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# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Michael Kerper**  
Pastor

**Rev. John Healey**  
Priest-in-Residence

Rosemary Daly, Office Manager  
Jean Dickson, Bookkeeper  
Kelly Lockwood, Rel. Education  
Gary McDonald, Music Director

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
*Help for those in Need*  
Tel. 603-821-5267

### 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, Feb. 14, 2015- Vigil - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Joseph Dolan**  
By the Goy Family

**Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 AM **Margaret E. & Cornelius M. Hanafin**  
By the Provost Family

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

**Monday, Feb. 16, 2015**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 ~ The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

12:05 PM **Eileen Hayes**  
By her sister Mary Dunn

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015 ~ ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 AM Liturgy of the Word,  
Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

12:05 PM Mass, Blessing & Distribution  
of Ashes  
**Priest's Intention**

7:00 PM Mass & Blessing and Distribution  
of Ashes

**Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015**

12:05 PM **Dorothy Sirois**  
By Jim Dobens

**Friday, Feb. 20, 2015**

12:05 PM **Kenneth I. Spaulding, 12th Anniv.**  
By the Family

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015- Vigil - 1st Sunday in Lent**

4:00 PM **Lottie and John Jasinski**  
By the Family

**Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015 - 1st Sunday in Lent**

7:00 AM **Benefactors of St. Vincent de Paul Society**

9:30 AM **Margaret & Charles 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 Feb. 7 & 8, 2015

From (145) Envelope Users:	\$4,416.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 966.12
- Cash:	\$1,036.00
Electronic Giving Users (23)	\$ 826.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$7,244.12</b>

**Mass Count: 546**

**Seminarian Fund:**

<b>Previous Total</b>	\$2,989.00
Feb. 7/ & 8 Total:	\$ 50.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$3,039.00</b>

**Catholic Schools Week Offering:**

<b>Feb. 7 &amp; 8 Total:</b>	\$ 132.00
To Date Offering:	\$2,128.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Weekend of Feb. 7 & 8** \$625.00

Poor Box money is used to assist the needy who approach our parish for meals, gas and groceries. Indirect assistance is provided through funds given to several local charities, including the Corpus Christi Food Pantry and the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter. None of this money is used for parish expenses. Your continuing generosity allows our parish to fulfill the Lord's command to help "the least of my brothers and sisters."

**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.

**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

Sunday, March 8, 2015

**Third Sunday of Lent II**

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

February 14, 2015

**St. Valentine**

February 21, 2015

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday II**

February 28, 2015

**Ember Saturday II**

March 7, 2015

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

March 14, 2015

**Feria of Lent II**

March 21, 2015

**Feria of Lent II**

March 28, 2015

**Passiontide Feria**

**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.*

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM

43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass. All who are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick are welcome to receive it at that time. If you know of someone who is in declining health and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the office at 603-882-2262 to schedule an appointment.

**ST. PATRICK  
PRESIDENTS' DAY  
OFFICE & MASS SCHEDULE**

St. Patrick Parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Presidents' Day. Daily Mass will be held at 9:00 AM. There will be no Noon Mass.

**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 source for the retreat is the Marians of Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge, MA. The retreat will be offered on 11 consecutive Saturday mornings beginning on Saturday, March 21, 2015 through May 30, 2015. 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 on Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 11:00 AM. The cost for the retreat (including materials) is \$40.00. (\$30.00 if retreatant already owns the primary reading material).

