

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Michael Kerper
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Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager
Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper
Gary McDonald, Music Director
Rel. Educ. Paul & Jennifer Murano

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, Oct. 24, 2015 - Vigil ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **George Pelletier (Living)**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Dr. & Mrs. William B. Garvey**
By the Family

12:00 PM **Muriel Brackett**
By Roselle & Pat Belanger

Monday, Oct. 26, 2015

12:00 PM **Jack Dunn, 7th Anniversary**
By his wife Mary Dunn

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015

12:05 PM **Mary Lovett**

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 ~ Sts. Simon and Jude

12:05 PM **Josephine A. Crowley**

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015

12:05 PM **Sara Degnan**

Friday, Oct. 30, 2015

12:05 PM **Mary Cohan**

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 - Vigil ~ All Saints Day

4:00 PM **Anita Bazin**
By the Family

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 ~ All Saints Day

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM **Priest's Intention**

12:00 PM **Robert & Rachel Huberdeau**
By Maurice Huberdeau

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 October 17 & 18

From (170) Envelope Users: \$5,842.00
 From All Others - Checks: \$ 922.00
 - Cash: \$1,468.00
 Electronic Giving Users (22) \$1,015.00
Total Collection \$9,247.00

Mass Count: 774

Retired Priests Fund

Previous total: \$6,552.00
 Weekend of Oct. 17 & 18 \$ 140.00
Total: \$6,692.00

World Mission Sunday \$1,174.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of October 17 & 18 **\$477.00**

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

NEWS AND NOTES

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

November 8, 2015

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

Oct. 31, 2015

Saturday of Our Lady

Nov. 7, 2015

Saturday of Our Lady

Nov. 14, 2015

St. Josaphat

November 21, 2015

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 or to obtain your missal.

WEEKLY READINGS

October 25 through November 1

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Music & Texts for Vigil Mass
at 4:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

Texts and Readings pp. 196-197

Collegetown Hymnal

Processional: #558 *We Gather Together*

Communion Antiphon: (pg. 197)

*We will ring out our joy at your saving help
And exult in the name of our God. Ps. 20:6*

Recessional: #570 *Now Thank We All
Our God*

**NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE
HOME VISITATION TRAVELING KIT**

During the month of October the Church remembers the Apparitions of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. 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.

For more information about this program, please visit the World Apostolate of Fatima, Manchester Diocesan Division website at www.Bluearmy.com (click About Us, Diocesan Division, Location NH).

**THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP & ST. PHILOMENA**

Do you desire to deepen your faith and devotion to Our Blessed Mother and prayerfully support St. Patrick Parish? Women of all ages are invited to join the Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena for an evening meal and prayer. Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 6, 2015. Please join us at 6:30 PM in the parish center. For more information contact Stephanie at 603-718-8629 or Anamaree at olphsodality@yahoo.com.

Partners in Service

All current Minister of Holy Communion will meet on **Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Fr. Kerper will review liturgical procedures, Diocesan requirements for the appointment of Ministers of Holy Communion, and the need to expand spiritual care at two senior residences in Nashua which now have monthly Masses. Please RSVP by calling Rosemary at 882-2262.

Follow up Meeting on Parish Safety

Everyone who participated in the orientation session with Officer Bill Adamson of the Nashua Police Department is invited to gather on **Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. We would like to make plans in response to the officer's suggestions and recommendations. Also, all current ushers are invited to attend so that we can review procedures and implement suggestions. Please RSVP by calling Rosemary at 882-2262.

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 will be on the tables in the vestibule beginning this weekend. 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.

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, Oct. 25: Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 in classrooms and outer gym area.

Priest's Appreciation Social after 7:00 & 9:30 AM and 12:00 noon Masses in the Gym.

Monday, Oct. 26: Religious Education Classes Grades 7-12 in classrooms and outer gym area.

Thursday, Oct. 29: Scouts in rooms 3 and 4 @ 7 PM.

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.

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

Community News

NASHUA CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 ~ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

The Nashua Catholic Open House starts in our gym at 6 Bartlett Ave., Nashua, NH on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Opportunities to meet our teachers, coaches, and parents, discuss curriculum, see student activity, and to tour our facility will follow. Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, Catholic based curriculum and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our commitment to student service activity, a full contingent of extracurricular activities, and three seasons of Tri-County League athletic participation round out each student's day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School.

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 book is written by Fr. Michael Gaitley, one of the Marian Fathers of the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA.

