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MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
Organ & Cantor

Sunday 7:00 AM
9:30 AM
Organ & Cantor

12:00 Noon
Organ & Choir
2nd Sunday - Latin Mass with Choir

Daily 12:05 PM

Latin Mass Saturday 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:30 AM

Tues. - Fri. 11:30 AM

Visit our website at:
www.stpatricksnashua.org

OFFICE HOURS

Parish

Monday ~ Thursday: 9:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Religious Education Office

(603) 882-5417

Email: faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com

Cemetery Office

(603) 881-8131

Monday ~ Thursday: 9:00 AM~3:00 PM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 5, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **George Mikulis**
By Mary Sarameta

Sunday, April 6, 2014 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 AM **William Goddeau, 44th Anniversary**
By the Family

12:00 PM **Priest's Intention**

Monday, April 7, 2014 ~ St. John Baptist de la Salle

12:05 PM **Rita Shugrue**
By Helen Hayner

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

12:05 PM **Robert Meadows**
By Jim and Kelly Lockwood

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

12:05 PM **Henry Soucy**
By his daughter Joan Hayes

Thursday, April 10, 2014

12:05 PM **Raymond Letendre**
By his daughter, Theresa Pare

Friday, April 11, 2014

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

Saturday, April 12, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ Palm Sunday

4:00 PM **Tillie Waisolonis**
By Mary Doyle

Sunday, April 13, 2014 ~ 5th Palm Sunday

7:00 AM **Priest's Intention**

9:30 AM **Rev. Thomas F. Crowe, 56th Anniv.**
By Richard

12:00 PM **Paul Murray**

Thank you for respecting God's Holy Presence by keeping mobile phones and other electronic devices outside of this Sacred Space.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday/12:00 noon ~ 8:00 PM
43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

ANOINTING POLICY

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.

Gifts for the Lord's Work

Weekend of March 29/30

From 206 Envelope Users:	\$ 4,754.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 1,811.24
Cash:	\$ 1,574.00
Electronic Giving Users (23):	\$ 916.00
Total Collection	\$9,055.24

Mass Attendance : 786

Easter Flowers

Week of March 29/30 \$110.00

Catholic Relief Services

Week of March 29/30 \$1,127.00

Fuel Collection

Week of March 29/30 \$ 70.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Week of March 29/30 \$614.00

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!

Welcome!

Bishop Peter A. Libasci

will preside

at the 12:00 Noon Mass

Sunday, April 6

Following the Mass, everyone is invited to a special reception with our bishop in the Parish Center

Please join us!

SISTER ELIZABETH'S BIBLE STUDY

Adults: Mondays & Tuesdays ~ 7:00-8:00 PM

Teens (Youth Group): Fridays ~ 7:00-9:00 PM

For information call Sr. Elizabeth at 882-0893 or 882-2262.

Please note that Youth Group will meet at the Church for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. The regular program will follow in the center after the Stations.

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

Upcoming Latin Masses

12:00 Noon
April 6, 2014

Passion Sunday

NB: Latin Mass will be held on the 1st Sunday of April due to Palm Sunday being April 13th.

Saturday mornings

8:00 AM
(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

April 12, 2014

Passiontide Feria II

April 19, 2014

HOLY SATURDAY

No 8:00 AM MASS

April 26, 2014

Easter Saturday

Didn't get a letter?

If you didn't get a letter from St. Patrick Parish during January/February, we don't have your correct address. We discovered over 150 incorrect addresses, some of them for people who come to Mass every week. Please help us update our data base. The following coupon can be put in the collection or mailed to the rectory. Thanks for your help!

OLD ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel: _____ Email _____

NEW ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tel: _____ Email _____

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Aaron Alexander Statz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Lenten Friday
(March April 11, & 18)

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

We use the Traditional Form
Composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Understanding Catholicism

The Understanding Catholicism series continues on Sundays from 1:30-3:30pm in the parish center. The RCIA team facilitates the discussion series that gives anyone interested in the Catholic Faith a place to ask and answer questions about the Church. Upcoming topics are: **4/06 Divinity & Humanity of Christ and 4/13 The Mystery of the Cross.** Questions? Email UCath.st.patrick@gmail.com.

**“Consoling the Heart of Jesus” Retreat
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a retreat entitled “Consoling the Heart of Jesus.” The retreat will take place on the following Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the St. Patrick Center: April 12, and April 19, 2014. The retreat will conclude with a final dedication on the weekend of April 26 & 27 in celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy. For more information contact the Rectory at (603) 882-2262.

**SODALITY OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL
HELP AND ST. PHILOMENA**

St. Patrick's Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philomena welcomes all women to our meeting on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. The Sodality, founded in 1563, aims to foster devotion toward the Blessed Virgin Mary and to assist the faithful by inspiring a love for piety and an increase in fraternal charity. For more information please contact OLPHSodality@yahoo.com.

**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 881-8131.

Men of St. Joseph Forming

On Saturday, April 26, we will have a "start up" meeting to assess the possibility of forming a local "Men of St. Joseph" group here at St. Patrick's. The Men of St. Joseph is a group that provides regular opportunities for Catholic men to come together for informal fellowship, prayer, and mutual support in the faith. Interested men are invited to meet in the Parish Center after the 8:00 AM Mass. We will provide coffee and light refreshments.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11907 The Reverend Martin T. Kelly Scholarship

Council 11907 will be offering a \$500.00 scholarship to Catholic students who will graduate this year and are members of St. Patrick Parish, St. Christopher Parish or are 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 as a Roman Catholic Priest, Fr. Kelly taught Latin for the Nashua School District at Nashua High School. The members of Council 11907 find it fitting to offer this scholarship to a graduating senior in Fr. Kelly's memory.

