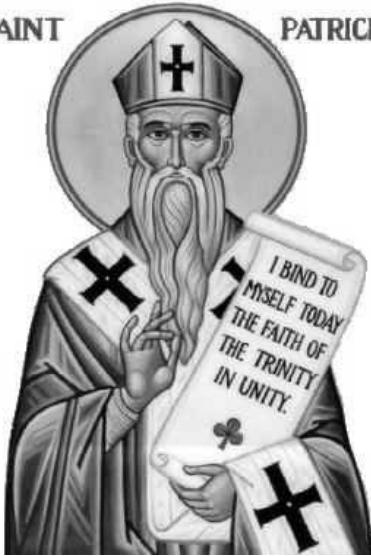


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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor

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Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
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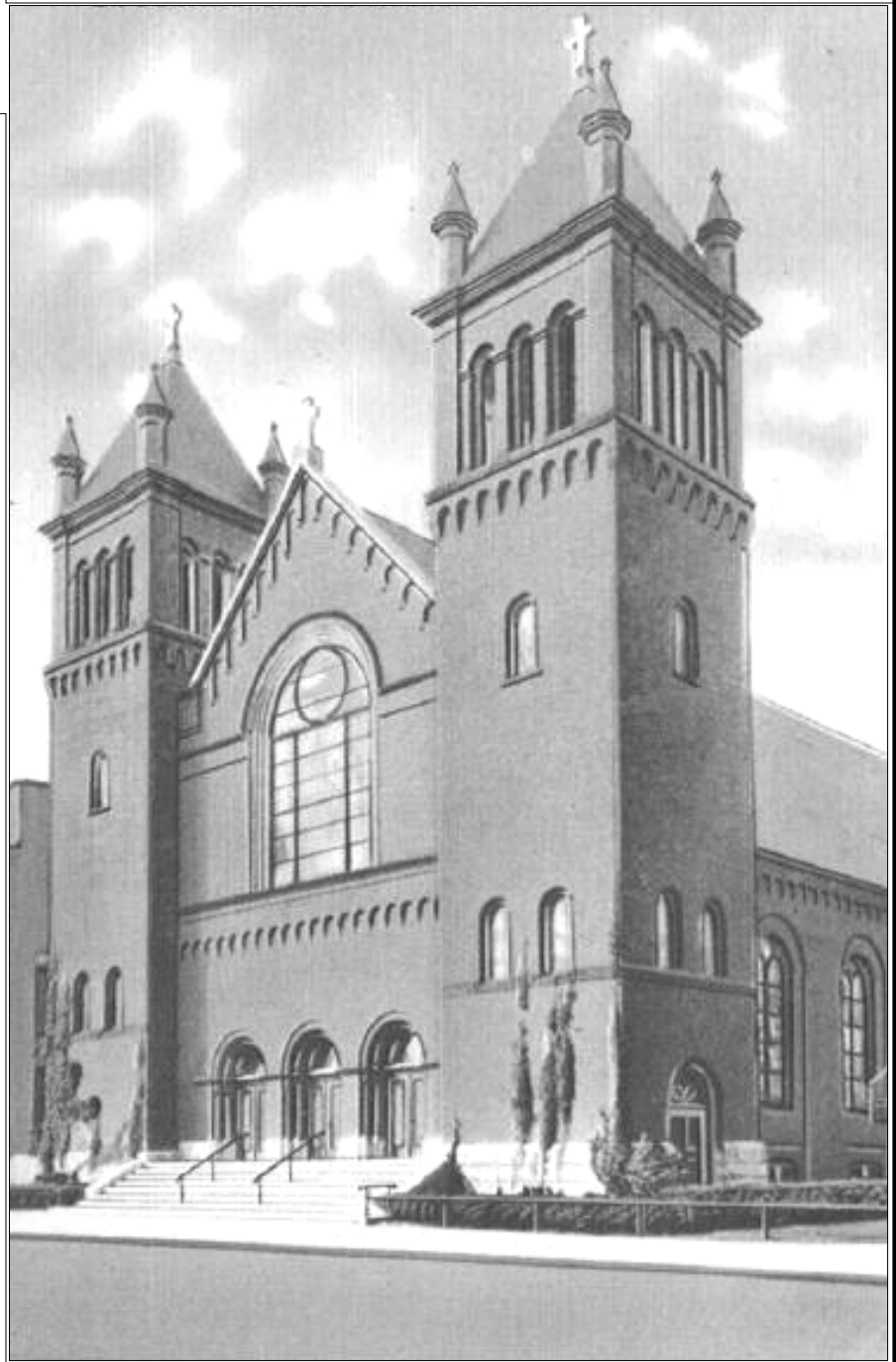
**Mass Schedule**  
Mon. - Fri. 12:05 PM (Daily Mass)  
Sat. 4:00 PM (Organ & Cantor)  
Sun. 7:00 AM (Quiet Mass)  
9:30 AM (Organ & Cantor)  
12:00 PM (Organ & Choir)

