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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

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, Dec. 28, 2013 ~ Vigil ~ The Holy Family

Advent

4:00 PM Elsie Ann Jacques, 20th Anniversary
By the Family

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 ~ The Holy Family

7:00 AM Priest's Intention

9:30 AM William E. Conway, 2nd Anniversary
By the Family

12:00 PM Alun and Veronica Williams
By Judy Spaulding

Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 ~ 6th Day in the Octave of

Christmas

9:00 AM Robert Trombino
By his Mother

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013 ~ Vigil - Solemnity of Mary, the

Mother of God

9:00 AM Gertrude Sullivan & Gertrude Marr
By the Family

4:00 PM People of the Parish

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 ~ NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ So-

lemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

7:00 AM Priest's Intention

9:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014 ~ Saints Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen

12:05 PM People of the Parish

Friday, Jan. 3, 2014 ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 PM Priest's Intention

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2013 ~ Vigil ~ The Epiphany

4:00 PM Mary Flynn
By the Family

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014 ~ The Epiphany

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

9:30 AM Cornelius L. and Rachel A. Hanafin
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM Mary Welch
By the Family

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

ST. PATRICK OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Offices will close on Monday, December 30th at 3:00 PM in observance of the New Year's holiday and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

***WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
BLESSED & HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

Gifts for the Lord's Work

Information related to the weekly Offertory for December 21 & Dec. 22nd was not available at the time of printing. This information will be published in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly Coffee and Donuts social in the Center after the 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on Sunday, January 5, 2014. Coffee, donuts, muffins, juice, and more will be provided. Please drop by for some refreshments and a time of communal sharing!

The Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting will be held in the Center on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 PM.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Have you signed up for offertory envelopes and not yet received them? If so, please contact Rosemary Daly in the Parish Office at (603) 882-2262. She will send you some temporary envelopes and will contact the printing company to follow up and resolve any problems.

Please use envelopes!

___ I want to join the core group of parish members who plan their support by using weekly envelopes.

Name: _____

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News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

**NEW YEAR'S
MASS SCHEDULE**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31, 2014

4:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

7:00 AM

9:30 AM

January 1st is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God and a Holy Day of Obligation.

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 at the office at 882-2262.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 12:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

Volunteers are needed to commit to one hour of adoration each week. Please contact Sr. Elizabeth Castro, H.M.S.P. at 882-0893 or 882-2262 to sign up. *Volunteers and visitors are asked to sign in and sign out when attending Adoration.*

**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.

Upcoming Latin Masses
Second Sunday of the Month
12:00 Noon

**The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary
and Joseph**
January 12, 2014

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

**Octave Day of the
Holy Innocents**
January 4, 2014

St. Hyginus
January 11, 2014

St. Paul and St. Prisca
January 18, 2014

The Conversion of St. Paul
January 25, 2014

LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS

Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) in Latin and English are available for purchase for those who frequent the Latin Masses. Please contact Jack McGreevy at 888-5824 if you are interested in ordering and purchasing one. Requested donation for missals is \$50.00.



Understanding Catholicism

Ever wonder what the Church teaches about a specific topic, or why the teaching is what it is? The RCIA team is introducing a new discussion series that gives anyone interested in the Catholic Faith a place to ask and answer questions about the Church. Each meeting, on Sundays from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the parish center, will focus on a different topic:

1/5 - Organized Religion and Truth

1/12 - Understanding Suffering

Please see the flyers in the back of the church for more details or email UC.st.patrick@gmail.com.



Sacrament of the Sick Don't Wait

Recently a few people sought the Sacrament of the Sick for people on the verge of death. Because of other urgent commitments and illness, no priests in the area were readily available.

If you know of people who are in declining health, please let us know. Without direct contact, we have no way of knowing where people are or what their spiritual needs are. If you have loved ones or friends in local nursing homes, please call Rosemary at 882-2262.

Also, please remember that the Sacrament of the Sick is not reserved for people facing imminent death. Advance notification will increase the chances of providing the Sacrament in a timely manner. Delay will likely result in disappointment and stress. Please know that our parish continues to offer the Sacrament every Friday after the 12:05 Mass.

