

Archdiocese of the Military Services

Many Catholics serve in the armed forces of our nation. Though the priest-chaplains are compensated by the military, the Church's within military communities depend on voluntary contributions. So far our people have donated **\$938**.

Thank you.

Annual Collection for Retired Religious

Every December the Catholic Church invites people to help support over 33,000 retired religious in the United States. The vast majority of these are sisters who taught in our schools, worked in our hospitals, and provided many years of dedicated service to the Lord and His people. We will not pass the basket. During December, we will receive gifts for these faithful servants through the special envelopes available in the vestibule and back tables. Please drop your envelope in the first and only collection or leave it at the rectory. Your generosity will be much appreciated by the sisters.

St. Patrick's Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign, which began last January, has been very successful, having raised 75% of our \$850,000 goal in just 10 months. It is now possible to make direct (non-pledged) donations whenever you desire. The special capital campaign envelopes are in the rear or the church. A plain envelop or check marked "capital campaign" will also suffice. Please remember that all capital campaign donations are used exclusively for upgrades and building projects within the parish.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

DEANERY-WIDE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

NASHUA, MERRIMACK, HUDSON & MILFORD PARISHES

Sunday

December 18, 2016 at 2 pm

St. Joseph's Parish

777 West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH



As we prepare for Advent, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness!

Over 15 priests will be available!



Therefore, confess your sins to me
another and pray for one another,
that you may be healed. The prayer
of a righteous person has great
power as it is working. James 5:16

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE

Enjoy some great food and fun with family and friends on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Bertucci's. When you order your lunch or dinner at Bertucci's (eat in or carry out) and mention Corpus Christi, we will receive 15% of what you spend. Please help support Corpus Christi in this fundraising effort. Please pick up your coupon located in the vestibule to take advantage of this fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

San Damiano House of Prayer

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius retreat consists of two 12-week sessions. The group will follow the life of Jesus beginning in Advent with His birth and continuing through the Easter Season with His Resurrection. The retreat will be held on Monday evenings beginning on December 12th between 7:00 and 8:30 PM. A donation of \$10 per session (or whatever you can afford) is requested. Victor Melo and Monica Melo-Ernest will lead the retreat. Registration is required. Please contact Sr. Linda Greenwood at 978-441-0988 or email lgosf@netzero.net. For more information visit www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org.

Contemplative Eucharist

Fr. Norman Comtois, OMI will celebrate Contemplative Eucharist on four Wednesday evenings during Advent. In the contemplative tradition there is always the invitation to pray with fewer words leaving more space for the experience of silence and emptiness. We will meet on the following Wednesday evenings: Nov. 30th - Dec. 7th - Dec. 14th - Dec. 21st, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the San Damiano House of Prayer, 333 Pawtucket St. Lowell. A free will offering will be taken. For more information please contact Sr. Linda Greenwood at 978-441-0988 or by email at lgosf@netzero.net) or visit us on the web at www.sandamiano-houseofprayer.org.

YOU CAN HELP SHARE THE LOVE!

Subaru of America's *Share the Love* event is back! From now until January 3, 2017, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased to one of four national charities. Meals on Wheels America is designated as one of the participating charities, and will distribute a portion of the funds received to local Meals on Wheels agencies, including St. Joseph Community Services (SJCS).



Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Northeast Catholic College

The Faculty, Staff and Students of Northeast Catholic College cordially invite you to attend an Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4, 2016, 5:00 PM on campus at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel, 511 Kearsarge Mountain Road, Warner, New Hampshire. The prayer service will be followed by a reception in the dining room. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. We hope that you will join us in this celebration of the Advent of Our Savior Jesus Christ!

Please RSVP to Ginger Iverson at by email at: giverson@NortheastCatholic.edu or call Ginger at 603.456.2656. Also, please visit our website www.NortheastCatholic.edu.

Advent and Waiting

In a world marked by instant communication and the immediate gratification of every desire, most people now regard any experience of waiting as torture. We do not easily tolerate any time – not even a second – between our desire and its fulfillment.

Waiting, however, is a necessary aspect of God's living relationship with humanity. God imposes waiting, not as a penalty or cruel teasing, but as an opportunity to learn, change, and appreciate more deeply the gifts we receive.

Advent is much more than a preparation for Christmas. Advent also commemorates Israel's waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. Since the middle of the 6th century, the Church has set aside roughly four weeks before Christmas as a time of waiting. For many years Advent was also a time of mandatory fasting, much like Lent. Though fasting is no longer legally imposed, other forms of penance, such as almsgiving and prayer, are strongly encouraged.

The four Sundays of Advent symbolically recall the patient waiting of Israel. In ancient times, people believed that 4,000 years had elapsed from the time of the sin of Adam to the birth of Christ, the promised Messiah. Each Sunday, then, represents 1,000 years of waiting. Advent acts as a miniature version of Israel's long history, which involved so much waiting.

Why didn't God send the Messiah immediately? Why did God make Israel wait so long? The Old Testament gives us some answers.

The experience of waiting taught the people their essential neediness. Waiting led them to trust in the faithfulness of God who acts according to the divine timetable rather than ours. Waiting allowed the Israelites to see with ever-greater clarity the slow – yet always persistent – movement of God on their behalf. Waiting taught them patience, the virtue so closely linked with hope. Finally, waiting made the fulfillment of God's promise all the more wondrous because the long period of anticipation inflamed Israel's "appetite" for God.

Our contemporary culture has obliterated Advent because it despises waiting. Some people have *already* had their "Holiday Party." (For example, one store in downtown Boston has already had its employees "Holiday Party" on November 4!)

Though society relentlessly pushes Christmas into our faces, stripping away any sense of waiting, we need to preserve Advent as the necessary preparation for the Lord's birth. Without Advent, our celebration of Christmas loses an absolutely crucial dimension – the remembrance that God usually moves slowly in fulfilling our hopes. As Advent begins, try to slow down and wait so that God's own slowness can be savored, enjoyed, and imitated.

Fr. Michael Kerper