

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, Oct. 29, 2016 - Vigil - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Doris Colletta**
By Germaine Dodier

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Beatriz Goncalves Orfao**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Simon Ulcickas**
By the Family

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

Monday, Oct. 31, 2016

12:05 PM **Katherine Styles & John Mercier**
By the Family

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016 ~ ALL SAINTS DAY

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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 ~ ALL SOULS DAY

7:00 AM **Beloved Dead of our Parish**
(Latin)

7:45 AM **Beloved Dead of our Parish**
(Latin)

12:05 PM **Beloved Dead of our Parish**

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016 ~ St. Martin de Porres

12:05 PM **Anita Bazin**
By the Family

Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 ~ St. Charles Borromeo

12:05 PM **Lorraine Rapsis**
By the Rapsis Family

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 - Vigil - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM **Doris Wood**
By the Family

12:00 PM **Sonya Landry**
By her son Christopher Landry

GIFTS FOR THE LORD'S WORK
Weekend of Oct. 22 & 23, 2016

From (150) Envelope Users: \$5,995.75
From All Others - Checks: \$1,307.00
- Cash: \$1,657.00
Electronic Giving Users (16) \$ 582.00
Total Collection \$9,541.75

Mass Count: 766

Retired Priests

Previous 4 Weeks Totals \$4,924.00
Weekend of 10/16/16 \$ 264.00
Total: **\$5,188.00**

World Mission Sunday \$902.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 10/23/16 **\$456.00**

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!

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!

**ALL SAINTS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016
(Holy Day of Obligation)

**12:05 PM
and
7:00 PM**

**ALL SOULS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016
*Three Masses will be celebrated
for our beloved dead.*

7:00 AM/7:45 AM
Extraordinary Form (Latin)

12:05 PM
Confessions at 11:30 AM

All the deceased of the parish, including those who have died since All Souls Day of last year, will be remembered at the 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM Masses.

Throughout November, the parish "Book of the Dead" will be located on the column near the Blessed Mother's altar. If you would like your loved ones remembered at our Masses during November, please inscribe their names in the book.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016

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

November 5, 2016
Mass for the Dead

November 12, 2016
St. Martin I

November 19, 2016
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

November 26, 2016
St. Sylvester

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..

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct. 31 to Nov. 6

- Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Wednesday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from 668 or from Masses for the Dead, 1011-1016
- Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Notes From Fr. Kerper

Thank you!

Over 120 parish members and guests had a great time on Saturday, October 15 after the 4:00 PM Mass. It was delightful to see such a variety of people, young and old, gathered together to enjoy time together and a good meal. Thanks to the creative, energetic, and enthusiastic team of parishioners who planned the event, did the cooking and cleaned up afterwards. St. Patrick's Parish is indeed blessed to have so many good people eager to serve the Lord's community. Thanks to all!

Adult Confirmation Class

Every year we discover adults of all ages who desire Confirmation. We hope to start off once again in early November. The class usually meets on Saturday afternoons. If you would like to be Confirmed or know someone else who would, please call Fr. Kerper at 603-882-2262.

Safety Reminders

During the past few weeks several people have left purses and wallets in the pews. Fortunately, they were quickly located and returned to their owners. Please do not leave valuables in the pews during Communion time.

Restroom Signs

Several weeks ago we installed new signs on the two small restrooms at the bottom of the choir loft stairway. Each is now designated simply as a "Restroom." This change was made because women and girls at Sunday Masses frequently had to wait in line even when the "men's" room was clearly unoccupied. Both rooms are identical and can be occupied by only one person at a time. Also, please remember that children should always be escorted to the restroom area when the need arises.

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.

Benefit Concert on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM

It is with much joy that we announce a Benefit Concert to be presented at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, November 22 (the Feast of St. Cecilia) at 7:00 PM. This concert will feature the Liturgy No. 3 by American Canadian composer Roman Hurko. This choral work is an extraordinarily beautiful setting of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the liturgy of many of the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. The concert will be concluded with sung Compline for the Feast of St. Cecilia. The Cor Unum Chorale, a 50 member choir, including students from Thomas More College, as well as singers from throughout the region, will be performing this concert under the direction of Paul Jernberg (Composer-in-Residence at TMC and Music Director of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes in Methuen, MA.)

In lieu of tickets, a free will offering will be taken at the concert. All proceeds will go directly to benefit refugees and internally displaced people in the Middle East, through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. We hope to see you at this concert which promises to be a glorious event as well as a wonderful opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in need.

For more information and/or to donate, please visit youcaring.com (type in number 656504).

NASHUA SOUP KITCHEN & SHELTER 2016 ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Inc. invites you to join them at their 2016 Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua, NH on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**. Doors open at 6:00 PM. For additional information to attend, sponsor or donate, please call Erika or Carol at 603-889-7770 or visit our website at www.nsk.org.

OUTREACH MEETING

The next Outreach meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Room 2 of the Parish Center. All are invited to attend.