**To register for the retreat, please complete the following form and mail it to Mr. John Kiely, 8 Louisburg Square, #6, Nashua, NH 03060. Make checks payable to Mr. John Kiely.**

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

# ST. PATRICK PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



**DAILY MASS**  
(Monday - Friday)  
12:05 PM

**SATURDAY MASS**  
(Extraordinary Form)  
8:00 AM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Every Friday  
3:00 PM  
(Traditional St. Alphonsus version)  
  
7:00 PM  
(Biblical version with organ)



## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 AM  
*Liturgy of the Word*  
*with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes*

12:05 PM  
*Mass*  
*with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes*

7:00 PM  
*Mass*  
*with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes*

## K of C Lenten Friday Fish Dinners

Knights of Columbus from Saint John XXIII, St. John the Evangelist, St. Patrick and St. Christopher Parishes will be serving Baked Fish Dinners on the first six Fridays in Lent: Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. The dinners are served from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at St. Christopher's Church Hall, 62 Manchester Street, Nashua. The menu includes a generous portion of baked haddock, baked potato, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, beverage and selections from our famous home cooked dessert table. Cost is \$11. Pizza is available at \$2.00. Take-out orders can be placed by calling 438-7313. Our snow cancellation policy is that dinners will be cancelled when Nashua schools are cancelled due to inclement weather. Stations of the Cross and Confessions are held in St. Christopher Church following the dinners.

## Community News

### St. Francis of Assisi's First Irish Hooley Saturday, March 14, 2015

Our Lady of Mercy Hall  
16 Baboosic Lake Rd., Merrimack, NH  
Tickets: \$20 per ticket/\$35 per couple  
(all proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School)

#### Evening includes:

- Traditional Irish Food and Fare
  - Live Entertainment(featuring the Larson Family Band & The Celtic Clerics from St. John's Seminary)
- Live and Silent Auction
- Fun Games and Prizes

#### RAFFLES!

\$500, \$250 and \$150

(You do not have to be present to win. Raffle Tickets \$10.00)

To purchase event and raffle tickets call St. Francis school (603) 424-3312 or email [office@stfrancischoolnh.org](mailto:office@stfrancischoolnh.org).

### 2015 Saint Martin de Porres Award Call for Nominations Deadline February 20, 2015

The Guild of Catholic Healthcare Professionals currently is accepting nominations for the Saint Martin de Porres Award, which recognizes an individual who has exemplified the virtues of Catholic healthcare in her or his career as a healthcare professional. The recipient will be recognized following the annual White Mass on April 22, 2015. Nominations are due by February 20, 2015. For more information, visit us at [www.catholicnh.org/whitemass](http://www.catholicnh.org/whitemass).

## **CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is collecting **non-perishable items** such as canned meat, vegetables, peanut butter, tomato sauce, pasta and rice, and toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant. The need is great, especially at this time of year. Please drop off donations in the back of the church in the vestibule during Mass times. Thank you for your support! Questions? Call Susan Dignan, Corpus Christi Food Pantry Program Director at 882-6372.

## **LITTLE DAUGHTERS OF THE SACRED HEART WINTER RETREAT - FEB. 20-22, 2015**

All women of the parish are invited to attend the annual Little Daughters of the Sacred Heart Winter Retreat at the Benedictine Abbey in Still River, MA. This year's retreat, "Love Never Fails" will focus on the spirituality of St. Therese of the Little Flower. It begins Friday night, Feb. 20th and concludes on Sunday morning, Feb. 22nd. Women of all ages and stages will enjoy a wonderful time of spiritual refreshment while staying in the beautiful and serene setting of the abbey. For more information please visit us at [www.littledaughters.org](http://www.littledaughters.org) and check out our retreat brochure. If you have additional questions, please contact Marie Thibodeau via email at [scr.hrt4me@gmail.com](mailto:scr.hrt4me@gmail.com).

### **Annual Lenten Morning Reflection Breakfast for Catholic Women**

The NH Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all the women of the Diocese to a Lenten Morning Reflection Breakfast on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at St. Mary Parish in Rochester. Presenter Soha Menassa, Project Manager for Catholic Relief Services Lebanon, will tell stories of how Catholics are helping Syrians in the midst of the humanitarian crisis in their country and in neighboring countries. The morning includes Rosary, breakfast, and the presentation. Cost is \$10. For more information contact Mary Ellen Mahon at (603) 663-0159 or by email at [memahon@rcbm.org](mailto:memahon@rcbm.org). Register online [lentbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com](http://lentbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com).

