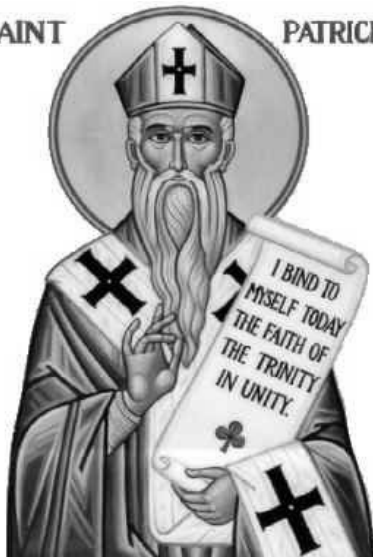


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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

**Rev. John Healey**  
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, 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**

**Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 ~ Exaltation of the Cross**

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows**

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 ~ Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

12:05 PM **Therese Desautel**  
By Lisa Desautel

**Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 ~ St. Robert Bellarmine**

12:05 PM **Ann Sullivan**  
By the Family

**Friday, Sept. 18, 2015**

12:05 PM **Cory Belanger Cote**  
By his mother and sister

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 - Vigil ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Edward P. Hutchins, 10th Anniversary**  
By his wife Joyce and Family

**Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Francis W. J. Bolen**  
By the Family

9:30 AM **Rachel 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 Sept. 5 & 6**

From (173) Envelope Users:	\$5,077.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 651.00
- Cash:	\$1,371.00
Electronic Giving Users (21)	\$1,030.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$8,129.00</b>

**Mass Count: 689**

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**USCCB Catholic University Collection** \$664.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Weekend of Sept. 5 & 6 \$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!**

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

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

**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.

**Music and Texts for Weekend Masses**

**Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM**

Liturgy of the Word Missalette  
Texts & Readings: pp. 183-185

Collegeville Hymnal

- Processional #592 *Praise to the Lord*
- Post Communion #383 *O Jesus, We Adore Thee* (2 Verses)
- Recessional #568 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

**Sunday Missa Cantata at 12:00 Noon**

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

Text and Music from the **St. Edmund Campion Missal**

Congregational Hymns

- Processional #943 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
- Communion #958 *Adoro Te Domino* (Choir Only)
- Recessional #937 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Proper Texts pp. 377-388  
Ordinary of the Mass pp. 639-683

**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. 19, 2015  
**St. Januarius & Companions**  
Sept. 26, 2015  
**Ember Saturday**

**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.

**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!

**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)

## PASTORAL NOTES

### **Saturday Vigil Mass**

Beginning this Saturday, we will have a simplified 4:00 PM Mass. We will sing a processional and recessional hymn without a cantor, using only familiar traditional hymns. As during the summer, we will continue to recite the Kyrie, Gloria, and responsorial psalm. The organist will provide instrumental music during the offertory and communion times. Also, considering the reluctance of most people to bring forth the gifts, the server will now bring the hosts and wine to the altar from the credence table. I sense that most people who regularly come to the 4:00 prefer simplicity and familiarity, so I hope that these adaptations will be welcomed. For those who desire a richer and more musical form of the Mass, the 9:30 AM and 12:00 Noon will continue as in the past.

### **Security Volunteers**

Recently we have had a few episodes involving disorderly people in our church. While we strive to welcome everyone, we also need to protect worshippers from potential problems. The Nashua police department has always responded promptly, compassionately, and discreetly. I have asked the department to provide a basic orientation session for volunteers charged with assisting us in "security matters." If you would like to help, please call 882.2262 or send an email to [officespn@onecommail.com](mailto:officespn@onecommail.com).

### **Begging in church**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society does an excellent job helping the poor and troubled who come to us for help. Now and then some people approach parishioners directly, either in the church or parking lot. Please consider directing them to the SVdP Society rather than giving them cash. While everyone is free to act according to their best judgment, direct cash assistance may not be the wisest choice. Thank you!

## **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.)**

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

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 Room 1, 6:30PM.

**Religious Education Catechetical Mtg.,** Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 Room 1, 7:00 PM.

**Capital Campaign Mtg. (Finance & Pastoral Council only)** Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 Room 1, 7:00 PM.

**Boy Scouts:** Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 Rooms 3 & 4, at 7:00 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.*

## **ST. PATRICK PARISH DINNER**

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

Tickets will be on sale in vestibule after Masses on September 19th and 20th and September 26th and 27th. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

We look forward to a fun evening of good food, dancing, kid games and more! Anyone wanting to assist with dinner set-up, we'll start at 9:30 on Oct 3rd in the gym. Any help you can provide is appreciated!

## **ST. PATRICK'S THRIFT STORE CLEANING HELP NEEDED!**

The St. Patrick Thrift Store team is excited about starting a Thrift Store in the School. There is much to do to prepare for a grand opening, and we will start by cleaning the school's first floor and getting a collection bin in place. If you can help dust, sweep, move items, etc. please join us!

### **Cleaning dates and times are as follows:**

Monday, Sept. 21st - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday, Sept. 25th - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Donations will be requested once the collection bin is in place. The Thrift Store will sell clothing, books and small household items. We cannot accept upholstered items, sofas, or large items due to the stairs in the school and pest concerns. Display shelving, a cash register, computer and many other items will be needed before operations can begin. Requests for donations and drop-off times will be listed in future bulletins.

