

SAINT

PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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PARISH STAFF

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Gary McDonald, Music Director

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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

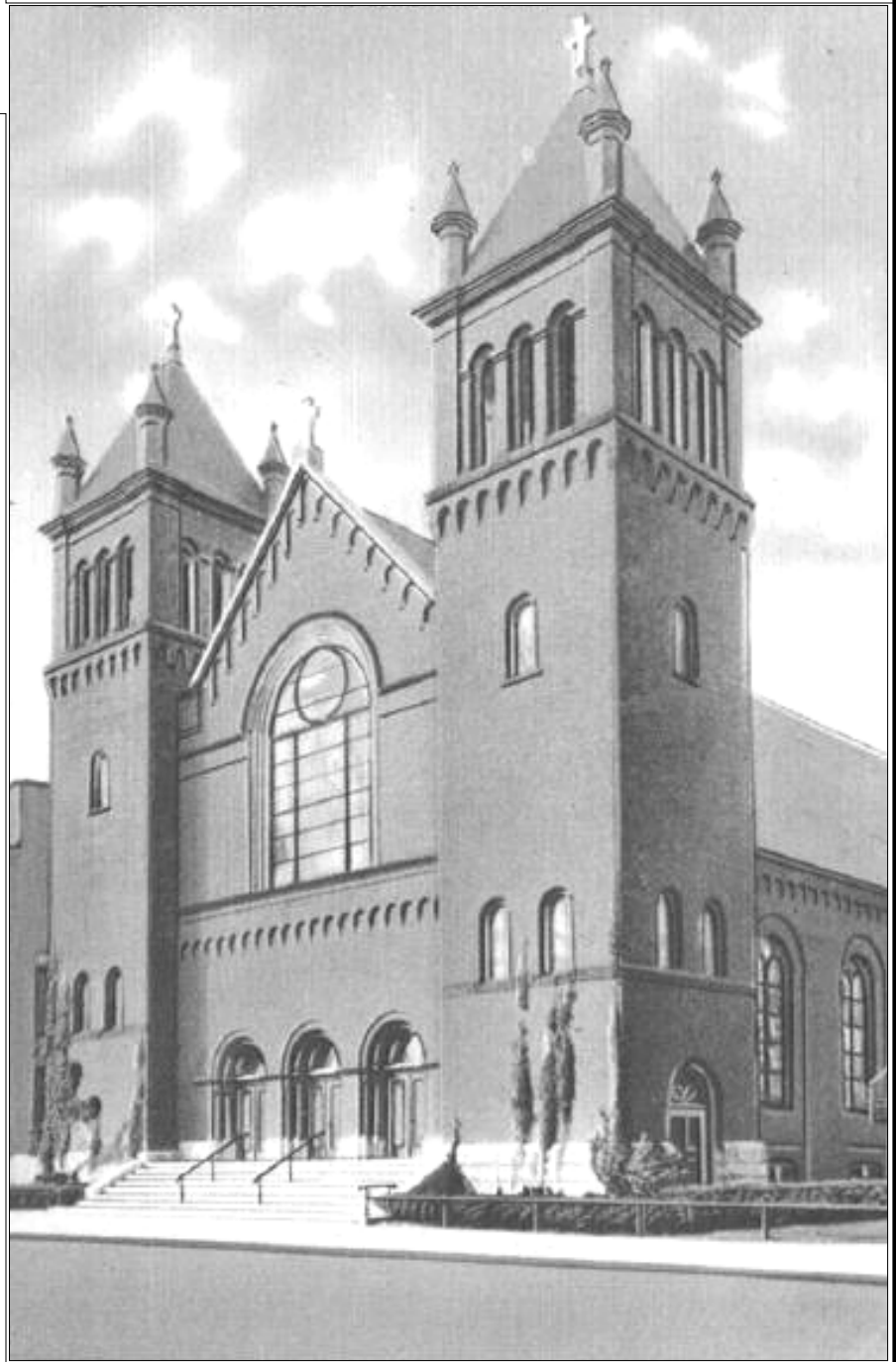
Sat.: 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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. 28, 2015-Vigil - Palm Sunday

4:00 PM **Pauline Mercier**
By the Family

Sunday, Mar. 29, 2015 - Palm Sunday

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

9:30 AM **James Bates**
By the Provost Family

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

Monday, Mar. 30, 2015 ~

12:05 PM **Jacqueline Burnham**
By the Family

Tuesday, Mar. 31, 2015

12:05 PM **Joseph Byrne**
By the Family

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

12:05 PM **Stephen Proulx**
By the Family

Thursday, April 2, 2015 ~ HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
*(Missa Cantata with Choir & Soloist
Followed by Adoration and
Confessions until 10:00 PM)*

Friday, April 3, 2015 ~ GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM **Ecumenical Prayer Service at
The Church of the Good Shepherd**

3:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**
(Followed by Confessions)

7:00 PM **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion**
*(Including Veneration of the Cross
& Holy Communion, followed
by Confessions)*

Saturday, April 4, 2015 - EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM **People of the Parish**

Sunday, April 5, 2015 - EASTER SUNDAY

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

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

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

(No Confessions on Easter Day)

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 21 & 22, 2015

From (218) Envelope Users:	\$5,703.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,266.00
- Cash:	\$1,329.00
Electronic Giving Users (18)	\$ 640.00
Total Collection	\$8,938.00

Mass Count: 777

Fuel Collection

Previous Total	\$710.00
Week of 3/21 & 3/22	\$175.00
Total:	\$885.00

Catholic Relief

Total to Date	\$1,269.00
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Flowers	Weekend of 3/22	\$371.00
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St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of 3/22	\$ 722.00
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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.

