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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. 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

Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 ~ St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

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

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015 ~ Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

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

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 ~ St. Jerome

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

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 ~ St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

12:05 PM **Veronica Farrell**
By Bea Wolkowski

Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 ~ Holy Guardian Angels

12:05 PM **Patricia Homrig**
By the Family

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 - Vigil ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Richard A. Lovell**
By John, Maria and Sara Hey

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM **Stephanie 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. 19-20

Offertory information was not available at the time of printing. This information will be found in next week's bulletin.

CHURCH SAFETY SESSION

On **Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 PM**, the Nashua Police Department will offer some tips and insights about safety, both inside and outside our church. We especially encourage our ushers and others who regularly attend specific Masses to join us for this event. Our parish is an "open space" to all. We hope that through education and alertness, we will be able to continue in that tradition.

PASTORAL NOTES

Saturday Vigil Mass

We now 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.

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.

**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.187-189

Collegeville Hymnal

Processional #634 *Faith of Our Fathers*

Post Communion #489 *The Church Is One Foundation*

Recessional #385 *Soul of My Savior* (2 verses)

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)

Oct. 3, 2015

St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus

Oct. 10, 2015

St. Francis Borgia

Oct. 17, 2015

St. Margaret Mary Alocoque

Oct. 24, 2015

St. Raphael

Oct. 31, 2015

Saturday of Our Lady

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

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.

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).

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

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!

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 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!

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

WEEKLY READINGS Sept. 28 through Oct. 4

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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, Sept. 27: Religious Education Classes Grades 1-6 begin in the Center.

Monday, Sept. 28: Religious Education Classes Grades 7-12 begin in the Center.

Thursday, Oct. 1: Boy Scouts meeting in room 3 and 4 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, Oct. 1: Hibernians meet in Room 2 at 7:00 PM.

Friday, Oct 2: Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena meet in Room 1 of the Center at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, October 3: Parish Dinner in the Gym. Set-up begins at 8:00 AM; Dinner at 5:00 - 8:30 PM.

Sunday, Oct. 4: Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts after the 9:30 AM Mass. Please join us! All are welcome.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

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.

Infant Jesus School Community Yard Sale October 17, 2015 - 8 AM-2 PM Infant Jesus School Parking Lot

Do you want to clean out the useful but unneeded clutter taking up space in your attic or garage? Join the Infant Jesus School community at their upcoming yard sale on October 17th! Rent a table for \$35.00 or bring your own for \$25.00. To reserve a space, contact Frieda by email at: frieda@ijschool.org or call Infant Jesus School at 889-2649 by October 10th.

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 Life. The event will take place on October 8, 2015. Reception is 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.

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!



Quo Vadis Vocation Camp

An invitation for young men
interested in serving the Church

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.

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) 882-6372, or contact her by email at corpuschristifp@outlook.com. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration.

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>.

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.

Guardian Angels

A few years ago angels became a huge fad in the United States. Remember the angel figurines, angel note paper, angel calendars, and other angel “stuff” that filled gift shops? Angels were everywhere. Though the angel craze has ended, the Catholic Church annually calls our attention to angels on October 2, the feast of the Guardian Angels.

In the Catholic theological tradition, especially during the Middle Ages, one can find extensive speculation about angels. But the official teaching of the Church has always been remarkably reserved. Consider the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Out of 688 pages of the English text, one finds less than two pages about angels. The teaching, which flows from Scripture, is quite succinct: 1) God created a multitude of non-corporeal beings; and 2) these beings somehow share in the beneficent works of God. Period.

As to the existence of Guardian angels, the Catechism simply repeats the words of St. Basil the Great: “*Beside each believer stands an angel protector and shepherd leading him to life.*” The Catechism uses this very brief text to show that belief in Guardian Angels is both ancient (Basil lived in the 4th century) and espoused by a highly reputable and holy theologian (Basil is called “the Great” precisely because his works are considered of the highest quality).

But Catholic belief in Guardian Angels is not *primarily* about angels. Rather, it says much about the Catholic understanding of the *human person* and the way God acts in the created cosmos.

First, the notion of Guardian Angels strongly reaffirms the Catholic belief in the infinite value of the individual human person. Because each person is unrepeatable and unique, each one needs – and receives – a special guardian. Rather than “generic” care from the angelic ranks, each person receives *specialized* care from just one specific being. In a world of anonymity and impersonal services, how nice to have individual attention!

Second, Guardian Angels reflect God’s “style” of dealing with created reality. Rather than acting unilaterally, God forever invites and enables other beings – human and angelic -- to share in God’s own vast work. God, of course, needs no help. But God’s intense desire to share the Divine life with created beings leads God to create and enlist others in guiding creation to end proper purpose.

Third, the mystery of the Guardian Angels also reminds us that creation is essentially *good* and that the general *direction* of the universe is toward the fulfillment – not frustration – of God’s dream. St. Bernard, whose words are quoted in the Office of Readings for the Guardian Angels, put it this way: “Brothers, let us love God’s angels with sincere affection: they will be our co-heirs at some future time... They cannot be vanquished, nor led astray, still less can they lead us astray. They are faithful, they are wise, they are powerful; what have we to fear?”

Fr. Michael Kerper