

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

29 Spring St., Nashua, NH 03060
Tel. 603-882-2262 Fax: 603-577-9817

Website: www.stpatricksnashua.org

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

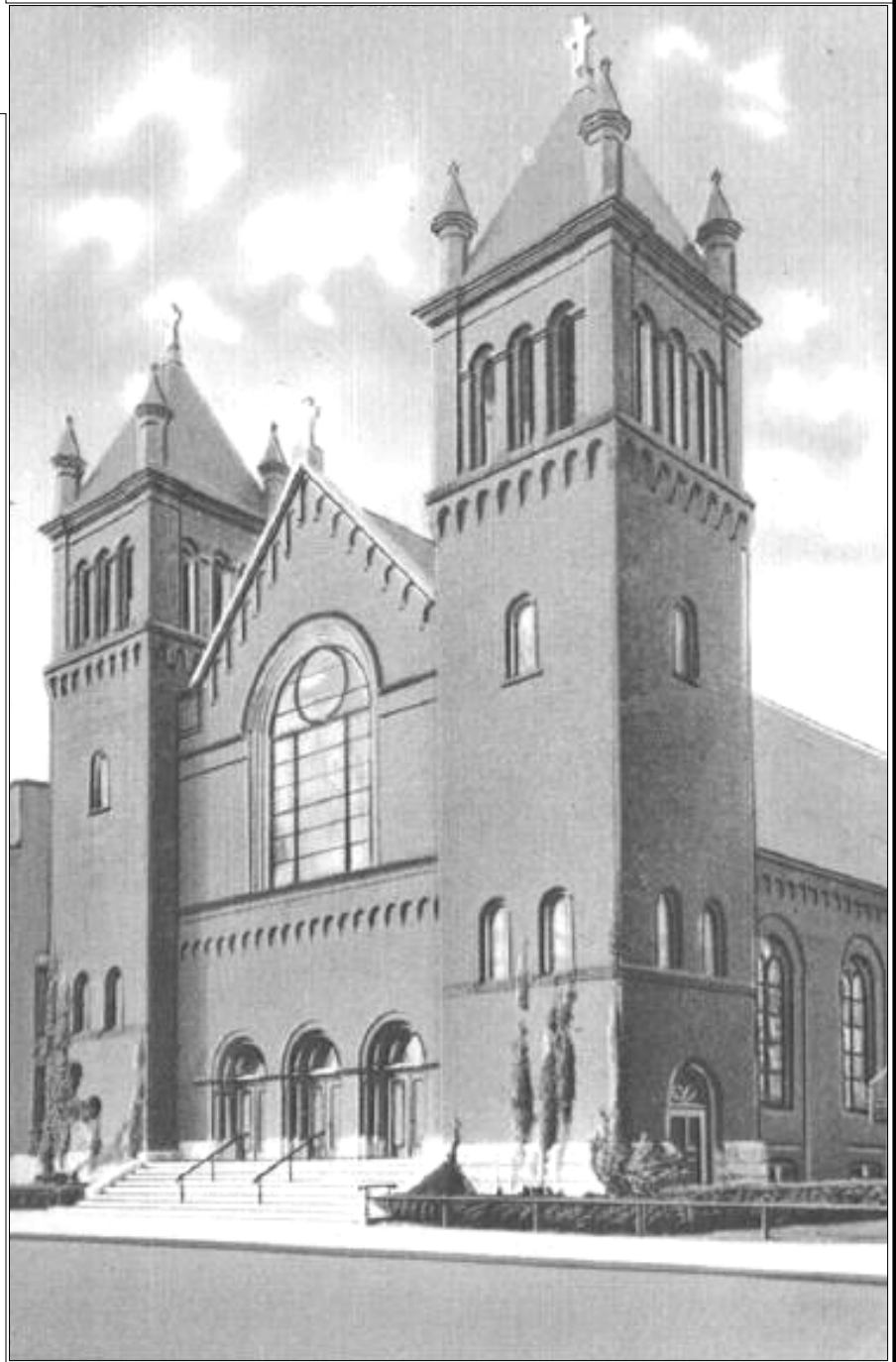
Sat.: 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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. 7, 2015- Vigil - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Phyllis Guisso**
By her son, Lazarus Guisso

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM **Andrew & Gloris Palanski**
By Kevin & Susan Palanski

9:30 AM **Cornelius L. Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Tom McGreevy**
By Jack McGreevy

Monday, Feb. 9, 2015

12:05 PM **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 ~ St. Scholastica

12:05 PM **Brother Paul Forster**
By Joseph Forster

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015

12:05 PM **Matthew P. Ennis, Jr.**
By Caroline Kemezys & Kathy Ennis

Friday, Feb. 13, 2015

12:05 PM **Paul Murray**
By Patricia Derr

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**

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 January 31/Feb 1, 2015

From (202) Envelope Users:	\$8,104.25
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 750.12
- Cash:	\$1,498.00
Electronic Giving Users (17)	\$ 631.00
Total Collection	\$10,983.37

Mass Count: 759

Seminarian Fund:

Previous Total	\$2,449.00
Jan. 31/Feb 1 Total:	\$ 540.00
Grand Total:	\$2,989.00

Catholic Schools Week Offering:

Jan. 31/Feb. 1 Total:	\$1,996.00
------------------------------	-------------------

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of Jan. 31/Feb 1	\$468.00
---------------------------------	-----------------

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 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Sexagesima Sunday

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.

