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PATRICK



St. Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

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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

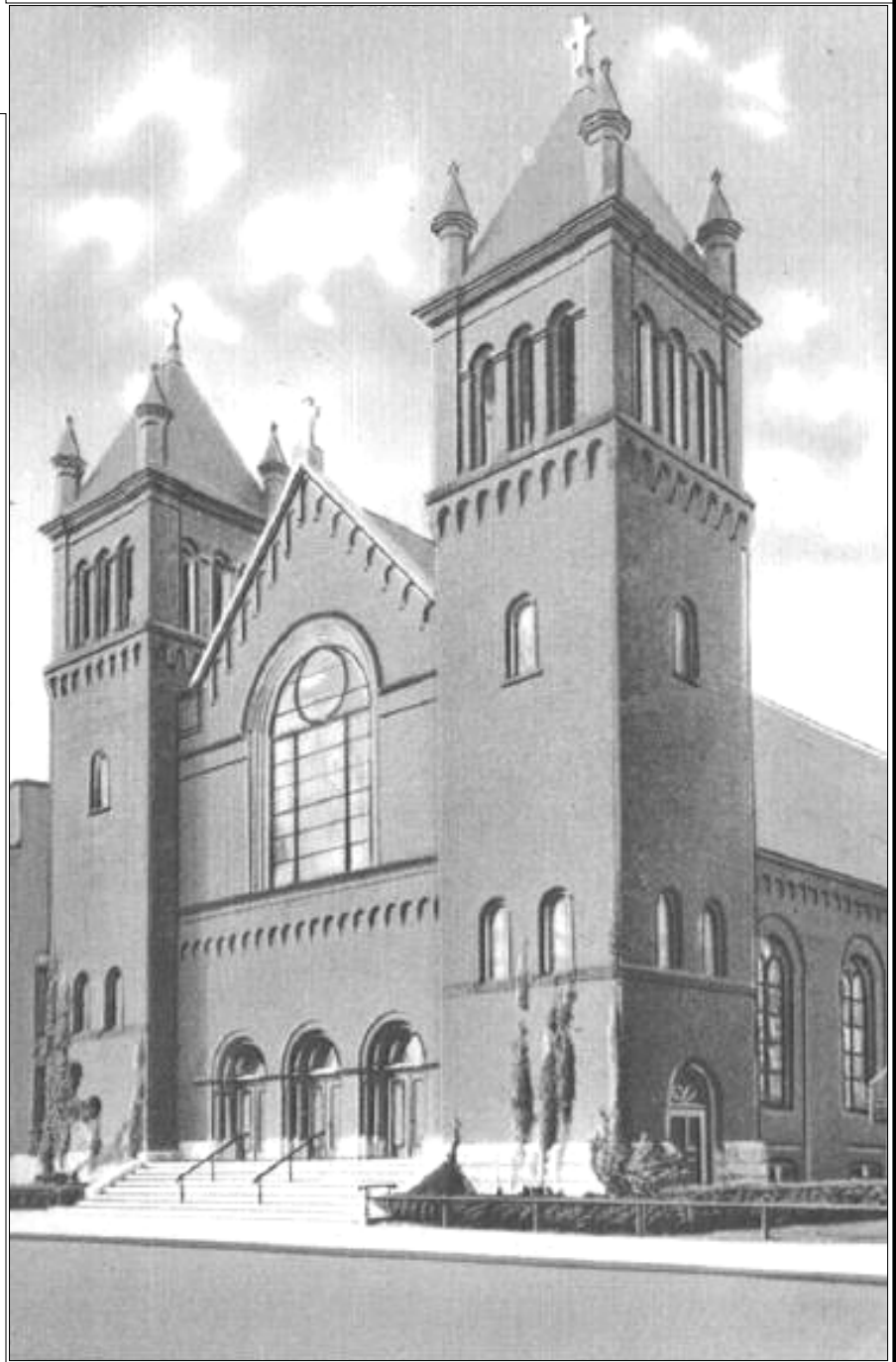
Sat.: 3:00 PM
Sun. 9:00 & 11:30 AM
Tues. through Fri. 11:30 AM

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. 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 Lavallee**
By Norm & Mary Lavallee

