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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

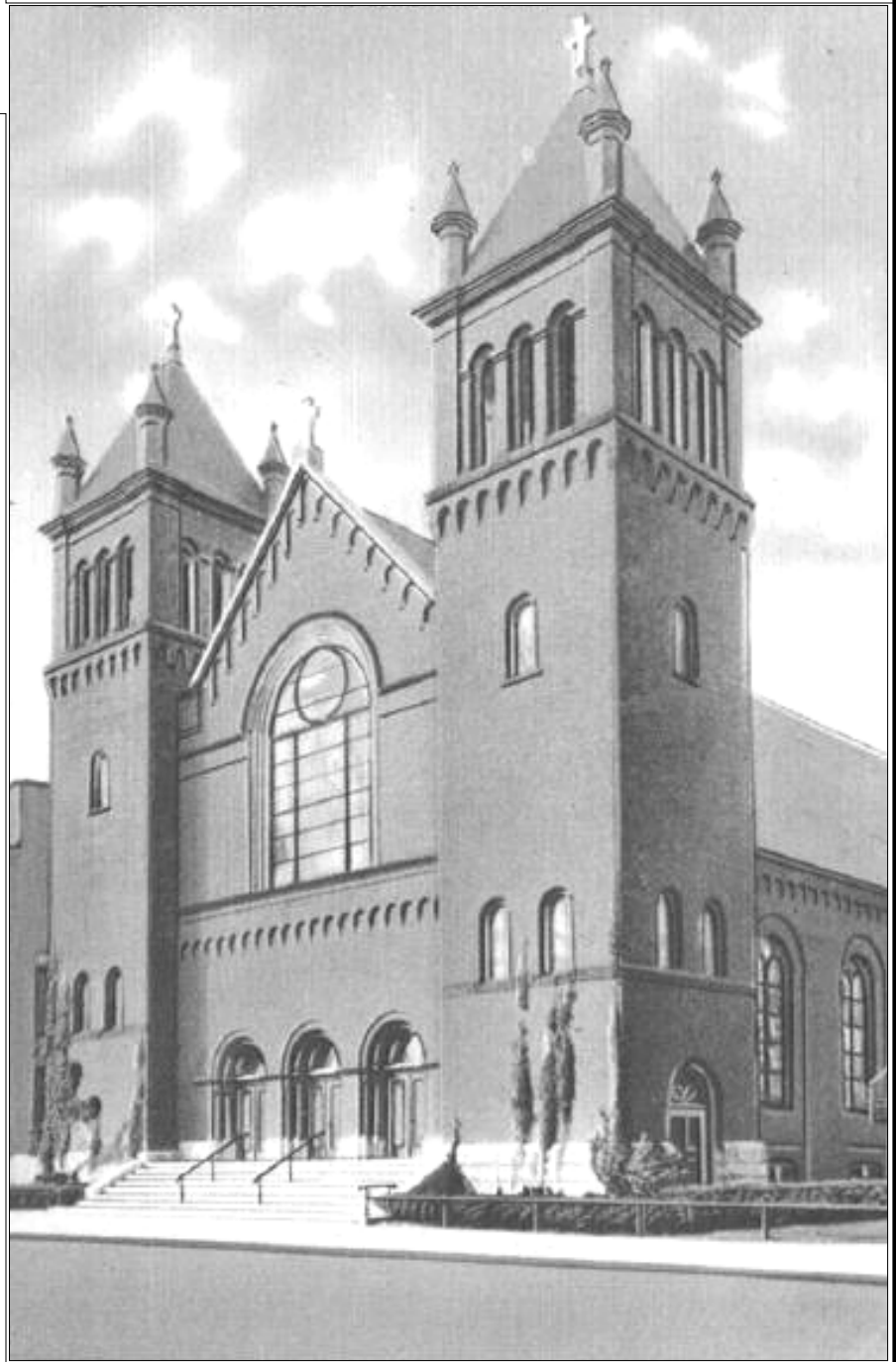
Sat.: 3:00 PM  
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

