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PATRICK



# St. Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

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## PARISH STAFF

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**Rosemary Daly**, *Office Manager*  
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**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

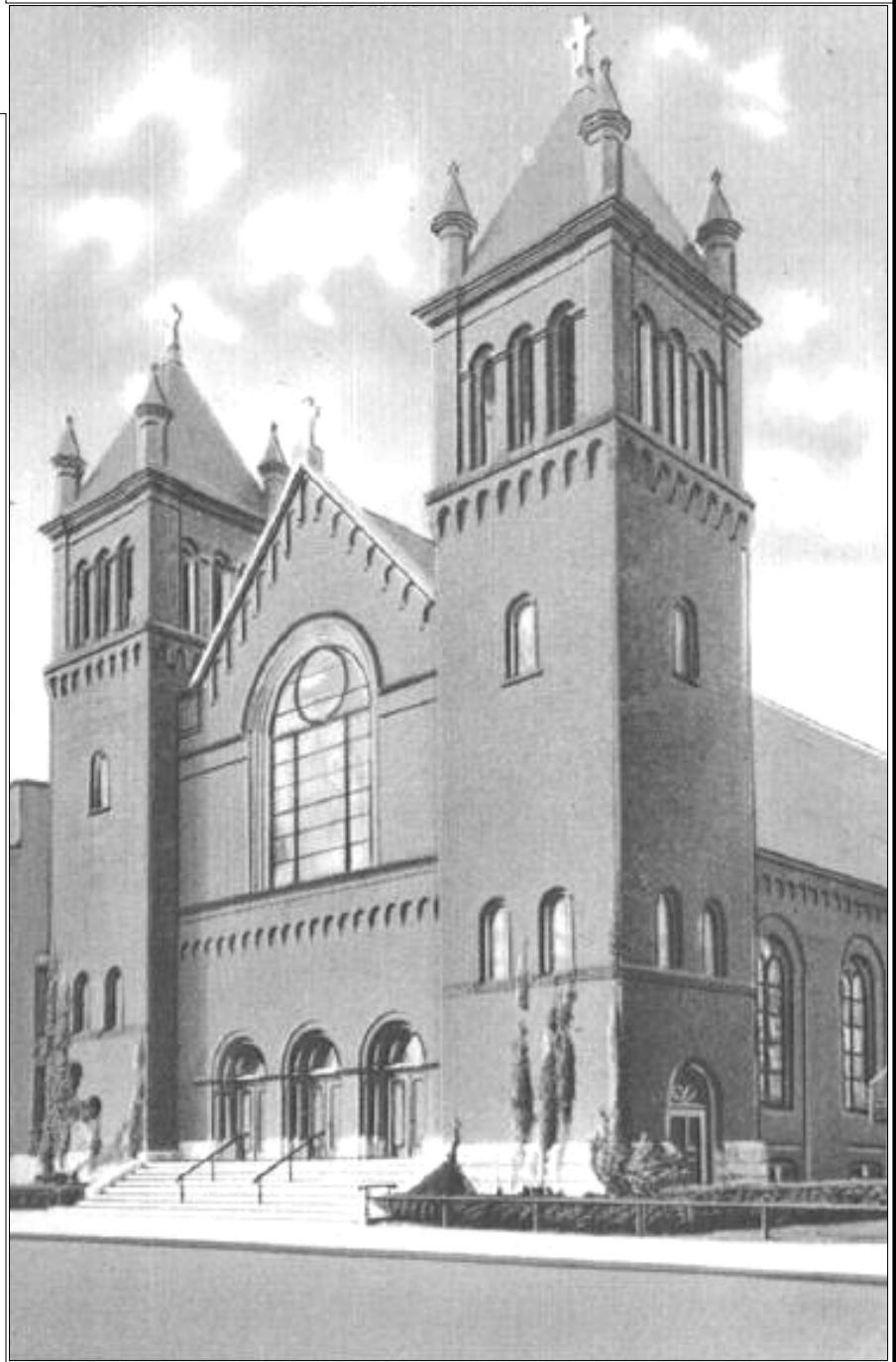
Sat. 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### 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, Jan. 28, 2017 - Vigil - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Mary Dewey, 1st Anniversary**  
By Muriel Descoteaux and  
Diane Urqhart

**Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM **People of the Parish**

9:30 AM **Katherine McCarthy and Rita Meehan**  
By the Family

12:00 PM **John and Mary Koren**  
By the Kwiatkowski Family **Monday,**

**Jan. 30, 2017**

12:05 PM **Albert Lucas, 9th Anniversary**  
By his daughter, Elona Lucas

**Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 - St. John Bosco**

12:05 PM **Veronica T. Williams**  
By Paul McDermott

**Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017**

12:05 PM **George Shuman**  
By his sister-in-law Elona Lucas

**Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 - The Presentation of the Lord**

12:05 PM **Mary Larkin**  
By Paul McDermott

**Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 - St. Blaise and St. Ansgar**

12:05 PM **The Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 - Vigil - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Olivette C. Lemire, 11th Anniversary**  
By her husband Richard Lemire

**Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 AM **Grace and Frank Bolen, 62nd Wedding Anniversary**  
By Rosemary Daly

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 21 & 22**

From (172) Envelope Users: \$4,959.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,219.00  
- Cash: \$1,486.00  
Electronic Giving Users (22) \$ 800.00  
**Total Collection \$8,464.00**

**Mass Count 1/21 & 1/22 : 698**  
**Mass Count 1/14 & 1/15: 607**

**Christmas Collection**

Previous Total \$22,460.00  
Weekend of 1/22/17 \$ 150.00  
Total Christmas Collection \$22,610.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of 01/22/17 **\$475.00**

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.

**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.

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass.  
For individual arrangements call 603-882-2262.

*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:

**Seminarians**

Bishop Libasci has designated the weekend of January 14/15 as the time for the annual collection for our diocesan seminarians. We will receive donations through the weekend of February 4/5. Envelopes and very informative brochures are available in the vestibule and on the back tables. **To date we have received \$2,230.00. Thank you.**

**St. Patrick's Capital Campaign**

Since November and through the Christmas Season, our parish members have given over \$37,000 to our Capital Campaign, either as one-time gifts or payments on pledges. Participants in the Capital Campaign will soon receive a statement of their contributions for tax purposes. Thanks for your generous - and truly sacrificial - support!

**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Jan. 30 - Feb. 5**

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 (22-32)

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

**February 12, 2017**

**Septuagesima Sunday**  
(Followed by a light luncheon)

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

February 4, 2017

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

February 11, 2017

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

February 18, 2017

**Saturday of Our Lady**

February 25, 2017

**Saturday of Our Lady**

**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.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

The Knights of Columbus! Council 11907 can now be found online at [KofC11907.org](http://KofC11907.org) and at [Facebook.com/kofc11907](https://www.facebook.com/kofc11907). For any Catholic male, 18 years old or older, find out more about the Knights of Columbus and how you can become a member of the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world. Please contact Rob Everett at (603)229-7319 for more information.

**CORPUS CHRISTI  
FOOD PANTRY**

Corpus Christ Food Pantry is located at 43 Franklin St., Nashua, NH. Our pantry is able to provide temporary help to families in need. Shelf ready or canned meat such as beef stew, ham, Spam, Vienna sausages; cereals, muffin mixes, granola, breakfast bars, Macaroni and Cheese, pasta, rice, and canned fruit and vegetables are always appreciated. Food may be dropped off in the container located in the vestibule of the church.

## [Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy](#)

The moving, live production of this work performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Manchester on **Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for Students. **For additional information**, contact Mary Quinn at 603-472-5975 or [mmcdonnell139@comcast.net](mailto:mmcdonnell139@comcast.net). Purchase tickets online at [www.messengerofdivinemercury.eventbrite.com](http://www.messengerofdivinemercury.eventbrite.com).

Watch the trailer & learn more at [www.DivineMercyDrama.com](http://www.DivineMercyDrama.com)



## **St. Patrick Youth Group**

St. Patrick's Youth Group and Bible Study meets most 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Center from 7 - 9 pm. (Upcoming meetings are posted in the bulletin). All teens from 12-18 are invited to join us for prayer and pizza, followed by bible study, games, and fellowship. Come join us for a relaxing, faith and fun-filled evening! Please call Beth Bord with any questions, at 880-6853. Hope to see you there!

## **Blessing of Throats**

On Friday, February 3, we will offer the blessing of throats, traditionally done on the feast of St. Blaise. The blessing will be bestowed during the 12:05 Mass after the intercessions. It will be done individually by the priest.

## ***OPEN HOUSE at NASHUA CATHOLIC REGIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL***

Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Open House starts in our gym at 6 Bartlett Ave., Nashua, NH. Opportunities to meet our teachers, coaches, and parents, discuss curriculum, see student activity, 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.

## **Presentation of Mary Academy Hudson, NH**

*Enlightening Hearts and Minds since 1926*

Registration open NOW for 2017-2018  
age 3 through grade 8

Contact Admissions Director, June Nolet  
603-889-6054 opt. 2

[www.pmaschool.org](http://www.pmaschool.org)

## **COFFEE AND DONUTS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

*Following the 9:30 AM Mass*

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in the Parish Center after the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 5, 2017 for coffee, donuts, bagels, juice and a time of fellowship. All are welcome.