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.

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

ST. PATRICK OFFICE SCHEDULE

St. Patrick offices will be **closed on Friday, April 3, 2015 in observance of Good Friday.** Offices will re-open on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

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)

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

March 30 through April 5

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Special Confession Times

In response to Bishop Libasci's request that all parishes offer extended times for Confession on Monday of Holy Week, St. Patrick Parish will have Confessions as follows:

Monday, March 30

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

and

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

A visiting priest will be available during both periods.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is offered each Friday after the 12:05 PM Mass for all who wish to receive it. Unable to travel? Contact the office at 603-882-2262 to make individual arrangements.

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)

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

PRE-EASTER CONFESSION

Monday, March 30 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 31 11:15 AM to 11:55 AM
Wednesday, April 1 11:15 AM to 11:55 AM
Saturday, April 4 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2, 2015

7:00 PM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, WASHING OF FEET & PROCESSION

(Missa Cantata with Choir and Soloist)

Followed by Adoration & Confessions until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - April 3, 2015

12:00 Noon

Ecumenical Prayer Service

(at Good Shepherd Church, our next door neighbor)

3:00 PM

Traditional Station of the Cross

(Followed by Confessions)

7:00 PM

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross
& Holy Communion**

(Followed by Confessions)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Confessions: 3:00 to 4:00 PM

8:00 PM

The Great Easter Vigil

(Please note: this is the ONLY service on Saturday evening).

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - April 5

7:00 AM *(Quiet Mass)* **9:30 AM** *(Organ/Cantor)* **12:00 Noon** *(Organ/Choir)*

Note: All Easter Masses are in English. No Confessions on Easter Sunday.

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 retreat will be offered on the following Saturdays: **March 28, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.** 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 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).

BIBLE STUDY!

Please join us on Sunday, 10:45 - 11:45 am. Monday evening lessons will resume in the Fall. 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!

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. 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. Applications must be received no later than April 24, 2015.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will **NOT** be holding their monthly Coffee and Donuts social on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. Coffee and Donuts will resume on Sunday, May 3, 2015 after the 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. We hope to see you there!

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

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 for a great meal & fellowship!!! Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule April 4&5 and April 11&12. If you'd like to donate a ticket they'll be given to the St. Vincent De Paul Society or Thomas More so others can enjoy the dinner.

Good Friday A Day of Fast & Abstinence

All Catholics from the day following their 14th birthday, are required to abstain from meat on Good Friday, regardless of age. Catholics, from the day following their 18th birthday until the day following their 59th birthday, are required to fast on Good Friday. This means, only one full meal may be taken; no eating between meals is allowed. Food may be taken on two other occasions during the day, but the combined total must not equal a full meal. Liquids (*frappes and milk shakes are not considered liquids*) do not break the fast. Those whose health truly does not permit fast or abstinence are excused.

Community News

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

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.

Mass and Healing Service

A Mass and Healing Service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM. Fr. Chris Martel, Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Merrimack, will preside. Prayer teams from the Rivier Prayer Community will be available to pray with individuals for healing requests. For more information please call (603) 889-3483.

Christ's last command: Put down the sword!

Because the accounts of the Lord's passion have such richness, we do well to partake of them in small bites. At times, the smallest details, carefully preserved by the evangelists, reveal to us the greatest truths.

Consider the appearance of two sharp pointed weapons in St. John's Passion: the sword wielded by Peter at the time of the Lord's arrest and the lance wielded by the Roman soldier shortly after the death of Jesus.

These two weapons, and their effects, show forth two radically contradictory approaches to the human relationship with the divine. First, consider Peter's sword. St. John carefully preserves the detail: *Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.*

In the person of Peter, we see arrogance erupt into "holy" violence, which really denies the ways of God and ultimately reveals Peter's own sad impotence. Moreover, note well that Peter's violence assaults a slave, a bystander who simply had accompanied his superior to the place of arrest. Peter's sword wounds and maims. It fails in its absurd mission. In response Jesus utters his *last* command: *Put your sword back into its sheath.*

Moments before Jesus gives himself up entirely for the salvation of others, Peter, the designated leader of the band of apostles, still does not understand the ways of his Lord.

Now, we turn to the other weapon, the lance. St. John writes: *One of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance, and at once blood and water came out.*

Though a lance is made for violence, in this case it has another use. Jesus had already died; and so the lance could not inflict death. Rather, the lance became a creative tool, which the Lord did not resist at all. Indeed, one could rightly say that the Lord had awaited that lance all his life.

The thrust of the lance does not destroy. Instead, it acts creatively. St. John Chrysostom, the great theologian of the Greek-speaking Eastern Church, makes this point in his 4th century catechesis on the "Blood of Christ." He wrote this: *Since the symbols of baptism and the holy eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam.... As God then took a rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church.*

Which do we value most? Peter's sword or the soldier's lance? We find both in the life of the broader Christian Church. Those who live in fear and anger, not really trusting in the quiet and persistent power of God's grace, are quick to grasp Peter's sword, eager to "defend God" -- as if God needed our help.

By contrast, the soldier's lance inflicts the *unresisted* wound in the side of Christ, and that wound is true origin of the Church. If we embrace our origin, then we must obey the Lord's last command: *Put down the sword!*

Every day we face a basic choice: to brandish Peter's sword, which ultimately fails, or to accept the lance that causes the wound of Love. All that we hear and do during Holy Week compels us decide.

Fr. Michael Kerper