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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

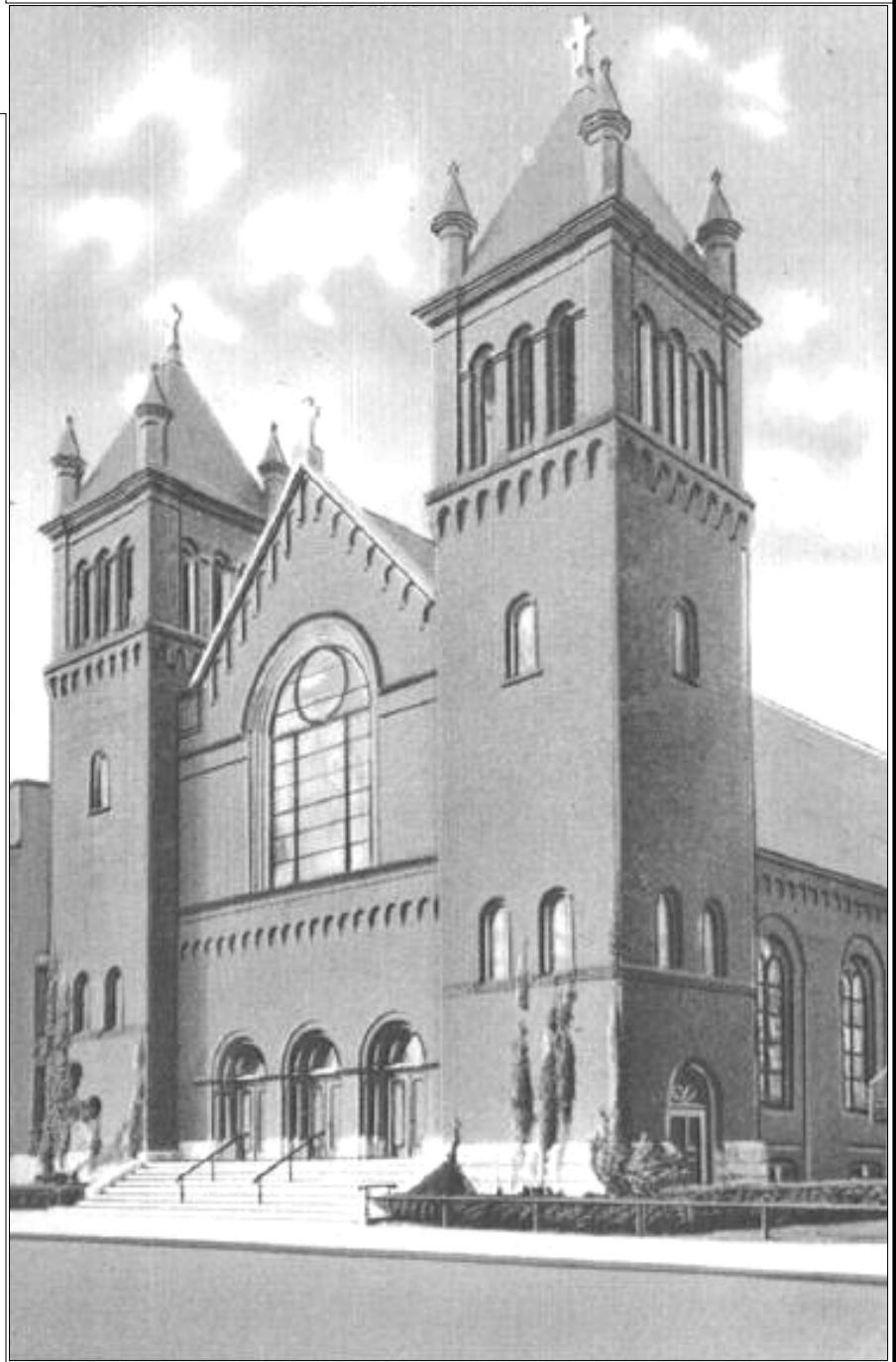
Sat.: 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### 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. 28, 2015- Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM **Adam Gureckis**  
By Cindy and Mike Mucci

**Sunday, Mar. 1, 2015 - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

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

9:30 AM **People of the Parish**

12:00 PM **Connie Bertrand**  
By Paul and Sandy Statz

**Monday, Mar. 2, 2015**

12:05 PM **Joseph Brannigan**  
By his friends at Corpus Christi

**Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2015 ~ St. Katherine Drexel**

12:05 PM **Mary & Kenneth Mills**  
By the Dignan Family

**Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2015 ~ St. Casimir**

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

**Thursday, Mar. 5, 2015**

12:05 PM Priest's Intention

**Friday, Mar. 6, 2015**

12:05 PM Priest's Intention

**Saturday, Mar. 7, 2015-Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM **Patrick Joseph Terrin**  
By Alice Martin

**Sunday, Mar. 8, 2015 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM **Ronald Lavalley**  
By Norm & Mary Lavalley

9:30 AM **Benefactors of the St. Vincent  
De Paul Society**

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. 21 & 22, 2015**

From (205 )Envelope Users: \$6,140.00  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,398.12  
- Cash: \$1,138.00  
Electronic Giving Users (19) \$ 665.00  
**Total Collection \$9,341.12**

**Mass Count: 612**

**Ash Wednesday Offertory \$1,414.00**

**Fuel Collection**

Weekend of Feb. 21, & 22 **\$112.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of Feb. 21 & 22 \$711.00