## **Families Coping with the Opioid Crisis**

A team of Catholic Charities New Hampshire clinicians skilled in addiction counseling will present **“Families Coping with the Opioid Crisis” at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack, 6:30-8 p.m., Feb. 27.**

This unique CCNH initiative focuses on addiction as a family disease. The team relies on the medical model of addiction counseling. Topics include addiction and the brain; enabling behavior; setting boundaries and communicating with a loved one struggling with addiction. Opportunities for questions will be available.

Family support group facilitators Susan McKeown of Families Advocating for Substance Abuse Treatment, Education & Recovery (FASTER) in Manchester and Lynn Fuller of Circle of Hope in Farmington will also offer personal accounts of loved one’s struggling with addiction and how to get help.

Free and open to people from all walks of life and faiths.

The team launched the program in late 2016. This is the first session to be held in Greater Nashua. Others are planned this spring for the Upper Valley, North Country and Portsmouth.

**For more information, contact the Rev. John Mahoney Jr., CCNH Clinical Services Director, at 669-3030ext. 233, or CCNH Communications Manager Kathryn Marchocki at 669-3030 ext. 207.**

## **Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala**

The successes of our Catholic schools and their students would not be possible without the selfless support of our committed educators, administrators, clergy, and lay partners in the community. This year, we are holding our first annual Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord on June 22, 2017. We hope you will consider joining us at this exciting event when we will officially honor our School Leader of the Year, Clergy Member of the Year, Community Partner of the Year and most especially our Teacher of the Year. The award descriptions and nomination forms can be found at [catholicschoolsnh.org](http://catholicschoolsnh.org). The deadline to submit your nomination is March 17, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Catholic Schools Office at (603) 663-0140.



## **TRIP TO IRELAND**

Why not take a trip to Ireland from **September 24 to October 5, 2017**? We will be visiting the following destinations: Dublin, Kildare, Strokestown House, Knock, Connemara, Galway, Aran Islands, Rathbaun Farm, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Foynes, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford, Avoca, and Glendalough. Two information nights are scheduled: **January 30** at St. Catherine of Siena, Manchester at 7 p.m., and **February 5** at Immaculate Conception, Nashua at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in a brochure, please call St. Catherine Rectory Office at (603) 622-4966.

## *Short Christmas/Long Christmas*

Every year someone asks: "Why is the Nativity scene still here? Christmas ended weeks ago. Did you forget to take it down?"

Indeed, December 25 is long gone. But for many centuries the Church has extended the celebration of Christmas over three blocks of time: the Octave (the eight days between Christmas and January 1), the Twelve Days of Christmas (from Christmas Day to the Epiphany, traditionally celebrated on January 6) and the post-Epiphany period, which includes the last major Christmas feast: the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

This 40 day Christmas season now seems so strange because we have so quickly accommodated to the secular/commercial celebration of the "winter holidays." Everything is now reversed. December 25 marks the end the "season," which now begins immediately after Halloween.

The Church elongated Christmas to provide Christians with ample time and spiritual material to absorb the rich meaning of the Birth of Christ. Now, in a world that radically abbreviates the most important events and inflates the trivial ones, few people have the patience - or time -- to consider the consequences of Christ's birth. Indeed, some miss it entirely.

The Presentation of the Lord, which occurs on a February 2, serves as an excellent summary of the true meaning of Christ's birth. It commemorates the act of Mary and Joseph who brought their new-born child to the Temple as an offering to God. Through this legally-mandated act, Mary and Joseph, like all devout Jews, acknowledged that God "owned" their Child. In the case of Jesus, this event also foreshadowed his Passion and Death, especially through the prophetic words of Simeon: "You see this child: he is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected."

In light of these chilling words, the Presentation serves as a "hinge" between Christmas and Good Friday, Birth and Death. Without this linkage, both Christmas and Good Friday lose their meaning. Christmas answers the question, "Who is this Child?" And Good Friday answers the question, "Why did He come?" If the man on the cross is just another unfortunate victim of the Romans, who cares? But if He is indeed the Son of God born in Bethlehem, then everything changes: His Death is the source of our Life. Unless we grasp this essential truth of the Christian faith, nothing makes sense.

Discovering and celebrating the multiple events of God's relationship with the human race requires a significant investment of time and attention. When we settle for an hour on December 25 and a little time at Easter, we become like people who pop into a movie theater to see the first and last minutes of a film. We never see the whole story and so we leave bored and unimpressed; and we eventually forget the movie itself. The Church's prolongation of the Christmas Season helps us to see -- and remember-- the whole story of Christ.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*