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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

**Linda Marolla**, *Office Manager*

**Jean Dickson**, *Finance Manager*

**Gary MacDonald**, *Music Director*

**Paul & Jennifer Murano**,  
*Faith Formation*

**David Santerre**, *Maintenance*

**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

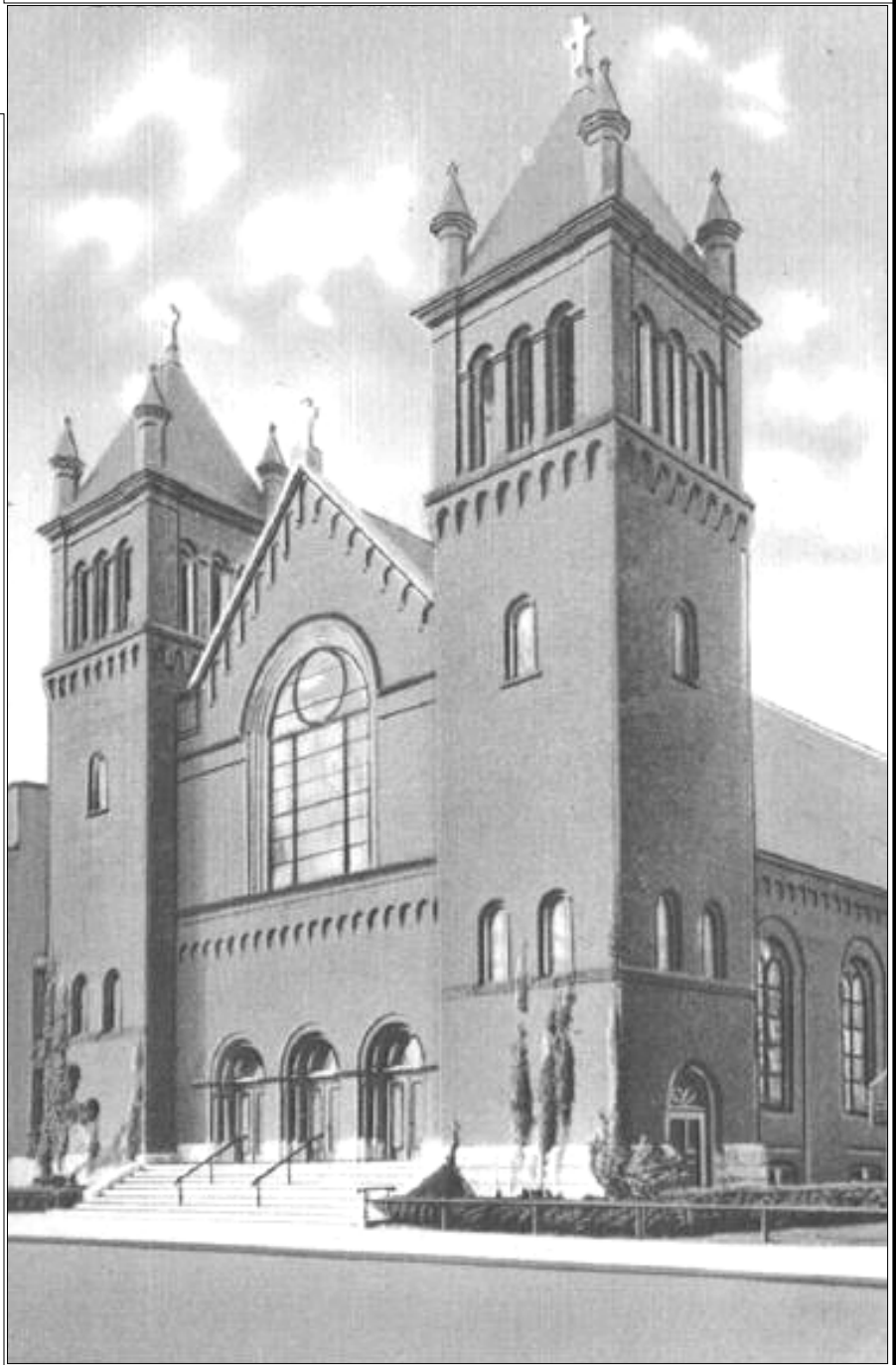
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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, September 2, 2017 - Vigil - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Rev. Paul Fu (Dominican)**  
By The Belton Family

**Sunday, September 3, 2017 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **Ann Lucas**  
By Elona Lucas

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

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

**Monday, September 4, 2017 - Labor Day**

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

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017 - St. Teresa of Calcutta**

12:05 PM **Robert Morin**  
By his wife, T. Morin

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017 - Weekday**

12:05 PM **Irene Boutin**  
By Mary Bruni

**Thursday, September 7, 2017 - Weekday**

12:05 PM **Nicholas Aufiero**  
By the Family

**Friday, September 8, 2017 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 PM **Paul Morin**  
By the Family

**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**

*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 August 26 & 27**

From (149) Envelope Users:	\$4,338.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 902.00
- Cash	\$1,573.00
Electronic Giving Users (37)	\$1,456.75
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$8,269.75</b>

**Mass Count: 650**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of August 27, 2017 **\$598.00**

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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.***

## 22nd 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 **\$1,371.00** towards the Capital Campaign the weekend of August **26th & 27th**. 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.