**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, Sept. 5, 2015 - Vigil ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Thomas Dionne**  
By Lisa and Michael Dionne

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 ~ 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 AM **Donal P. Dignan**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Joan B. Hayes**  
By Dorothy J. Garun

**Monday, Sept. 7, 2015 ~ LABOR DAY**

9:00 AM **Priest's Intention**

**Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 PM **Helen Bennett**  
By William Bennett

**Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 ~ St. Peter Claver**

12:05 PM **Rachel Bibeau**  
By Estelle Gosselin

**Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015**

12:05 PM **Rachel Bibeau**  
By Estelle Gosselin

**Friday, Sept. 11, 2015**

12:05 PM **Rachel Bibeau**  
By Estelle Gosselin

**Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 - Vigil ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr,**  
By his wife Kathy Ennis

**Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Ron Lavallee**  
By Norm & Mary Lavallee

9:30 AM **Margaret A. Hanafin**  
By the Provost Family

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

*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 Aug. 22 & 23**

From (191) Envelope Users: \$5,828.50  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,391.00  
- Cash: \$1,410.00  
Electronic Giving Users (22) \$ 765.00  
**Total Collection \$9,394.50**

**Mass Count: 603**

**Weekend of Aug. 29 & 30**

From (188) Envelope Users: \$6,149.50  
From All Others - Checks: \$ 797.00  
- Cash: \$1,701.00  
Electronic Giving Users (17) \$ 665.00  
**Total Collection \$9,312.50**

**Mass Count: 773**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of Aug. 22 & 23 \$427.00  
Weekend of Aug. 29 & 30 \$237.00

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!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COFFEE & DONUTS**

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 after the 9:30 AM Mass**

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that monthly Coffee and Donuts socials are back! The first of these monthly events will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Center**. All are welcome. This is a great time to enjoy some food and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

NEWS AND NOTES

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon  
Sunday Sept. 13, 2015  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Saturday Mornings  
8:00 AM  
*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*  
Sept. 12, 2015  
**Most Holy Name of Mary**  
Sept. 19, 2015  
**St. Januarius & Companions**  
Sept. 26, 2015  
**Ember Saturday**

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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.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

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

**WEEKLY READINGS**  
**Sept. 7 through Sept. 13**

**Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (18-23)  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**LABOR DAY SCHEDULE**  
**MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2015**

St. Patrick Parish offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**Mass will be held at 9:00 AM.**  
**There will be no 12:05 PM Mass.**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

*"The truth will set you free." John 8:32*

The time has arrived to register for this year's faith formation classes! This is a great opportunity for each of us to grow in grace and wisdom as a community of faith.

Faith Formation at St. Patrick's includes all ages, and will begin September 27, for grades 1-6 and on September 28, for grades 7-12. Adult Enrichment will start the following week.

Student registration is still open for the fall, grades 1-12. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

**Parents:** There is a required brief parent meeting on the first day of classes while students are in class. This will immediately be followed by a required First Communion Parent Meeting (9/27), and Confirmation Parent Meeting (9/28). Please note there was a mandatory parent orientation meeting with Fr. Kerper. If you missed that orientation, please contact the Directors and we will work with you on this requirement.

Adult enrichment will be offered during class time on Sunday and Monday evenings and is free of charge (registration not required).

