

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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Mass Schedule

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, April 4, 2015 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5, 2015 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

(No Confessions on Easter Day)

Monday, April 6, 2015 ~ Monday in the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM James and Molly Wynne
By the Family

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 ~ Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM Philip T. Christ, Sr.
By his daughter, Kelly Shimmel

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 ~ Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM Louis Signorini, 1st Anniversary
By Lori Carr

Thursday, April 9, 2015 ~ Thursday in the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM Robert A. Hall
By Terry and Dick Gadbois

Friday, April 10, 2015 ~ Friday in the Octave of Easter

12:05 PM Raymond Letendre
By Don and Terry Paré

Saturday, April 11, 2015 - Vigil ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:00 PM Tillie Waisolonis
By her sister Mary Doyle

Sunday, April 12, 2015 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

9:30 AM Matt P. Ennis, Jr.
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

12:00 PM Benefactors of the St. Vincent
de Paul Society

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 March 28 & 29, 2015

Offertory results for the weekend of March 28 and 29 (Palm Sunday) were not available at the time of printing. Offertory information for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be made available in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU!



**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.

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Low Sunday (Octave Day of Easter)

Sunday, May 10, 2015

5th Sunday after Easter

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

April 11, 2015

Easter Saturday

April 18, 2015

Saturday of Our Lady

April 25, 2015

St. Mark the Evangelist

May 2, 2015

St. Athanasius

May 9, 2015

St. Gregory Nazianzen

May 16, 2015

St. Ubald

May 23

Vigil of Pentecost

May 30, 2015

Ember Saturday of Pentecost

LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will **NOT** be holding their monthly Coffee and Donuts social on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. Coffee and Donuts will resume on Sunday, May 3, 2015 after the 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. We hope to see you there!

ST. PATRICK PARISH MOST HOLY TRINITY RETREAT

St. Patrick Parish invites all to attend a retreat contemplating the wonder and wisdom of the Most Holy Trinity. The retreat will be offered on the following Saturdays: **April 4, 11, 18 and 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.** The final meeting will take place on the morning of the Vigil of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center between 9:30 and 11:00 AM. The cost for the retreat (including materials) is \$40.00. (\$30.00 if attendee already owns the primary reading material).

BIBLE STUDY!

Please join us on Sunday, 10:45 - 11:45 am. Monday evening lessons will resume in the Fall. The lessons use the Discovering the Treasures of Jesus Christ Bible Course and follow the Faith Formation Calendar. Bible Study meets when Faith Formation meets, giving parents and adults the opportunity to be nourished by God's word at the same time as the children and young adults are learning in their Faith Formation classes. All are welcome!

WEEKLY READINGS

April 6 through April 12

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Happy Easter

K of C COUNCIL 11907 REV. MARTIN T. KELLY SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 will be offering a scholarship in honor of Rev. Martin T. Kelly. This scholarship is open to catholic students who will graduate this year and are members of St. Patrick parish, St. Christopher Parish, or are the sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters (including step and foster) of current members of the Knights of Columbus Council 11907. The members of Knights of Columbus Council 11907 find it fitting to offer this scholarship to a graduating senior in Fr. Kelly's name.

To obtain an application please contact Deputy Grand Knight Rob Everett at (603) 229-7319. Applications must be received no later than April 24, 2015.

Parish BBQ Dinner

April 18th - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Gym

Save the date!!!



Pulled Pork, Chicken on the bone, Sausage, great sauces and all the fixin's, Catholic Trivia, Socializing and Fun!!! Tickets are \$10 per person, \$25 for family for a great meal & fellowship!!! Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule April 4&5 and April 11&12. If you'd like to donate a ticket they'll be given to the St. Vincent De Paul Society or Thomas More so others can enjoy the dinner.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

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

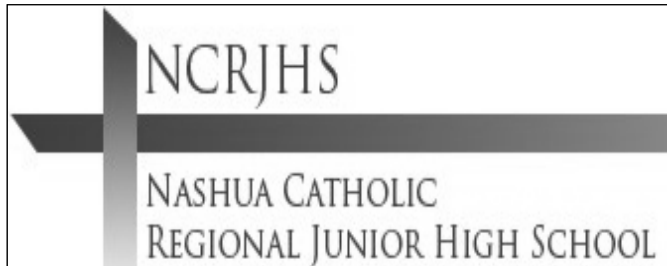
Community News

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

The Corpus Christi Food Pantry is especially in need of - Canned Tuna, Jelly or Jam, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix, Toilet Paper, Shampoo and Deodorant. We appreciate all non - perishable canned or packaged food items. Please drop your donations in the bin at the back of the church Vestibule during Mass times. Your continued support helped us to feed over 1900 families last year! THANK YOU! Please call Mrs. Susan Dignan at 882-6372 if you have any questions.

Mass and Healing Service

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM. Fr. Chris Martel, Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Merrimack, will preside. Prayer teams from the Rivier Prayer Community will be available to pray with individuals for healing requests. For more information please call (603) 889-3483.



