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St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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

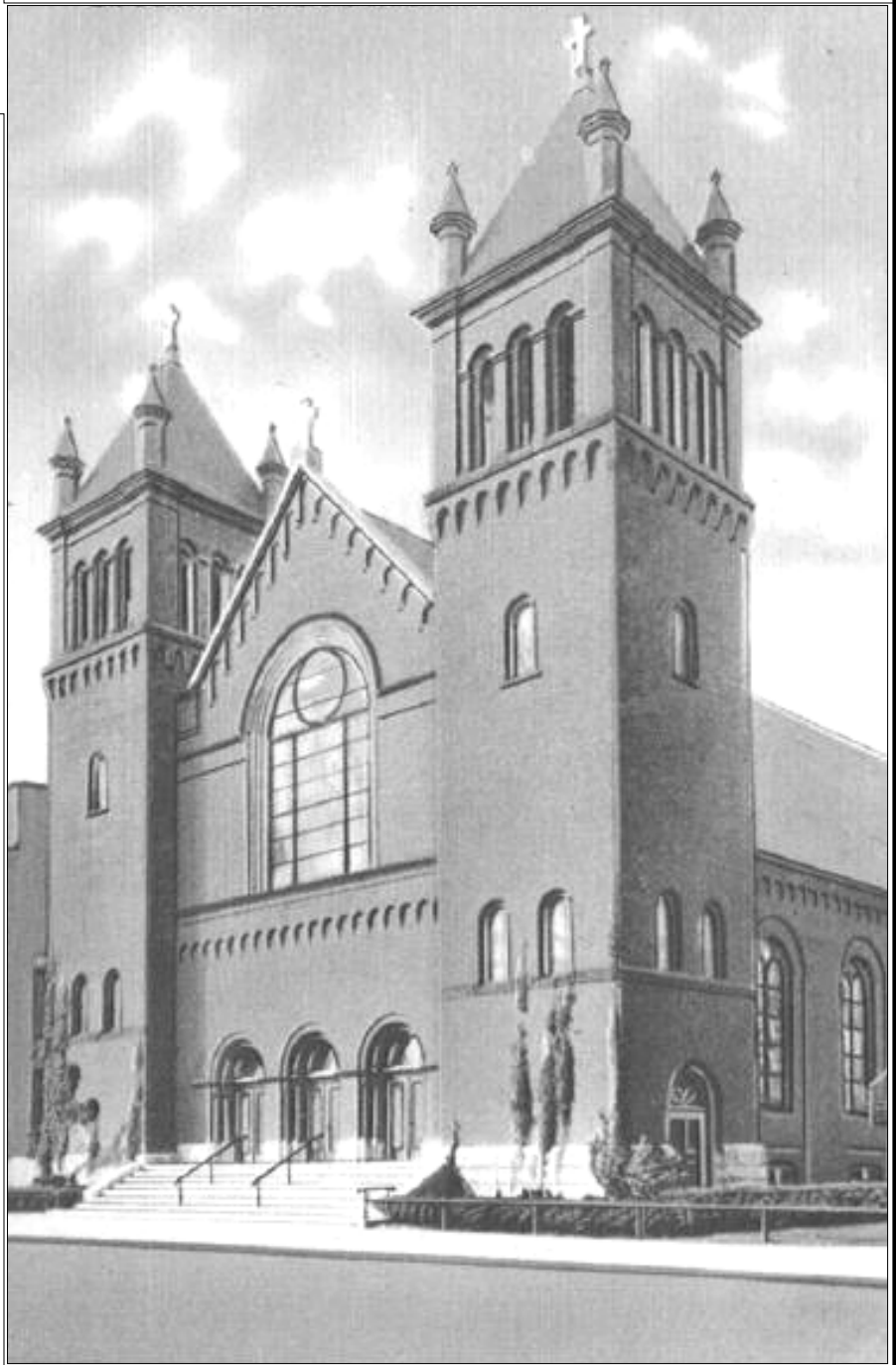
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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, September 9, 2017 - Vigil - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Richard J. Piwowarski**
By Janice and Joe Sweklo

Sunday, September 10, 2017 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Joseph G. and Eva C. Fariz**
By the Family

9:30 AM **Margaret M. Provost**
By the Provost Family

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

Monday, September 11, 2017 - Weekday

9:00 AM **Ellen Hardy**
By Paul McDermott

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - Weekday

12:05 PM **Joseph Raudelunas, 1st Anniversary**
By his wife Rosaline, & son and family