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

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

Monday, Mar. 9, 2015 ~ St. Frances of Rome

12:05 PM **Laurel Baas**
By Kirk & Linda Pomeroy

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2015

12:05 PM **John T. Sullivan**
By the Family

Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2015

12:05 PM **Rosaline Testagrossa**
By a Friend

Thursday, Mar. 12, 2015

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

Friday, Mar. 13, 2015

12:05 PM **Ernest R. Gifford**
By Robert Narkunas

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 Bridget Belton

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. 28 & Mar. 1, 2015

From (227)Envelope Users: \$ 8,678.50
From All Others - Checks: \$ 1,199.00
- Cash: \$ 1,665.00
Electronic Giving Users (26) \$ 1,050.00
Total Collection \$12,592.50

Mass Count: 756

Fuel Collection

Weekend of Feb. 28 & Mar. 1 \$2,664.00

Warming Fund

\$ 11.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Weekend of Feb. 28 & Mar. 1 \$ 972.00

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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

REST IN PEACE

Richard Bourassa

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Ruth Maria Hey

UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

12:00 Noon

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday Mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

March 14, 2015

Feria of Lent

March 21, 2015

Feria of Lent

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.

REMINDER

TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR ON SATURDAY BEFORE GOING TO BED!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

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 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.

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Recommitment Cards

Last weekend we 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 for a great meal & fellowship!!! Tickets will be on sale in the vestibule April 4/5 and 11/12. *If you'd like to help out, please come to our next planning meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 6:30, Center Classroom 1.*

Community News

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.

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@stfrancisschoolmn.org.

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.

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

The Sorrowful Mysteries: A Dramatic Presentation of the Mystery Play Rosary Meditation

Immaculate Conception Parish, Nashua, NH invites you to join them on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the church, for a night of reflection and healing. The event will be presented by The Franciscan Mystery Players of St. Marie Church, Manchester, NH. All are welcome.

Religious identity: Who cares?

On February 25, The Boston Globe carried an op-ed piece by Jeff Jacoby about the religious identity of public figures, notably the President. Jacoby cited a study done by the Pew Research Center in 2012. Amazingly, 36% of American voters didn't know the religious identity of President Obama (he's a baptized member of the United Church of Christ/Congregationalist); and 33% didn't know Mitt Romney's religion (he's a Mormon).

This rather widespread lack of knowledge about the religious affiliations of key public figures reflects two powerful trends on our society: the *privatization* and *dilution* of religious identity.

Privatization means the enforced habit of not asking anyone about their beliefs -- and not revealing one's own affiliation to anyone else. This trend is closely linked with the widespread expectation that a person's religious beliefs will not -- and should not -- ever influence his or her decisions about anything, especially public policy. This, of course, assumes that any position taken by a religious person is somehow "superstitious" or "sectarian" and therefore unworthy of consideration by enlightened and rational people, i.e. those who don't take religion seriously. In effect, this excludes advocating any rational position that also happens to exist within any religious tradition. For example, protecting the unborn and terminally ill is excluded because the historic Judeo-Christian tradition opposed abortion and mercy killing. If religious beliefs make no real difference in how people act in the moral realm, why worry about anyone's religion? Ultimately it doesn't matter. This is why over a third of the electorate in 2012 didn't think to ask about either candidate's religion.

The second relevant trend here is the *dilution* of religious identity. Today, many people who still tenaciously cling to a religious label don't know, don't believe, or don't follow the doctrines of their own religion. Consider Catholics. The fact that a person claims to be Catholic is no guarantee that he or she actually believes what the Catholic Church believes. Over time, almost all religious "tags" -- Catholic, Buddhist, whatever -- have become less reliable indicators of belief and practice. If the "tags" don't tell us much, why bother searching for them? As a result, many have stopped looking for them.

Of course, this dilution of religious identity is not entirely new, just more widespread. St. Augustine spotted it all the way back in the 4th century. Writing in 390, he lamented the existence of "carnal Catholics," those who were joined to the Church "in the flesh" through family or tribal ties but who believed -- and did -- nothing. St. Augustine urged the Church patiently to tolerate these "carnal Catholics" while the Lord separates the chaff from corn on the threshing floor. "On this floor," he wrote, "everyone voluntarily makes himself either corn or chaff." He warned that many "carnal Catholics" eventually dispense with any religious identity "for they could be neither corrected nor endured."

Because our Catholic identity has been so closely linked with ethnicity, we constantly face the danger of being merely "carnal Catholics," people who have a religious "tag" that perhaps means less and less in our society.

Fr. Michael Kerper