Community News

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is collecting **non-perishable items** such as canned meat, vegetables, peanut butter, tomato sauce, pasta and rice, and toiletry items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant. The need is great, especially at this time of year. Please consider dropping off a donation in the back of the church in the vestibule during Mass times. Thank you for your support! Questions? Call Susan Dignan, Corpus Christi Food Pantry Program Director at 882-6372.

St. Louis "Souper et Soiree Canadienne"! Friday, January 24, 2014.

Attention! Our 8th "St. Louis Souper et Soiree Canadienne"! Friday, January 24th, 2014. The French group Johnny Morin and North Star will be our guest performers. Dinner will be traditional French cooking featuring, Tourtiere (pork pie), beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Full tables of 8 may be reserved. Door will open at 5:00PM, and dinner will be served promptly at 6PM. The price for the evening is \$25 per person, **no tickets sold at the door**. Deadline for tickets is January 17, 2014. For more information please call the rectory 882-4362.

Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.

The Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter provides extraordinary service to thousands each year. In recent years, it has seen its demand for services grow; it is giving out 36% more food than it did just two years ago.

This increase in demand has made its current, inadequate space simply unworkable. The organization has purchased and will renovate the former VFW Hall on Quincy Street. The building is three-times the size of the current space, and will allow NSKS to bring many of its programs under one roof, increase the number of people it serves, and offer greater dignity to those being served. It also maintains the organization's presence in Nashua's downtown.

To date the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter has raised \$1.6 million of the \$2 million needed to conduct the renovations on the new building.

Two anonymous donors have made a challenge to the community: Give \$150,000 to the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter by December 31, 2013 and they will match it with an additional \$100,000.

Please help the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter **raise \$250,000 by year end. To contribute go to www.nsk.org or call 603-889-7770.**

A Christmas Message from the Bishop

This Christmas let us make an especially reflective and prayerful visit to the Christmas Crib. Here we will see a remarkable sight. Whether its surroundings are a stable or a cave, it is the manger holding the Christ-Child that is the focal point. Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the three kings draw us closer to that focal point as they, too, are seeing a most remarkable sight. A hovering angel is poised between heaven's starlit sky and earth's chosen spot, and the angel, too, draws our attention to the Christ-Child, the Holy Infant lying in a manger. How awesome is this place! The worldly comfort of an inn's warmth has been traded for a very different kind of warmth that reaches from earth to heaven and back again. It is a warmth that reaches across the ages and across the altar into the very deepest part of our heart's personal longing. "There was no room for them in the inn" the Gospel of Luke says, but there is room for them in the deepest part of your heart's longing if you are ready to welcome the Christ of Christmas.

He is the One who found His first welcome in an imperfect and broken place, but through that welcome He bestowed on that little home a radiance and a nobility that, to this day, makes us pause for a moment and give thanks. All He asks is a welcome and He will begin His transforming work in our souls.

This Season and, in fact, every life can have its share of fun, but at the same time life can be terribly busy and complicated and, for some of us, terribly painful. Like the stable where Jesus was born, maybe our own heart is not a perfect place, but the circumstances of Christ's birth remind us that even from imperfect beginnings great things can come. God can do great things through us, if only we make room in our hearts. But to welcome Him we need to make room for Him consciously in our hearts. Not a lot of room, but a small, sacred place where Jesus can be born. Here is where the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sacramental Confession – clears just the right space. The sins we regret, the wrongs, the addictions, the things that we indulge in that lead to yet more disappointment for ourselves and others – these are the things that say to Our Lord, "I'm sorry, there is no room for you." Don't let a miracle be lost, a radiance be dimmed or a heart's truly longed-for Christmas Gift be misplaced!

If we make room for Christ this Christmas and welcome Our Lord into our hearts we can hear the Christmas Carols in a new way. Think about the words to "O Holy Night":

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the Night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth! A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

This is what Christmas promises: "To those who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God...And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." (Jn1:12,14) My prayerful best wishes to you all for a blessed, holy, refreshing and merry Christmas in your home and in your heart.

Bishop Peter A. Libasci

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