The Thrift Store team is all-volunteer and we will assess an opening date as cleaning, collections and display set-up progress.

The Thrift Store team will not meet again until after the cleaning dates. We will be brainstorming and discussing set-up and operations during the cleaning sessions, so if you are interested, please join us for an hour or two, or all 5 on a cleaning day!

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

**Sept. 13 through Sept. 20**

**Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

## Community News

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE

The Brining America Back to Life pro-life conference is scheduled for Sept. 18-19 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Nashua. Conference participants will meet and hear pro-life leaders and speakers from across the country. If you want a detailed agenda or registration information, contact us at [info@firstprinciplesnh.org](mailto:info@firstprinciplesnh.org) or visit our website at [www.bringamericabacktolifenewengland.org](http://www.bringamericabacktolifenewengland.org).

### PRO-LIFE BANQUET

*Featuring Joshua Edmunds Proponent,  
Pillars of Personhood*

New Hampshire Right to Life invites you to a banquet featuring Joshua Edmunds, Director of Education at Georgia Right to Live. The event will take place on October 8, 2015: Reception at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:45 - 9:00 PM at Executive Court, South Mammoth Road, Manchester. By reservation only. For more information, visit our website at [www.nhrtl.org](http://www.nhrtl.org) or call Jane Cormier at 603-230-8136.

### 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. Join pilgrims from the Diocese of Manchester to stand up for the Sanctity of Human Life. We will attend Mass at a local parish with Bishop Libasci on Capitol Hill. We will attend the Rally and March on the National Mall by the Smithsonian buildings. We will have an opportunity to lobby our Senators and Representatives. The 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.

Transportation and Accommodation costs are as follows: \$97 Bus only; \$160 Double Occupancy; \$143 Triple Occupancy, and \$133 Quad Occupancy.

Registration forms are available on the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org/public-issues/life](http://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](mailto:Valerie_lynn_somers@comcast.net) by October 31, 2015 with a 50% deposit. Registrations should be received by October 31, 2015 with a 50% deposit. Final payments are due by Dec. 15, 2015.

### Bulletin Deadline Notice

Our bulletin publisher, John Patrick Publishing, has requested that all **bulletins for the weekend of September 26 & 27 be submitted to them no later than noon on Friday, September 18th** due to the Pope's visit in Philadelphia the following week. Please email bulletin items you may want included to [officespn@onecommail.com](mailto:officespn@onecommail.com) no later than Wednesday, September 16th.

## *Catholic “traditions” vs. Tradition*

Catholicism has many traditional practices, celebrations, and so forth. While these traditions may foster genuine devotion, they may also conceal the decay of Christian faith even as the externals continue. Indeed, the Catholic traditions may co-exist with beliefs completely contrary to the faith.

Here’s an example. Two weeks ago, while wandering through East Cambridge, I saw several posters advertising the annual festival honoring Saints Cosmas and Damian. The poster displayed very traditional statues of the two Arab Christians who were beheaded around 303 A.D. in Syria. So far so good. But as my eyes moved down the poster, I spotted three strange things.

First, the group that organizes the event is headed by a local politician who sits in the Massachusetts State Senate. In 2014, he won the endorsement of NARAL/ProChoice and Planned Parenthood for his 100% support of legalized abortion.

Second, the corporate sponsors of the festival include Pfizer, which manufactures at least two drugs that induce abortions, as well as a pharmaceutical company that was sued by women employees who were encouraged to avoid pregnancy and/or have abortions.

Third, the festival includes a meatball eating contest and a cannoli eating contest. Yes, perhaps this is harmless fun, but is it not also gluttony and the glorification of excess?

These three aspects of the traditional festival stand in stark contrast with the lives and beliefs of Saints Cosmas and Damian. According to ancient tradition, these twin brothers were physicians known as the “moneyless ones” because they provided medical care free of charge. What a novel idea! These young Christian men devoted themselves to healing and protecting life, and now some of their political and corporate sponsors do the opposite.

This curious situation of saints being “honored” by people who act contrary to the saints’ example reminds us of a constant danger for Catholics: the gradual separation of traditions from their substance and original meaning. For sure, many people who celebrate the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian do so in the proper spirit, but many have almost no knowledge about these saints and many would never imitate their generosity, poverty, and sobriety. As such, the festival, which once had an entirely spiritual purpose, may become an empty shell, now used by its political and corporate sponsors to affirm their support for the “Catholic community.”

We find a key lesson here: the survival of Catholic “traditions” is not the same as the survival of Catholic faith. Indeed, the “traditions” may continue – and even expand – without any faith whatsoever. After all, Catholicism is not a “traditional” religion and we are not “traditionalists.” Instead, we are believing people “of the Tradition” – *traditio* – which means the constant “handing on” of the Word of God and the Living Person of Christ. While “traditionalists” fall in love with the “things” of religion, Catholics go far beyond the “things” to the substance: the love and imitation of the Lord. That’s what Saints Cosmas and Damian did long ago. And “traditions” without genuine faith are really quite worthless.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*