### **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](mailto:pastor.st.patrick@gmail.com)

### **STAFF UPDATE**

**Rosemary Daly**, who faithfully served as our parish Office Manager since July, 2011, recently accepted a new position with the **Adult Learning Center** here in Nashua. Rosemary will now be able to devote much more of her time and talents to teaching English to the many newcomers in our community. Her students will surely benefit immensely from her educational skills, enthusiasm, and compassion.

**Linda Marolla**, who lives in Amherst, brings an array of skills to Rosemary's former position. Linda has been in place since July and is quickly learning how to handle the many tasks and projects that come her way.

Please pray for **Rosemary** and **Linda** as they make their transition to new challenges and delights.

September 3, 2017

### **MONDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

On Labor Day, Monday September 4, 2017, Mass will be at 9:00 A.M. The Parish office will be closed. We will resume the 12:05 Mass on September 11, 2017.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

## WEEKLY READINGS

September 3 - September 10, 2017

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6a,b,c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (18-23)

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

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

## FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY

During the centennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, we will be venerating her special image in the sanctuary of our church. We would like to keep fresh flowers before her statue through the year. We have an arrangement with a local florist to provide flowers each week at a cost of \$30.00. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one for a specific week, let us know. If you would like to make a general donation for flowers, please use one of the "Flower" envelopes

## 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

"I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it". Learn how to more easily express love to your spouse by attending 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

September 10, 2017

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

*(Low Mass)*

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

September 9, 2017

**St. Gorgonius**

September 16, 2017

**Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

### 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.

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\_\_\_ 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.)***

## *Solidarity, Race, and St. Peter Claver*

A few days after Labor Day in 1981, Pope St. John Paul II published *On Human Labor*, his monumental contribution to Catholic Social Teaching. He reaffirmed the teachings of his predecessors: the obligation to pay a just wage, the need to uphold the personal dignity of all workers, the rights of migrant workers, and the right of workers to organize trade unions. He also identified a new *moral principle: Solidarity*.

This term expresses the moral obligation to have *true concern for* and *action on behalf* of other people, not just for oneself. As such, Christians can never become self-enclosed and concerned only about their “own kind.” This notion of *solidarity* flows from the biblical understanding of the essential unity of the human race. All of us, regardless of physical appearance, language, beliefs, and so on, are truly children of the One God.

For sure, one can legitimately speak of various civilizations marked by different languages, thought patterns, literary styles, art forms, temperaments and political systems. Today, however, chilling phrases like “white civilization” and “white interests” have re-emerged. Such terms err by making skin color a determining factor in shaping specific civilizations. This emphasis on an accidental quality -- skin color -- blinds us to the “colorless” core of the human person, namely his or her likeness to God. As such, this focus on race erodes *solidarity*, the virtue that Pope St. John Paul II so often promoted.

The principle of *solidarity* became brilliantly visible through the courageous and tender work St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest, whose feast we celebrate on September 9. St. Peter, a Catalan, spent 40 years (1614-1654) working among African slaves dumped on the docks of Cartagena, Columbia.

St. Peter never acted as an agent of “white civilization,” a term unknown in the 17th century, but as an agent of Christ. He gazed upon these enslaved Africans with “*eyes of solidarity*,” seeing them as brothers and sisters, precious in the eyes of God. His compassion had a material form, caring directly and personally for their starved, parched, and emaciated bodies. More important, he acted with *spiritual compassion*, baptizing almost 300,000 slaves, many of whom died before reaching their masters.

Through baptism, St. Peter Claver compelled Catholic slave traders and owners to rethink the morality of slavery. After all, how could believing Christians “own” a fellow Christian, a member of the Body of Christ? Did they ever experience *solidarity* with their “christened” merchandise? Perhaps some did.

Based on our beliefs about the power of Baptism to wash away all sin, we can reasonably assert that St. Peter Claver created thousands of African saints, namely the multitude of enslaved Africans who died in their baptismal innocence. In this time of renewed racist rhetoric, perhaps we should humbly ask these unknown African saints to pray for us. Surely, in their kindness they will oblige.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*