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - St. John

Chrysostom
12:05 PM **Alice Aufiero**
By the Family

Thursday, September 14, 2017 - The Exultation of The Holy Cross

12:05 PM **Ovide, Mary, Rachel, Maurice Boulin**
By the Family

Friday, September 15, 2017 - Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - Vigil - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul**

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Deceased members of Ennis Family**
Matt Sr., Matt Jr., Florence, Priscilla
By Caroline Kemezys and Kathy Ennis

9:30 AM **Richard J. Piwowarski**
By Janice and Joe Sweklo

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 September 2 & 3

From (142) Envelope Users:	\$6,122.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 797.00
- Cash	\$1,219.00
Electronic Giving Users (39)	\$1,508.00
Total Collection	\$9,646.00

Mass Count: 630

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of Sept 3, 2017 **\$530.00**

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!

***Wedding
Anniversary Celebration
With Bishop Libasci***

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a ***Special Anniversary Mass***. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office **by September 22, 2017**. We will need your ***last names, first names and mailing address***. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. ***There is no need for the couple to RSVP.***

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Current Special Collections

At St. Patrick's we do not pass the basket for second collections. Instead, we invite people to consider the many appeals that come before us during the year. Currently we are receiving offerings for the following purposes:

St. Patrick's Capital Campaign

St. Patrick Parish received **\$101.00** towards the Capital Campaign the weekend of September **2nd & 3rd**. Thanks for your generous and truly sacrificial support!

Peter's Pence

Catholics throughout the world show their love and respect for the Holy Father through the annual "Peter's Pence" collection. If you would like to donate, please use one of the special "Peter's Pence" envelopes available in the vestibule and tables at the rear of the church. The total to date is **\$1,437.00**. Thank you.

St. Patrick Fall Dinner and Recognition Event

Saturday, October 14

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St. Patrick Gymnasium

Tickets can be purchased following
our weekend Masses on:

September 30/October 1
and
October 7/8

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

The dinner will be *buffet style*, all you can eat.

Please help!

We need many hands to set up the gym and clean up after the event. This is always a great chance to meet people. Volunteer by letting a ticket seller know of your generosity and availability. Thank you!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
THERE!!!

September 10, 2017

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes in September!

Please register now

Classes for Grade 1 through High School
start on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Classes begin at 10:30 AM and end at 11:45 AM. Families are expected to worship at the 9:30 AM Mass.

On September 17, all parents are invited to participate in a brief meeting to review policies, expectations, and schedules. At least one parent must attend.

Adult Faith Formation begins 9/24/17. Registration is not required.

Faith formation is a lifelong journey. Let's travel it together - adults, singles, couples, families and youth alike!

Faith Formation Volunteers:

Are you interested in helping serve our youth!? We are looking for a variety of volunteers: catechist/teachers, teacher aides, substitutes, small group leader, and other behind the scene support. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jennifer or Paul at: faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com.

Register for Faith Formation now:

Forms are available in the back of the church and on the parish website, with instructions as to where to send them! Thank you for registering ASAP, as we are finalizing plans.

FORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION

Every year we form a group for people who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We get people of all ages and backgrounds. The formation consists of exploring the Nicene Creed as presented by the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We usually meet on Saturday afternoons, but try to accommodate the schedules and needs of everyone. We will begin in early October.

If you or someone you know would like to join the group, please call Father Michael Kerper at 603-882-2262. You can also send an email to: pastor.st.patrick@gmail.com

WEEKLY READINGS

September 10 - September 17, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

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

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY

Thanks to the many people who made donations for the weekly flowers placed before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We have now received more than enough offerings to bring us through the end of the Fatima Centennial. We will use some of the donations to purchase special flowers for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Thank you for your generous display of devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA

September 2 - September 22, 2017

The Hogan-Beaulieu Family has donated money for Our Lady of Fatima flowers in memory of Betty Hogan Beaulieu from September 2 - September 22, 2017

THANK YOU!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Owe nothing to anyone; except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends will be held on September 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen and Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <http://wwmema.org/>.

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

October 8, 2017

18th Sunday after Pentecost

(Low Mass)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

September 16, 2017

Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

September 23, 2017

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.

Are you registered?

Please help us keep our database up to date. New parishioners are encouraged to fill out the form below and return it to the office. Long-time parishioners are asked to update their information if they have any changes. Thank you.

I am not registered. Please send me a form.