The following information must be received no later than April 19, 2014: (Registrations are on the parish website)

1. Completed Application
2. Copy of applicants high school transcripts (including SAT scores if applicable)
3. Summary of extracurricular and community activities for at least the last year (this can include jobs and volunteer positions)
4. Minimum of one page essay covering the following:
 - A. Why do you wish to attend college?
 - B. How are your future goals related to your Catholic faith? (What being Catholic means to you).
 - C. What the principles of the Knights of Columbus mean to you? (the principles of the Order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism).

Return completed applications to: Robert Everett, 220 Derry Rd., #40, Hudson, NH 03051-6620. Telephone (603) 229-7319.

Community News

K of C Lenten Fish Dinners

Sponsored by St. Patrick & St. Christopher 's
K of C Councils

Friday, April 11, 2014 ~ 4:30 - 6:00 PM

St. Christopher Church Hall, 62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH

\$10.00 per person ; Pizza ~ \$2.00/slice

Take-out orders - Call 921-7702

If school is cancelled in Nashua due to inclement weather, the fish dinner will also be cancelled.

NH CATHOLIC YOUTHFEST

St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH
Saturday, May 3, 2014 ~ 9:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Cost: \$30 if registered by April 19th; \$45 after April 19th. Youthfest is open to students in grades 6 through 12. To register, please call Sr. Elizabeth at 603-882-0893 or email her at: sister.elizabeth@ymail.com.

DIOCESAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

You are invited to join other NH Catholics in a statewide day of reconciliation. All parishes will open their doors to welcome you on Monday of Holy Week, April 14. St. Patrick Church will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For a complete listing of participating parishes, visit our website at www.catholicnh.org. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to open your heart and allow the Lord to fill it with grace.

Holocaust Remembrance Day Interfaith Observance

Monday, April 28, 2014 ~ 7:00 PM

Rivier University Dion Center Reception Rm. 16

Featured Speaker: Thomas Doherty, Ph.D.

Brandeis professor, historian & author

This event, sponsored by Temple Beth Abraham and Rivier University is free and open to the public.

CHRISM MASS - ST. JOSEPH CATHDRAL

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM

Corner of Lowell and Pine Streets, Manchester, NH

RSVP by April 8, 2014

Please join the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester and the priests in the diocese for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass. These oils will be distributed among the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Manchester for use during the next year. At this special Mass, all priests will be given the opportunity to renew their priestly promises during the Liturgy. General seating is available for those who would like to attend. For more information, please visit our website at www.Catholicnh.org.

MARIAN MASS AND BREAKFAST

The NH Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the diocese to participate in the Marian Mass on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. At 7:30 AM we will pray the Rosary and Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM with Bishop Libasci presiding. A catered hot breakfast will follow Mass and is \$10 per person. For more information, visit us on the web at marian2014.eventbrite.com [Download Flyer.](#)

**PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED INSERT FOR A COMPLETE
SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES.**

On the Veiling of Images

The Church has many customs, some of which are never clearly explained. One such practice is the covering of crucifixes and statues in purple veils from the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil. (The crucifixes are uncovered on Good Friday.) What's the point? At least three explanations exist.

First, according to Fr. Pius Parsch, the great German scholar of Catholic liturgy, Christians began covering crosses toward the end of Lent as a means of directing attention toward the Passion and Death of Christ. This, of course, seems backwards. Why cover crosses if you want people to think about the Passion?

Fr. Parsch reminded readers that the crucifix – the cross with the image of the suffering Christ affixed to it – did not become common until the Middle Ages. Instead, most churches had large crosses made of gold and adorned with precious gems. They almost never bore the image of the suffering Christ. Some had images of Christ as a king or priest, but almost all crosses were simply bare. This artistic practice expressed the Church's understanding of the cross as a sign of victory, not defeat. As such, the dazzling and jeweled crosses symbolized Easter. Hence, during the commemoration of the Passion, which began two Sundays before Easter, Christians started to cover the beautiful crosses to suppress premature Easter joy.

Second, when the original reason for covering the crucifixes receded from memory, a new allegorical explanation emerged. In the old Roman Missal, which we use when we have Mass in the Extraordinary Form, the gospel read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent ends with this statement: "But Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple" (John 8:59). The liturgy mimicked this "self hiding" of Jesus by concealing not only the crucifixes but every image of the Lord in churches. Eventually, the Church began covering the statues and paintings of everybody. The Stations of the Cross, however, were never covered.

Third, the veiling of the crucifixes and other images came to be understood as a sign of mourning. Some cultures have the custom of covering mirrors and images when some family member dies. The purpose here is to avert one's gaze from all other faces, thereby concentrating entirely on the deceased person and no one else. During Passiontide, which begins on the 5th Sunday of Lent, the exclusive focus is on the suffering and death of Christ, and so all potential distractions, even the faces of the Blessed Mother and the saints, are suppressed by the purple veils.

After the reform of the liturgy in the late 1960's, the bishops' conference in the United States determined that the veiling of images was obsolete and not understood properly; hence they ended it, though some parishes kept doing it anyway. The conference eventually reversed itself and established the practice as optional. More and more parishes seem to have returned to the old custom, though some have forgotten the correct time to start using the veils. Last year, St. Patrick's recovered the old practice, which had been done in our parish for over 100 years.

Fr. Michael Kerper

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