The retreat will be held in the Sr. Leon Pennell Center, Room A at St. Christopher Parish on Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1 and 8 from 10:30 AM to Noon. If necessary a second class will be offered on Nov. 2, 9, 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. Cost for the packet including the book "33 Days to Morning Glory" is \$30. Without the book, the cost is \$20. **Please fill out the registration form below and send it and your check (made payable to John Kiely) to John Kiely, 8 Louisburg Square, #6, Nashua, NH 03060.**

"33 Days of Morning Glory" Retreat REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

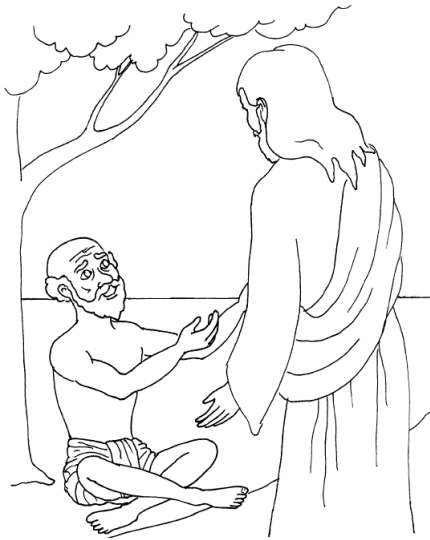
Phone: _____

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.

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.



"Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus that he might receive his sight."
 Mark 10:46-52

**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.

**Associates of
 St. Marguerite d'Youville**

The Associates of St. Marguerite d'Youville is an active group of men and women who meet once a month in Nashua to share a meal, support a charitable cause and enrich their spiritual life through prayer and discussion. Applications for this group, which is affiliated with the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns of Montreal, are being accepted at this time. Individuals are invited to attend a meeting at the Parish Nurse Center, 72 Vine St., Nashua, NH on November 4th. Interested persons may contact Dr. C. Twiss at 673-5359 for further information.

**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: _____

MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, January 21, 2016 - Friday, January 22, 2016

The 43rd March for Life will take place in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 21, 2016 and Friday, January 22, 2016. Transportation and Accommodation costs are \$97 Bus only; \$160 Double Occupancy; \$143 Triple Occupancy, and \$133 Quad Occupancy. Cost includes bus transportation, t-shirt, bag lunch on the ride down, one night at a hotel, metro tickets, and continental breakfast at the hotel.

Registration forms are on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org/public-issues/life. Registration forms need to be forwarded to Valerie Lynn Somers, 55 Spring Cove Road, Nashua, NH 03062 or by email to Valerie_lynn_somers@comcast.net by October 31, 2015 with a 50% deposit. Final payments are due by Dec. 15, 2015.

The power of religious example

Some Catholics spend much time debating the causes of the Church's noticeable shrinkage in the affluent regions of the West, including New England. Everyone has a favorite theory: fuzzy catechisms, too much tradition, not enough tradition, excessive moral strictness, too much laxity, and so forth. The real cause, however, is the bad example of professed Catholics.

Fr. Charles de Foucauld, the French hermit-priest who lived in the deserts of Algeria until his assassination in 1916, frequently stressed the absolute importance of good example as the indispensable prelude to preaching the Gospel to Muslims. In 1912, he inserted the following text into his diary: "We want good priests – not to preach – but to establish contact [with Muslims], to make themselves loved, to inspire esteem, trust, and friendship; then we should want good lay Christians of both sexes to fulfill the same role, to enter into still closer contact, to go where the priest hardly can."

Brother Charles, his preferred form of address, did not deny the obligation to preach the full truth of the Gospel. Not at all. Instead he recognized that the nomadic Tuaregs, who were Muslims, believed that all Christians were exactly like the French colonialists who controlled Algeria. These Muslims, then, equated Christian faith with the bad example of the French, who actually had no interest whatsoever in spreading the Gospel. Brother Charles, who thoroughly knew Islamic society from the "inside," believed it would take many years, even centuries, to undo the effects of bad example. He wrote: "If these unfortunate Muslims see as self-styled Christians only unjust and tyrannical speculators giving an example of vice, how can they be converted? How can they but hate our holy religion? How can they not become more and more hostile to us?" Brother Charles has been dead for 99 years. Not much has changed.

The power of good example may also act against Christian faith, drawing lukewarm and secularized Christians toward other religions. This nearly happened to de Foucauld when he was a flamboyant young surveyor living in Islamic Morocco. Having grown up in the de-Christianized France of the late 19th century, he had dropped out of the Catholic Church along with many others of his generation. When he found himself surrounded by the intense, frequent, and public worship of Muslims, he suddenly noticed the religious void in his own life. This robust Islamic worship acted like a magnet, drawing him away from Catholicism, which had become flaccid and moribund in France. This good example of widespread and enthusiastic public worship seemed to verify the truth of Islam against his hereditary Christian faith, which he scarcely knew. Reflecting on his experience of being immersed in an Islamic society, Brother Charles wrote, "And here I was without religion!"

Strange as it may seem, Brother Charles' youthful encounter with Islam played an essential role in his "re-conversion" to Catholicism. As he often said, "I live among people who pray," as opposed to secularized France. And the powerful effect of seeing praying Muslims led him to devote himself to giving good example without very much preaching at all.

Fr. Michael Kerper