Corpus Christi Food Pantry

The Corpus Christi Food Pantry is requesting donations of non-perishable food items for families in need of assistance. The pantry is currently in need of cereal and toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and smaller liquid dish detergent. We also are looking for healthy snacks: fruit cups, cereal bars, granola, juice, as well as, mac and cheese, and canned vegetables A donation box is located in the vestibule. Please call 882-6372 if you have any questions.

FRONT DOOR AGENCY IS SEEKING PLAYMATES FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

The Front Door Agency is looking for volunteer playmates for our Transitional Housing Program. Playmates and childcare helpers are needed throughout the month for less than two hours at a time as our transitional housing moms attend life skill groups and educational programs. Our kids range from infants to 10 years old.

Staff and seasoned volunteers will be here to guide and support you. You will never be left alone. Sign up for as much or as little time as you can give. We appreciate whatever works for your schedule.

For more information contact Nancy Paige at (603) 886-2866.

STE. MARIE PARISH CRAFT FAIR NOV. 5, 2016 ~ 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 378 NOTRE DAME AVE., MANCHESTER, NH

A variety of crafters and vendors will display items for sale. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase.

NASHUA CATHOLIC REGIONAL JR. HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 15, 2016
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Nashua Catholic Regional Jr. High School offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, Catholic-based curriculum. We are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We invited interested families to come and learn more about our school. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.ncrjhs.org.

Daughters Of Isabella

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday Nov. 19, 2016 – 8AM to 2 PM

St. Louis Church Hall
W. Hollis St. Nashua

Baked Goods  Baked Beans

Tourtiere (pork pies)**
Penny Sale

*Tables are available for rent for \$20/table—2 for \$30 (must be paid in advance). Please call Lorraine Audet @ 429-2168 for more info.

PIE PICKUP : Thursday Nov.17 or Friday Nov.18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday Nov.19 –WHILE THEY LAST

UNDERSTANDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On November 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, join Bishop Peter A. Libasci at the 8th Annual Catholics in the Public Square event at the NH Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College to learn from experts about the crisis of human trafficking. Jasmine Marino, a survivor and advocate for women currently enslaved, will share her message of survival, faith, and hope. Additional speakers will explain the types of trafficking, signs that a person is being trafficked, what you can do to help. This event is free but advance registration is required at catholicnh.org/publicsquare or by contacting Kimberly Low at klow@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0131.

Mass stipends and the dead

For roughly a thousand years Catholics have used November as a special time to pray for the dead. This noble custom emerged as a quasi-official extension of All Souls Day, which originated in 998 among the Benedictine monks of Cluny, the center of the great monastic reform movement. The monks realized that many of their brothers had not always lived good lives, and so they felt obligated to pray for their eventual salvation after death. Linked with this practice of praying for the dead is the frequently misunderstood custom of "having a Mass said" for deceased loved ones. Even today, some people call the rectory to "buy a Mass for Mom." How can people "buy" Masses? What's this all about?

The custom of offering a monetary "stipend" to a priest "for a Mass" gradually began when money-based economic systems replaced barter. In ancient times people provided their priests with the bread and wine actually used at a particular Mass. In exchange for this gift, the deceased loved one received a "special remembrance" at the Mass. As economies gradually became money-based, cash stipends replaced the actual bread and wine. The amount of the stipend was supposed to equal the cost of the priest's daily sustenance. That of course, has fallen by the wayside. The standard stipend is now \$10.00. The daily sustenance, of course, is much higher than \$10.00, an amount that has not risen in many years. Church law, by the way, strictly prohibits the priest from accepting more than one stipend per day regardless of how many Masses he celebrates. In our Diocese, the additional stipends support retired and sick priests.

What actually happens to the deceased person who is remembered at Mass? At most, the Church simply teaches that prayers and Masses offered on behalf of the dead somehow benefit them. Nothing more. Nothing less. However, St. Thomas Aquinas, who theorized about almost everything, proposed one possible explanation.

We find his beautiful theory in the Supplement to the Summa Theologiae (Question 71, Articles 9-10), a text actually written by Fr. Rainaldo da Piperno who reconstructed the notes of St. Thomas after he died in 1274. St. Thomas stressed that deep and permanent bonds of charity link the living and dead. Through these bonds, good deeds -- like prayers, almsgiving, and participation in the Eucharist -- become transferable among people. Because the Eucharist always reflects and intensifies the bonds of divine-human love, the Mass becomes a kind of "meeting point" between living and dead. This mysterious "contact" somehow benefits both parties: the one who arranged the Mass and the dead person. In fact, St. Thomas argued that the Mass actually helps the living person more than the dead because he or she has done a wonderful act of charity. Moreover, St. Thomas highly commended almsgiving to the poor on behalf of the dead as an especially efficacious practice. Sadly, many have forgotten this "good work" for the dead.

Moving beyond the somewhat arcane medieval theories, public Mass intentions at the very least resurrect the memory of the forgotten dead. "Announced Masses," as they are sometimes called, bring people together on anniversaries to pray and remember their deceased. In a world that so quickly forgets the dead, anything that preserves their memory is surely worth doing. We, of course, do it every day at the Eucharist. November, the month of the Holy Souls, is the perfect time to remember our deceased loved ones, especially our ancestors.

Fr. Michael Kerper