I am registered. Here is my correct address:

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

Tel. No. _____

Forming Our Families in Faith

New Directions for 2017/2018

Bishop Peter Libasci recently announced that the Catholic Church in New Hampshire will return to the *original* order of receiving the Sacraments: Baptism, usually as an infant, followed by Confirmation and Holy Communion, which will be received *together*, normally in the 3rd grade. As in the past, children in the 2nd grade will be prepared for First Penance. These changes will be *phased in* gradually between now and 2020.

Here's what's happening this year...

- High School students will receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2018. This will be the final class of high school students.
- Current Second Graders will receive First Penance and First Communion during the Spring of 2018. Those who continue the process will receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2020.
- New current First Graders will receive First Penance in the Spring of 2019, and First Communion and Confirmation in the Spring of 2020.
- Current Third Graders receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2020; current fourth graders and beyond will receive Confirmation the Spring of 2019.

Family Faith Formation

The Ritual of Baptism refers to parents as “the first teachers of the Faith.” To assist parents in carrying out this noble and holy task, children *and* parents will learn *together* during “catechism time” on Sunday mornings. As parents acquire a deeper and clearer understanding of their own Catholic faith, they will have greater confidence discussing these vital truths with their children. Sacramental preparation will now be a “team effort” primarily done by parents supported by catechists, Faith Formation Staff, and the prayers and presence of our faithful parishioners. To support this effort, we will have approximately twelve sessions for parents while the children are in class. We hope that adults and children will enjoy this **shared experience** of learning about the Lord and His ways.

Introduction and Prayer Time for Parents

Sunday, September 17 at 10:45 AM
St. Patrick Church

Fr. Kerper will introduce the new Diocesan policies, review new opportunities for parents to become directly involved in the Faith Formation of their children, lead a time of prayer for our families, and bestow a blessing on our “parent-teachers.” Being the first day of the Faith Formation year, parents are expected to attend after dropping off their children to class.

(Note: This event cannot be repeated. Parental participation is a necessary part of Faith Formation throughout the year.)

New Priestly Faces: Seeing the Future

In 1909, when St. Patrick Church opened its doors for the first time, the Catholic Church had no bishops born outside of Europe, the United States or Latin America -- except for a few Indian bishops who traced their lineage back to St. Thomas the Apostle. A century ago, the Catholic Church was almost entirely European and American. Now, everything has reversed: the vast majority of Catholics live in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Moreover, most of these self-identified Catholics actually go to Mass, unlike Catholics in Europe, Canada, and the United States.

This massive shift in the distribution and participation rates of Catholics has inevitably changed the “face of the priesthood,” even here in the United States. After all, priests don’t fall from the sky ready-made. Rather, they emerge from strongly committed and faithful Catholic families. As we all know, such families have become very *rare* among us. As such, we no longer generate sufficient priests to maintain our *status quo* -- the mix of practices and expectations that arose years ago when 80% of Catholics went to Sunday Mass and parishes like St. Pat’s had four priests, some of them quite young.

As local priests get older, become infirm, retire, and die, our Diocese has humbly sought help from abroad. Some of this help has come to us. On Wednesday, August 30, we just received two young priests from India: Fr. Britto and Fr. Sebastian, both members of a young order called the Heralds of the Good News.

Fr. Britto, who served in Newfoundland for two years, will stay with us and also serve at Sacred Heart Parish in Manchester. Fr. Sebastian, who spent seven years in Winnipeg, will soon begin an assignment in the northern part of New Hampshire. Another member of their order works in Claremont.

God has greatly blessed us with these men. Please remember -- and strive to appreciate -- how their experience differs from ours.

First, India is deeply spiritual, infused with very ancient, diverse, and mystical religious traditions, notably Hinduism. Indians live and breathe spirituality. We do not.

Second, Indian Catholics invest a great amount of time and energy into their worship. As such, they do not seek out comfort, convenience, or the “quick” Mass. They receive the Eucharist as a precious gift from God and want to savor it. They don’t rush.

Third, English is the principal means of communication within India, which has 21 official languages. However, the English spoken and written by Indians follows the British style rather than the American. Also, from childhood most Indians speak other languages that influence how they speak English. Just as they graciously struggle to understand American English with its multiple accents, we must do the same.

Fourth, these priests have freely agreed to become uprooted from their families for the benefit of foreigners. Most of us can’t begin to understand what it’s like to endure prolonged separation from loved ones.

Please pray for these priests who have come among us. They offer us the gift of themselves and act as “windows” into the universal Church of which we are now a tiny part.

Fr. Michael Kerper