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:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2015

### News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

#### REST IN PEACE

Janet Christie

#### UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, March 8, 2015

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

March 7, 2015

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

March 14, 2015

**Feria of Lent**

March 21, 2015

**Feria of Lent**

March 28, 2015

**Passiontide Feria**

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#### 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.*

#### 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.

#### CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM

43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

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#### 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 attendee 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.**

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#### Registration Form

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

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

## 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 Fridays in Lent: 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

### Knights of Columbus Annual Pro-Life Seminar Sunday, March 22, 2015

The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Pro-Life Seminar on Sunday, March 22, 2015 in the church hall of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, NH. The day starts with a luncheon at 12:00 noon provided by the Daughters of Isabella. A free will offering is requested for the lunch.

Various respect life organizations from across the state will be represented, including: Care Net, Birthright, NH Right to Life, and Cornerstone.

The guest speaker is Darlene Pawlik. Darlene has been a nurse for 26 years and worked in Pro-Life ministry for more than 22 years. She has spoken in many venues, including the NH Legislature, public events, radio and TV interviews, schools, churches, youth groups, and other groups around New England and beyond. She is currently the Chair of the NH Right To Life Educational Trust and Political Action Committee. Her topic will be "Saving Lives through Outreach."

#### Schedule of Events

12:00 Noon	Luncheon provided by Daughters of Isabella
12:45 PM	Opening Remarks
1:00 PM	Brief Updates from different Respect Life Organizations
1:45PM	Break & time to visit presentation tables
2:00PM	Guest Speaker's Presentation
3:15PM	Question and Answer Session
3:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Prayer

Registration deadline for the luncheon and seminar is Wednesday, March 18, 2015. For more information please contact Ron DiStasio either by phone at 603-595-7837 or by email at [rddistasio@comcast.net](mailto:rddistasio@comcast.net).

## CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

This month, 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.

**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@stfrancischoolmn.org](mailto:office@stfrancischoolmn.org).

**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  
St. Joseph Cathedral  
March 14, 2015**

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).

**World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage  
and Papal Mass  
Sept. 22- 27, 2015 ~ Philadelphia, PA**

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 us on the web at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) To register or for additional information, contact **Annette Rioux by telephone** at 207-321-7885; or you can contact her by email her at [Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Annette.Rioux@portlanddiocese.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Weekends**

Today's gospel tells of the Transfiguration of Christ; make the time to renew and transform your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 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).

**RETROUVAILLE  
MARRIAGE RENEWAL WEEKENDS**

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. The New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on: April 10-12, 2015 and September 11-13, 2015. To register for the weekend or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## *Penance anyone?*

During Lent we hear frequent references to *penance*. When we hear this word we usually think of something very unpleasant, something like physical or mental torture. Knowing that the Lord is kind and merciful, we wonder why He would ever delight in punishing His children. He doesn't. And so we must readjust our understanding of penance.

Penance is not torture. Rather, penance is really *medicine*. The Roman Catechism, published in 1566 after the Council of Trent, uses this beautiful image. The Catechism teaches that all sin flows from three "diseases" -- pride, lust of the flesh, and lust of the eyes. Just as different bodily diseases are treated by different medicines, so too are sins. Each requires a different "prescription." Hence, the Catechism identifies three forms of penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how each "medicine" treats the specific sin.

First, pride emerges from an intense focus on oneself. The person afflicted by pride, the root and greatest of all sins, is totally self-absorbed and self-isolated. He or she is the center of everything. Prayer "cures" this egocentricity by turning one's gaze away from oneself to God, the great "Other." If a person commits to more time in prayer, whether alone or in public worship, the "space" for self-preoccupation begins to shrink, thereby restoring the proper relationship between "creature" and Creator.

Second, "lust of the flesh" means that "fleshy appetites" completely drive a person's life. As human beings, we need to eat, keep warm, and have loving relationships that generate new life. Hence, our attraction to material things is good. But frequently these attractions become wildly disordered even to the point of destructive "disease."

Fasting acts as the "antidote" to "lust of the flesh." How so? When we fast we rediscover our God-given ability to consume *only what we need*. By fasting, we affirm a crucial truth: we are not enslaved to our appetites. Fasting, then, allows us to experience freedom.

Third, "lust of the eyes" refers to the tendency to see many nice things and to try to possess them all. Living as we do in a consumerist society, we are bombarded by appeals to buy all sorts of products that are constantly updated, improved, and so on.

Almsgiving is the "medicine" for "lust of the eyes" because when we freely divest ourselves of some of our resources we curtail the excessive accumulation of "stuff." Moreover, we refocus our eyes, seeing human beings, especially those in need, rather than things to acquire. Almsgiving is also inseparably linked to fasting: the food not eaten is meant to be transferred to the hungry.

These three penitential "medicines" are all closely interrelated because the three "diseases" are also connected to one another. Full health requires the simultaneous treatment of all the diseases.

Of course, contemporary people, even devout Catholics, recoil from the notion that they're spiritually sick. Penance? Me? I'm just fine. Not really.

Pope Francis, when he assumed the chair of St. Peter, described the Church as a "field hospital" filled with sick and wounded people. How true! As a field hospital, the Church is also a place of healing. As such, She has abundant "medicine" -- prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the great traditional remedies of Mother Church.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*