REST IN PEACE

Joan B. Hayes

Meetings with Ushers

Fr. Kerper requests that all ushers remain after the weekend Masses on February 7/8 for a brief meeting. During these meetings we will review the procedures for handling and securing the collection. Also, we need more ushers (men and women). Please consider offering your services. We will meet in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar.

**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 send it, as well as your check made out to Mr. John Kiely, 8 Louisburg Square, #6, Nashua, NH 03060.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel. _____

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

Saint Francis of Assisi School

Winter Open House Schedule
Thursday, February 12th at 6:00pm

We are a joyfully and authentically Catholic elementary school situated on a beautiful 14-acre campus. Experience the Peace of Christ! For more information visit us at: www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org or call (603) 424-3312.

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.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL 20 Cushing Ave., Nashua, NH 03064

Are you interested in a St. Christopher School education for your child? Applications are being accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year. We invite you to meet our students and teachers, see our building, and learn all that St. Chris has to offer your child. For more information about Open Houses or to schedule a tour of our facilities, call Jackie Langenfeld at 603-882-7442, ext. 114.

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 and check out our retreat brochure. If you have additional questions, please contact Marie Thibodeau via email at 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. Register online lentbreakfast2015.eventbrite.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT April 10-12, 2015

Come to a *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*™ 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 is needed. Registration deadline is Monday, April 6th.

For information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. To discuss registration or for additional information, contact **Annette Rioux** at 207-321-7885; or email Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org

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.

"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 or 603-661-1590 by February 10.

Men of St. Joseph Mass and 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 and the cost is \$9.00. For more information contact Bill Donroe at 432-6066 or bdonroe@comcast.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

The Responsorial Psalm today says, "Teach me your ways, O Lord!" Do we allow the Lord to teach us His ways so that we can love and honor our spouse more each day? Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 13 - 15, 2015 and May 19 - 21, 2015. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

Fifth Annual Longest Married Couple Project Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter



The search is on. The Fifth Annual Longest Married Couple Project in the U.S. (includes couples within the U.S., as well as U.S. territories) has started. If you know a couple with a long marriage please nominate them for this honor. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. More information can be found at wwme.org.

In addition to honoring the longest married couple for the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state and territory who has achieved that distinction. In the case of the United States couple, appropriate gifts will be presented to them at a ceremony to be held at their location during Valentine's week. The state winners will receive personal recognition and a special certificate of achievement during that same time frame from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement. For more information go to wwme.org

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.

Vestments and Superiority

Among Christians, the most ancient and elaborate vestments have survived within the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. However, many contemporary people, even some Catholics, dislike vestments, seeing them as a way to elevate clergymen over the baptized faithful. Indeed, some Protestant denominations adamantly refuse to allow vestments, except perhaps an academic robe. And many evangelical ministers wear standard business attire when preaching or conducting services.

Living as we do in an anti-hierarchical and democratic world, it is somewhat amazing that vestments have survived in the Catholic Church. Thorstein Veblen (1857-1929), a very quirky economist from Wisconsin, offered an explanation. According to Veblen, vestments actually mark the clergymen as *lower* -- not *higher* -- than the ordinary faithful.

In his classic work, The Theory of the Leisure Class (1899), Veblen wrote: "*Priestly vestments show, in accentuated form, all the features that have been shown to be evidence of a servile state and vicarious life.*" Vestments, Veblen insisted, serve as uniforms, much like the garb of butlers and footmen employed by the wealthy. Employers, by mandating and providing the uniforms worn by their domestic servants, forcefully assert their superiority over the servants. And, considering that most vestments are owned by the parish not the priest, the richness, expense, and high quality of the vestments say much more about the "owners" than the "wearers," who, after all, simply "borrow" the sacred clothing.

Veblen's musings about vestments also touch upon the usually unacknowledged "love/hate relationship" between clergy and laity, especially within the more "mature" and "traditional" forms of Christianity, notably Catholicism, Anglicanism, and Lutheranism. These more "formal" Christians, according to Veblen, have great respect for the *office* of the priest/pastor, but not necessarily for the human beings who hold the office. The ancient vestments, then, separate -- and protect -- the clergy from the laity, much as the butler's uniform acts as a clear boundary between master and servant. Veblen, certainly not a believing Christian, saw the clergy as the hired servant/butler, not the other way around.

Vestments, of course, come and go. We must always remember that *all* the vestments in the Catholic wardrobe are stylized versions of common ancient Roman garments. As fashion changed, the Church just kept the old clothes around, probably without too much thought about why. In their original form, they symbolized nothing. Gradually, they acquired sacred meanings, none of which ever asserted superiority of the priest over the people. We see this, for example, in the long-standing practice of compelling the priest to *conceal* his stole -- the symbol of priestly authority -- while celebrating the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The priest wears the stole *under* his chasuble, the symbol of charity, thereby signifying the priority of love over authority.

Fr. Michael Kerper