### 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, Mar. 14, 2015-Vigil - 4th Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM **Laurel Baas**  
By Kirk & Linda Pomeroy

**Sunday, Mar. 15, 2015 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

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

9:30 AM **Lorna J. Damon**  
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Deceased Members of the  
Byrne Family**  
By the Family

**Monday, Mar. 16, 2015 ~**

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

**Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2015 ~ St. Patrick**

12:05 PM **Joseph & Stephanie Narkis**  
By the Family

**Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2015 ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

12:05 PM **John & Bernice McCaughey**  
By the Family

**Thursday, Mar. 19, 2015 ~ St. Joseph**

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

**Friday, Mar. 20, 2015**

12:05 PM **Victor & Laurance LaPierre**  
By the Family

**Saturday, Mar. 21, 2015-Vigil - 5th Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM **Ronald Boucher**  
By his mother, Jean Boucher

**Sunday, Mar. 22, 2015 - 5th Sunday of Lent**

7:00 AM **Louis Lupica**  
By the Levine Family

9:30 AM **Donal P. Dignan**  
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 March 7 & 8, 2015**

From (206) Envelope Users:	\$ 7,219.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 1,246.92
- Cash:	\$ 1,471.00
Electronic Giving Users ()	\$ 765.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,701.92</b>

**Mass Count: 708**  
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**Fuel Collection**

Weekend of Mar. 7 & 8 \$595.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Weekend of Mar. 7 & 8 \$645.00

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**

**March 16 through 22**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13-16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish**

**REST IN PEACE**

Normand Caron

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

Gabriella Jean Gureckis  
James Leighton Moynahan  
Kathryn Mabel Moynahan

**UPCOMING LATIN MASSES**

12:00 Noon

Sunday, April 12, 2015

**Low Sunday (Octave Day of Easter)**

Saturday Mornings  
8:00 AM

*(Church opens at 7:30 AM)*

March 21, 2015  
**Feria of Lent**

March 28, 2015  
**Passiontide Feria**

April 4, 2015  
**Holy Saturday**  
***No Mass until Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM***

April 11, 2015  
**Easter Saturday**

April 18, 2015  
**Saturday of Our Lady**

April 25, 2015  
**St. Mark the Evangelist**

**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

**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.**

**Registration Form**

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

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

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

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

**BIBLE STUDY!**

Please join us on Sunday, 10:45 - 11:45 AM, or Monday, 7:00 - 8:15 PM. 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 and we look forward to studying His Word and spending time with you!!!

# 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 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.

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### Recommitment Cards

We recently distributed Recommitment Cards at all the Masses as a follow-up to last year's increased Offertory Campaign. If you were not here, please pick up a packet from one of the tables in the vestibule. The packet includes a card, our financial report covering the first half of Fiscal Year 2015, and a letter providing an update on our situation. Please return the card through the collection or mail. Thanks to everyone who has generously responded and made it possible for St. Patrick's to have a balanced budget.

### Easter flower envelopes

New flower envelopes can be found on the tables in the vestibule. Contributions will be used to cover our flower expenses for Holy Week and Easter. We will publish a list of memorials after Easter.

**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. Join us for a great meal & fellowship!!! Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule April 4/5 and 11/12.

## THANK YOU FROM CARE NET!

Linda Barry of CareNet Pregnancy Center of Manchester and Nashua sent a letter of thanks to the members of the St. Patrick Confirmation class and parishioners, who ran a Baby Bottle Benefit for the organization. "The generosity of the class and the members of your parish who contributed will allow us to reach out with compassion and the practical love of Jesus Christ to those in our community who desperately need to find hope in the midst of their crisis." The fundraiser brought in \$953.78 for the organization.

All of the funds raised go directly to provide services to women and families in our communities who are facing the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy. Thanks to your generosity, hearts are being changed and lives saved daily. Thank you!

## PRAISE FOR ST. PATRICK & HOLY CROSS CEMETERIES

We recently received the following letter in praise of St. Patrick and Holy Cross Cemeteries, and thought we would share it with you.