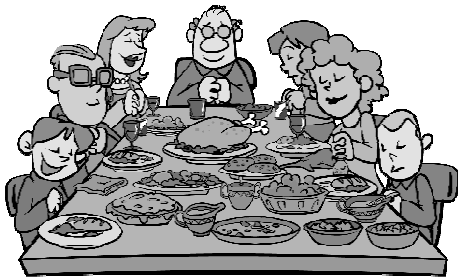
**Volunteer Catechists:** *CHANGE in MEETINGS* There are two required catechist meetings led by Fr. Kerper at 7:00 PM on 9/16 and 9/23. Plan to attend.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you are interested in helping out the religious education program this year, or if you have questions, contact Paul and Jennifer Murano at: [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com)

**ROSARIES FOR AFRICA**

We will be collecting rosaries, statues, crosses and crucifixes, and small and/or pocket Bibles to send to African churches. If you have items in **good condition** that you would like to donate, there will be a box located in the Vestibule of the Church. Please note, we do not provide pick up service for donated items. You must drop them off in the church vestibule.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH DINNER**  
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 5:00 - 8:30 PM in the Gym



Tickets will go on sale in September and we are looking forward to a fun evening! Anyone interested in assisting is welcome to contact Janet Polaneczky for more information and find out what this event entails. We have fun together, so please join us! Questions? Please contact Janet Polaneczky at 603-930-5090 or send her an email with your questions at [jpolaneczky@comcast.net](mailto:jpolaneczky@comcast.net).

**HOLIDAY STROLL CRAFT FAIR**  
November 28, 2015 3:00 - 9:00 PM  
St. Patrick 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!

**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.)

**Coffee & Donuts:** Sunday, Sept. 6 after 9:30 AM Mass in the Gym.

**Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena:** Friday, Sept. 11, 7:00-9:00 PM, Rm. 2.

**Volunteer Training of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Rooms 1 and 2.

**Latin Mass Social:** Sunday, Sept. 13 in the Gym after the Latin Mass at 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**

**PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY  
20TH ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**  
Sat., Sept. 19 ~ 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
182 Lowell Rd., Hudson, NH  
(Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 20th)

Join us for our 20th Annual Fall Fun Fest! There will be a large variety of attractions for all ages, including many inflatables and a photo booth with fun props. Enjoy the petting zoo; face painting; tie-dye your own shirt and bucket hat; pumpkin painting and so much more! Let's not forget our fabulous penny sale with over 250 items; Super Raffle with a top prize of \$500.00; theme basket raffles; Sisters Fish Pond, and lots of yummy grilled food to enjoy (including a baked potato bar). For dessert there is fresh home baked apple crisp or Kona Ice. Bring the family and enjoy the day with us. As always, FREE PARKING.

Funds raised are used during the school year for all students and include field trips, enrichment programs, and more.

We are located at 182 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH. Please visit us at [www.pmaschool.org](http://www.pmaschool.org) or email us at [Parent-Group@pmaschool.org](mailto:Parent-Group@pmaschool.org) for more information about this event! Or call Chris Thompson at 603-505-0031.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**  
43 Franklin St., Nashua, NH

Thank you to those who have generously donated to our pantry. We are blessed to have your support and prayerfully remember you each day as we assist our neighbors in Nashua. Non-perishable items like: canned meat, such as: beef stew or ham, chili, canned pasta or sauce, Mac and Cheese, Ramen noodles or Cup o' Soup, muffin mixes, jelly or jam, as well as, shampoo, deodorant, and toiletry items are on our "wish list" this month. For more information, email Susan Dignan at [Corpuschristifp@aol.com](mailto:Corpuschristifp@aol.com), or call 882-6372.

**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.

**Annual Homeschool Mass  
St. Joseph Cathedral  
Sept. 10, 2015 @ 10:00 AM**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all homeschool students, parents, instructors and those interested in the ever-growing home school system in New Hampshire to attend a special Mass on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell Street, Manchester. Questions are welcomed by Father Jason Jalbert at 663-0153 or you can send your questions by email to [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) for more information.

**Summer Reception Funds  
Grants for Needy**

The annual Summer Reception to support the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund will be held at *Trudel House, official residence of the Bishop of Manchester, on Thursday, September 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.* Proceeds from the Summer Reception enable Bishop Libasci to make grants to non-profit organizations in New Hampshire that help those most in need. Attendance at the reception is open to all, but does require a donation. Information on tickets, donation levels and descriptions of all the grants made by Bishop Libasci and the BCAF can be found at [www.catholicnh.org/bcaf](http://www.catholicnh.org/bcaf) or by calling 603-663-0166.

**GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT FORUM**

Immaculate Conception Parish  
216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH  
Saturday, October 17, 2015 9-11:30 AM  
Immaculate Conception Gathering Hall

Immaculate Conception Health Ministry Team invites you to join them for a breakfast forum entitled Grief and Bereavement: How to Navigate Life's Changes and Losses to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM at the Immaculate Conception Parish Gathering Hall.

