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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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

4:00 PM **Edward P. Hutchins, 10th Anniv.**
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**

Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 ~ St. Matthew

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

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015

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

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina

12:05 PM **Francis W. J. Bolen, 5th Anniv.**
By the Family

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

12:05 PM **Tom & Doris McGreevy**
By Jack McGreevy

Friday, Sept. 25, 2015

12:05 PM **Peter Byrne**
By the Family

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 - Vigil ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Bridie Belton**
By the Family

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM **Robert J. Morin, 2nd Anniv.**
By the Family

12:00 PM **Richard A. Lovell**
By John, Maria & Sarah Hey

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. 12 & 13

From (177) Envelope Users:	\$6,708.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,225.60
- Cash:	\$1,541.00
Electronic Giving Users (13)	\$ 380.00
Total Collection	\$9,855.10

Mass Count: 768

Flowers \$115.00

USCCB Catholic University

Week of Sept. 5 & 6 \$664.00

Week of Sept. 12 & 13 \$232.00

Total Donation \$896.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of Sept. 12 & 13 \$351.00

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 & Texts for Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word Missalette

Texts and Readings: pp.185 -187

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional	#592 <i>Praise to the Lord</i>
Post Communion	#383 <i>O Jesus, We Adore Thee</i> (2 verses)
Recessional	#568 <i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i>

NEWS AND NOTES

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

October 11, 2015

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

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!

FLOWER FUND DONATIONS

Thank you to the following parishioners for their generous donations to the Flower Fund. Your contributions help us to keep our church beautifully adorned with seasonal flowers.

In memory of Caroline Elizabeth Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Brian R. Hall

Anonymous

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* The final required catechist meeting led by Fr. Kerper will be held at 7:00 PM 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

St. Patrick's Thrift Store Postponement of Cleaning

I missed an important hurdle in getting the Thrift Store going and until it's jumped, cleaning and other preparations will be postponed. Safety and liability issues have been considered and their mitigation is a concern not only to us, but others who want to protect St. Patrick's Parish, our volunteers and the community. A written plan is required and when approved, we'll proceed. May the Lord's will be done!!!

Thanks to everyone who's expressed interest and helped in the planning so far! An announcement will be placed in the bulletin of status and hopefully new cleaning dates!

Janet Polaneczky,
880-1614 / 930-5090



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.)

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd: Employment Connection will behold their annual gathering in the Gym between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. All are welcome.

Thursday, Sept. 24th: Boy Scouts meet in Rooms 3 and 4 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Friday, Sept. 25th: Youth Group meets in Room 1 beginning 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 20th and on 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!

WEEKLY READINGS Sept. 21 through Sept. 27

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

“I SERVED A SAINT!”

A presentation will be given by former Vatican Swiss Guard, Mario Enzler. Join Mario on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM at St. John Neumann Parish at 708 Milford Rd., Merrimack, NH, as he shares his experience as serving as a guard under St. Pope John Paul II. All are welcome to attend. Prior to the presentation, a pasta dinner will be served in the hall, beginning at 6:15 PM. We are asking for a donation of \$5 for the dinner, and that you sign up for the dinner by either calling the St. John Neumann offices at 603-880-4689 or registering online at sjnnh.org/served-saint.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
OCTOBER 3, 2015
“The Pilgrimage of Mercy”
St. Maria Goretti

Known as the Patroness of Mercy, St. Maria Goretti forgave her murderer even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness. In his own words, “Maria’s forgiveness saved me.”

Join us on Saturday, October 3, 2015 for Mass and Veneration of the body of St. Maria Goretti. Mass will begin at 9:00 AM followed by veneration of the relics until 1:00 PM and again between 4:00 PM (Mass) followed by Veneration until 7:00 PM. This is the first time the body of St. Maria Goretti comes to the U.S. We hope you will join us for this very rare opportunity.

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!

Marriage Encounter Weekend



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 23 - 25 and December 4 - 6, 2015. For more information call Steve and Michelle O’Leary at 1-800-710-WWME visit us at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com.wwmema>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is currently seeking adult volunteers between the hours of 11AM - 2 PM on Monday and Wednesday, or between 3 - 4 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. Tasks include stocking and sorting food, as well as light housekeeping. Drivers are needed on a part-time basis. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Susan Dignan, Food Pantry Director at (603) 882-6327, or contact her by email at corpuschristifp@outlook.com. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration.

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 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. 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.

Solitary Catholics

Last Monday, while wandering around Boston, I went into the Shrine of St. Anthony on Arch Street in Downtown Crossing. Mass was going on. I noticed that almost everyone, including me, was alone. Something similar happens at St. Patrick's. Last Easter, for example, I noticed this same trend during the sprinkling rite, especially at the 12:00 Noon Mass. I saw at least 30 to 40 young people, mostly men, alone at Mass. How strange to be alone on Easter Sunday!

The presence of so many "solitary Catholics" at Mass reflects a very powerful trend: the dissolution of "family-based" religious identity. Whereas in the past, most families were united in their religious affiliation and common practice, today many families are "pluralistic," containing believers, unbelievers, seekers, the fervent, and the apathetic. Today, many practicing Catholics live in such family diversified settings. And, with greater frequency, people say, "I'm the only Catholic left!"

We should not be too surprised by this trend. After all, Jesus said: *"Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will turn against parents and have them put to death"* (Matthew 10:21). He continued: *"I have come to set a man at odds with his father, a daughter with her mother, a daughter-in-law with her mother-in-law: in short to make a man's enemies those of his own household"* (Matthew 10:34ff). The Lord's words are unusually harsh, even shocking. His point is this: genuine Christian faith requires a personal choice, not just a family-based identity. As a result, a believer may indeed end up as a "solitary Catholic," even among baptized Catholics.

Charles Taylor, the great Canadian Catholic philosopher of "a secular age" has noted that being a "solitary Catholic" is not entirely bad. In the Gifford lectures of 1999, Taylor said: *"The falling off of religious belief and practice has forced a greater degree of reflection and commitment on those who remain."* In other words, the unbelief of others repeatedly compels us to rethink -- and reaffirm -- our own faith.

When Catholicism was the inherited religious identity of entire families, very few Catholics pondered the meaning of their faith. They knew that they were Catholics just as they knew, for example, that their fathers always bought Chevrolets instead of Fords. This "automatic" Catholicism has now largely disappeared. What happened?

Taylor mentioned the diminishing appeal of "second hand religion." The early believers, he noted, had an "acute fever" about the freely-embraced beliefs that they had discovered. Take the apostles and primitive Christians: they were completely swept away by their encounter with Christ. (Something like this happens with converts.) Subsequent generations never have the same intense experience of the "first believers." As each generation passes, the next one cools off, causing the original faith to morph into a religion of "dull habit." As family life becomes less stable and as parental authority diminishes in contemporary society, offspring are more likely to revolt against the "dull habit" at younger ages. A recent study, for example, noted that the majority of Catholics who leave the Church do so before turning 18! (By the way, 50% of all baptized Catholics eventually self-identify as former Catholics. Similar trends occur among other religions as well.)

This brings us back to "solitary Catholics." These come in many forms. Some are saintly people whose faith is so strong that they persist in religious practice when no one else does. (We have many like this in our parish.) Others are young people who rediscover the Catholic faith on their own, usually after a time of spiritual wandering. Still others are "converts," who consciously embrace the faith after recognizing the darkness of unbelief. They repeat the words of St. Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

"Solitary Catholics" are a great blessing -- the sign of resilient and genuine faith as opposed to the endless repetition of "dull habit."

Fr. Michael Kerper