*Dear Father Kerper,*

*I am writing to you in regards to Mark and the crew that take care of the St. Patrick Cemetery (Derry Road) and Holy Cross Cemetery (Ledge Rd.) in Hudson. I cannot express enough the pride I feel everyday when I go to St. Patrick's to visit with my husband or drive by Holy Cross. I live off of Ledge Road. I have visited a number of cemeteries, and most cannot hold a candle to these two in Hudson. There has never been a time that the cemeteries weren't spotless. They are plowed better than most streets in town. The men that work there are kind, courteous, and thoughtful, and always smile and say hello. I am so happy that my husband is in a cemetery that I can be so proud of, and I only hope that you know how lucky you are to have such a fantastic team of workers. The people in Hudson know how lucky we are.*

*Thank you,*

*Judy Mickle*

## Community News

### 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.

## 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).

## 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. Fr. Kelly was the pastor of St. Patrick Parish from 1992 until he entered eternal life in 2011. Prior to his ordination he taught Latin at Nashua High School. 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. (Limited applications will be delivered to both rectories) Applications must be received no later than April 24, 2015.

## Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered to all who are in need of it each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass.

## *St. Patrick's contentious offspring*

Every year on St. Patrick's Day, Irish-Catholics celebrate the unity, purity, and piety of the Irish Church. But there's one big problem here: The Catholic Church in Ireland has always had a fair share of internal conflict and tension with many Popes.

The Catholic Church in Ireland, which already existed before the arrival of St. Patrick in 431, has two unusual features that contributed to its contentious spirit.

First, the Irish Church in its primitive form did *not* follow the standard Roman pattern of having individual bishops linked with specific geographical areas. Instead of geography, Irish Church organization followed the contours of the Irish clan system. Each extended family grouping -- the clan -- had its own bishop and clergy. This highly unusual practice did two things: first, it established a very close link between people and their clergy, many of whom were blood relatives; and second, it vastly multiplied the number of Irish bishops, many of whom had no dioceses. The "clan clergy" tended to live together under a bishop in a monastery. This arrangement, of course, impeded the development of parishes because the clergy were concentrated in the monasteries rather than scattered through the nation. Rome viewed these peculiarly Irish arrangements with great suspicion and enlisted the English to bring the Irish into conformity with the Roman "model." Following the so-called English conquest in 1172, many Englishmen were appointed as bishops in Ireland and gradually dismantled the old clan system, replacing it with the Roman system.

The bitter Irish memory of English-Roman cooperation never completely evaporated. As such, some Catholic priests, including prominent professors at Maynooth, the national seminary built by Queen Victoria, promoted "Gallicanism," especially in the middle of the 19th century. According to the Gallicans, national churches should select their own bishops and develop their own liturgical rites. The Pope, the Gallicans insisted, should have no real power beyond Rome.

Second, the Irish clergy were virtually unique in Europe for having clear *republican* sympathies. Republican here means the political ideology that opposed monarchy and other forms of hereditary systems of power. Today Americans take *republicanism* for granted. After all, who would want a king or queen? But in the 18th and 19th centuries, almost no Catholics -- especially among the clergy! -- supported republicanism because it was seen as an ungodly offshoot of the philosophical Enlightenment. Many Irish, however, tried to reconcile Enlightenment thought with Catholicism, a difficult task at the time.

The republican sympathies of some Irish Catholic clergymen and prominent lay leaders produced three other surprising positions: separation of church and state, the de-coupling of religion from education, and Catholic-Protestant cooperation. These ideas, which now seem common-place, were once considered extremely radical, even heretical.

Among Irish bishops and priests fierce battles raged through the centuries between liberals and conservatives, radical nationalists (Fenians!) and supporters of continued union with Britain, traditionalists and modernists, papal supporters and Gallicans. For sure, the descendents of St. Patrick's early converts have always enjoyed a good argument -- then and now.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*Fr. Michael Kerper*