A professional grief specialist from St. Joseph Hospital will lead the discussion and provide the necessary tools and strategies to manage our responses to these life changing events. A prayer and healing service will also be offered.

A continental breakfast will be served. Come alone or bring a friend. All are welcome!



Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-30! The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the First Quo Vadis Vocation Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. This day will be hosted by Bishop Libasci and will be led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Manchester on **Saturday, October 24 from 10-4 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Litchfield.** If you are interested, please contact the pastor of your parish or Father Jason Jalbert via email at [jjalbert@rcbm.org](mailto:jjalbert@rcbm.org).

**HEALING MASS**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 7:00 PM  
ST. ALOYSIUS OF GONZAGA PARISH**

St. Aloysius of Gonzaga Parish will have a special healing service on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 PM with Fr. Bashobora from Uganda, Africa (Mbarara diocese). Fr. Bash, as he is known, is a diocesan coordinator of Charismatic Renewal. He leads evangelizing retreats in different parts of the world and has taken care of thousands of orphans, building orphanages and ensuring that they receive proper education, food and other necessities. We are fortunate to have him with us for one evening as he arrives in the United States to spread the Good News in parishes all over the country. We hope you will join us.

**World Meeting of Families  
Pilgrimage & Papal Mass  
Sept. 22- 27, 2015 ~ Philadelphia, PA**

The 8th World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22 to 27, 2015. Pope Francis will celebrate a public Mass on Sunday, September 27. The Diocese of Manchester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the World Meeting and Papal Mass. For information and pilgrimage details visit [www.catholicnh.org/wmof](http://www.catholicnh.org/wmof).

## *St. Peter Claver and Pope Francis*

On September 9, the Church celebrates the memory of St. Peter Claver, a remarkable Jesuit priest whose controversial work back in the 17<sup>th</sup> century helps us to understand some of the concerns – and statements – of Pope Francis.

Born in 1580 in Spain, St. Peter joined the Society of Jesus in 1602 and was sent to study at San Sion College in Mallorca. There he met St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, a simple Jesuit lay brother who served as the college's doorkeeper. St. Alphonsus had joined the Society in his early 40's after the death of his wife. St. Alphonus, nearly 40 years older than St. Peter, encouraged the young Jesuit to seek assignment to the "New World" so he could work among the thousands of slaves imported from Africa. St. Peter's superiors agreed. He arrived in Cartagena, Colombia in 1610 and received Holy Orders in 1616. He died in 1654.

Upon arriving in Cartagena St. Peter Claver upset the slave traders, many of them baptized Catholics: he actually *baptized* the Africans! By *baptizing* 300,000 Africans, he "humanized" them, thereby making them morally and spiritually *equal* to their owners. This, of course, created a crisis of conscience: How could a believing Christian buy or sell a human being who was a fellow Christian? Many Christian slave holders proposed clever arguments to reconcile their faith with engaging in the slave trade; but beginning in 1537, the Popes regularly condemned slavery and pleaded with Catholics to stop their involvement. As often happens, however, those who profited from moral evil simply ignored the Popes, continued with "business as usual," and advised the Popes to stick to religion, not economics.

St. Peter Claver never devised a political strategy to end slavery. Instead he used the sacramental power of Baptism to affirm the status of the Africans as *human persons* – a status denied them by their owners and sellers. Despite St. Peter's best efforts, slavery remained legal in Latin America for another 150 years – and for over 200 years in the United States.

In recent times, the Catholic Church has heroically continued the work of St. Peter Claver by steadfastly affirming the personhood of "neo-slaves" -- unborn children and terminally ill people. St. Peter Clever restored slaves to the human family: the Church does the same for the new "non-persons" among us.

Pope Francis has extended this project through his passionate advocacy for the thousands of displaced migrants who roam through the world. Shortly after being elected to the papacy, the Holy Father went to Lapedusa to celebrate Mass and grieve for refugees who had died in the Mediterranean Sea as they fled Northern Africa. The Holy Father's powerful gesture annoyed many people, but so had St. Peter Claver's decision to baptize slaves.

In *Laudato Si*, the Holy Father lamented the "widespread indifference" to the suffering of so many migrants, many of them fellow Catholics. He wrote: "*Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of the sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.*"

St. Peter Clever and Pope Francis, two Jesuits separated in time by three centuries, share a holy and noble commitment: the reaffirmation of the personhood of every human being, including those whose lives are most in jeopardy.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*