### **Men of St. Joseph Mass & Breakfast**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all men of the Diocese to honor our Patron, St. Joseph, at a special Mass and breakfast on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Seating for Mass is open, and no registration is required. Seating for breakfast is limited to the first 250 registrants. Register on-line at [mensbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com](http://mensbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com) and the cost is \$9.00. For more information contact Bill Donroe at 432-6066 or [bdonroe@comcast.net](mailto:bdonroe@comcast.net).

## **"Spirituality of Imperfection" Day of Reflection**

Attention Catholic Lawyers: On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of NH will sponsor a Day of Reflection, entitled "Spirituality of Imperfection" in the lower church at St. Anselm College beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending by 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$20 (which includes lunch). Rev. John Fortin, OSB, Ph.D., currently the Superintendent of Catholic Schools who has served as a professor and author of books and articles in scholarly journals, will lead the retreat. For more information and to RSVP please contact Tom Hammond at [thammond@anselm.edu](mailto:thammond@anselm.edu) or 603-661-1590 by February 10.

### **World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage and Papal Mass**

The 8th World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22 to 27, 2015. Pope Francis will celebrate a public Mass on Sunday, September 27. The Diocese of Manchester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the World Meeting and Papal Mass. Families and those who minister to families can join others from around the country and the world to explore issues that affect family life. For information and pilgrimage details visit [www.catholicnh.org/wmof](http://www.catholicnh.org/wmof).

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT April 10-12, 2015**

Come to a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*<sup>TM</sup> weekend in southern Maine, April 10-12, ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Enjoy a private room for two overnights. Come experience, through Scripture, the profound mercy and love of God. Pre-registration needed. Registration deadline is Monday, April 6, 2015. For information visit at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). To register or for additional information, contact **Annette Rioux by telephone** at 207-321-7885; or email her at [Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

The second reading Paul says "do everything for the glory of God". Does your marriage witness the glory of God? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 27 - March 1, 2015, March 13 - 15, 2015 and May 29 - 31, 2015. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

## *Lenten Devotions according to Isaiah*

During Lent most devout people try to intensify their religious observance, at least a little bit. Some may go to daily Mass, say the Rosary, do the Stations of the Cross, and so on. All of these practices are very commendable and certainly well worth doing. But Sacred Scripture offers other suggestions that go far beyond the "tokens" of Lenten practice. We find these penitential deeds listed in Isaiah 58, a text that we read every year on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday.

The text notes the angry frustration of the Israelites with God. They cried out to God: "Why do we fast, and you do not see it? Afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it?" They expected some "result" from their efforts and become very perturbed when God seems unmoved by their traditional penitential practices. God responds with two sets of "penitential acts." One set pertains to active concern for other human beings; and the other set demands the proper observance of the Sabbath

The first set includes these acts:

"Releasing those bound unjustly" (Isaiah 58:6).

"Sharing your bread with the hungry" (Isaiah 58:7a).

"Clothing the naked when you see them" (Isaiah 58:7b).

"Ending false accusation and malicious speech (Isaiah 58:9).

The first three closely resemble the *corporal works of mercy*, which we find in the famous "judgment scene" record by St. Matthew in chapter 25. The fourth one is a strict prohibition against finger-pointing and all forms of nasty gossip.

In the second set, God proposes "penitential acts" to restore the proper observance of the Sabbath, especially by curtailing work. God calls for the following acts:

"Holding back your foot from following your own pursuits on my holy day" (Isaiah 58:13).

"Not seeking your own interests or speaking with malice" (Isaiah 58:19).

All of these practices, which are not really "religious" at all, promote the restoration of justice and harmony among all people -- and with God. Sin, of course, always does the opposite: it shatters peace, thrives on self-isolation, and ruptures one's relationship with God. While it is quite easy to skip meat on Friday, none of the acts proposed by God through Isaiah comes easily. To those who do these "penitential acts," God makes a promise: "Your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom by like noonday.... You shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:10-11).

*Fr. Michael Kerper*