OPEN HOUSE

at NASHUA CATHOLIC

Thursday, April 9, 2015 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Open House starts in our cafeteria at 6 Bartlett Ave., Nashua, NH. Opportunities to meet our teachers, discuss curriculum, and tour our facility will follow. Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, Catholic based curriculum and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our commitment to student service activity, a full contingent of extracurricular activities, and three seasons of Tri-County League athletic participation round out each student's day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School. For more information about Nashua Catholic call their Admissions Office at 603-882-7011.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

The Rivier Prayer Community of Nashua will present a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" at Rivier University, Memorial Hall, (rear entrance) on Fridays from April 17th to June 5th, from 7:30 - 9:15 PM. Registration is at 7:00 PM. The seminar focuses on the basic Gospel message of "God's love for us", "Salvation in Christ", and "New Life in the Holy Spirit" through talks, personal testimonies and fellowship. For more information, please call (603)-889-3483.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

April 10 through April 12

Come to a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*TM weekend in southern Maine, April 10-12, ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Enjoy a private room for two overnights. Experience through Scripture, the profound mercy and love of God. Registration deadline is Monday, April 6, 2015. To register or for more information: call **Annette Rioux** at 207-321-7885 or email Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

Below is a partial listing of the memorial contributions to our Easter Flower Fund. Additional listings will be made over the course of the next few weeks. Please forgive any misspellings of names, as the information is handwritten and can be difficult to decipher. We thank everyone for their generous contributions to the flower fund. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Anonymous Donations (3)

In memory of the Gentile Family by Elizabeth Antocci

In memory of the Ron and George Boucher by Jean Boucher

In memory of Thomas Dionne by Michael and Lisa Dionne

In memory of the Friends and Family of the Everett Family by Robert J. Everett

In memory of Fred and Betty Schrappen by Stephan and Margaret Gray

In memory of Richard Lovell by John and Maria (Lovell)Hey

In memory of Richard F. Hope by Patricia Hope

In memory of the Schaffner Family by M.K. Jones

In memory of William Paré by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Paré

In memory of Anthony Grallo by Kirk and Linda Pomeroy

In memory of Philip T. Christ, Jr. by Kelly Shimmel

In memory of Helen O'Loughlin Smith by Clare Smith

In memory of Pasquale Durzzano by Kenneth and Anne Marie Soroko

In memory of John and Mary Sullivan by John and Jane Sullivan

In memory of Gramma Keough, Bump and Uncle Jack by Jean and Kathy Tellier

Donation by Carol Tetler

In memory of Joseph, Gilbert and Therese Duchesne by Denyse Trudel

Easter: Good News or Bad News?

On the first Easter Sunday the news of the Lord's resurrection did *not* elicit joy. Instead, the gospel writers unanimously agree that it caused fear, terror, and confusion. Why?

Anyone who has ever cared for a dying loved one can understand reaction of the Lord's friends. Those who have walked with someone with cancer, Alzheimer's, or some other deadly disease, respond to the loved one's eventual death with mixed emotions. For sure, there will be grief; but also relief, even a sense of liberation. Death brings about "closure, which produces a vague sense of peace, the restoration of normalcy.

All four gospels clearly indicate that the people who loved Jesus expected to return to ordinary normal life after his corpse had been removed from the cross and sealed in the tomb. On the day after the Good Friday, Peter, James, John and the others had probably started to think about getting back into the fishing trade. Matthew may already have looked up his old friends in the tax collecting business. All of them were beginning to settle back into the normal and ordinary. And perhaps they had all breathed a sigh of relief, whispering to themselves, "Thank God he's dead and gone; now I can be normal without all this religious crazy stuff."

Moreover, Luke notes that the women who went to the tomb on Sunday morning brought spices used for embalming. They were ready for "closure," not resurrection. After all, the heavy stone that covered the tomb was the ultimate "closure." But now the stone had been rolled away, the tomb was empty, and the word was out: "He's not dead. He's alive. And you'll be seeing him again!" Fear, not joy, was predominant because the desire for "closure" was stronger than the hope for resurrection. That's why it took such long time for the Lord's followers to proclaim, "Alleluia! Jesus is risen."

Back in 1849, Søren Kierkegaard, an odd little Danish philosopher, made an interesting comment about our real attitudes toward death and resurrection. In a work called "Sickness unto Death" he made this point: *As much as people say they fear mortality – death – they really fear immortality – the endless flow of life without end.*

We see this in the Easter story. The permanent death of Jesus, the moldering of a corpse in a grave, would have brought the sure comfort of closure. It would have reestablished routine. But the resurrection – the fact that Jesus is now gloriously alive – upsets everything.

The Easter event means...

- The story of Jesus is not over.
- Those who love him can never return to the "normal" past they once had known.
- We ourselves will never have "closure," for our individual existence is endless.
- And our own stories never end because they are completely tied up with the story of Christ, which has no conclusion.

In light of all this we have to ask ourselves two questions. First, is Easter good news or bad news for me? Second, do I want "closure" to a short life on earth or do I dare to rejoice, knowing that I live within the endless story of Christ, the story of God's endless love affair with the human race?

Happy Easter!

Fr. Michael Kerper