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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, 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

Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 ~ St. Andre Bessette

12:05 PM **Raymond Zickus**
By Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trowbridge

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 ~ St. Raymond of Penyafort

12:05 PM **Michelle Dray Falvey**
By Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trowbridge

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014

12:05 PM **Josephine Markiewicz**
By Anna Pivorun

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014

12:05 PM **Carol Carr, 1st Anniversary**
By the Family

Friday, Jan. 10, 2014

12:05 PM **Sophie Narenkiewicz**
By the Family

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2013 ~ Vigil ~ The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM **George Boucher**
By Jean Boucher

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

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

9:30 AM **Cornelius M. & Margaret E. Hanafin**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Thomas McGreevey**
By John McGreevey

Gifts for the Lord's Work

Weekend of Dec. 21 & 22

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| From 236 Envelope Users: | \$5,555.00 |
| From All Others - Checks: | \$1,597.00 |
| Cash: | \$1,628.00 |
| Total Collection | \$8,780.00 |

Mass Attendance : 792

*Please remember that \$8,500 per week
will balance our budget for FY2013.*

CHRISTMAS

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| From Envelope Users: | \$16,488.00 |
| From All Others - Checks: | \$ 1,780.00 |
| Cash: | \$ 4,273.00 |
| Additional Donations | \$ 520.00 |
| Total Collection | \$23,061.00 |

Mass Attendance : 1,100

Flowers

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| Week of Dec. 21/22 | \$654.00 |
| Dec. 24 & 25 | \$149.00 |
| Total Flower Offering: | \$803.00 |

Fuel

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| Week of Dec. 21/22 | \$100.00 |
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50/50 Warming

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| Month of December | \$645.00 |
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Wafers

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| Week of Dec. 21/22 | \$258.00 |
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St. Vincent de Paul

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| Total week of Dec. 21/22 | \$410.00 |
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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!

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

News & Notes for St. Patrick Parish

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)

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.

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.*

Parish Bulletins available online:
<http://seekandfind.com>

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to the following people for their generous contributions towards the purchase of the Christmas Flowers at St. Patrick Church.

In memory of the deceased members of the Bolen and Cavanagh Family by Grace C. Bolen.

In memory of the deceased members of the Bolen and Daly Family by Jim and Rosemary Daly.

In memory of Norm Everett and members of the Everett Family by Robert Everett.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Duston and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Duschamps by Gerald and Anne Duston.

In memory of Fr. Martin Kelly by the Dionne Family.

In memory of the Unborn by Mr. and Mrs. John Hey

In memory of the deceased members of the Proulx Family by Joan E. Proulx.

In memory of Virginia and Stephen Proulx by Peter Proulx.

In memory of John G. Johnston, Jr. by Jean and Kathy Tellier

In memory of Ann and Albert Lucas by Elona K. Lucas.

In memory of Jacquelyn Burnham by Francis Burnham.

In memory of Juanita Estremera

In memory of Leroy Michaud by Lillian and Charlie Michaud

In memory of Mom, Dad and Priscilla by Katherine Ennis

In memory of Julia and Christopher Cutler by Mary Cutler

In memory of Helen O'Loughlin Smith by Clare Smith.

In memory of Mom, Dad and Priscilla by C. Kemezys

In memory of John and Virginia Greene by Priscilla Greene

In memory of William Pare by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pare

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDonnel by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trowbridge

In memory of Thomas Dionne by Lisa and Michael Dionne

In memory of Leo and Katerina Ghilardi by Kirk and Linda Pomeroy

In memory of the Rafferty Family by Christine Hallock

In memory of James, Mary, Jim and John Leuci by Barbara Leuci

In memory of David and Jeannette Christie by Janet Christie

In memory of the William Gallagher Family by Richard Gagne

In memory of Water Fortier by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Murray, Jr.

In memory of Robert Trombino

In memory of Joanna Grygorcewicz

Anonymous

Patricia Derr

Matthew Janiak

Luetta Kaminski

Joe and Rose Raudelunas

Carol Tetler

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:

1/12 - Understanding Suffering

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

SEMINARIAN FUND COLLECTION Diocese of Manchester January 18 & 19, 2014

The Diocese of Manchester will have a special collection on the weekend of January 18 and 19th to support our seminarians. Please be generous in your support of the formation of our future priests.

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.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

People who are new to the area or who have been attending St. Patrick Church for a while but have not yet registered are invited to drop by the Rectory during office hours to fill out a registration form. Or send requests to: officespn@onecommail.com. We will send you a form.

If you are already registered but would like to start receiving *Weekly Envelopes*, please contact the office. New orders take between 6-8 weeks to process due to the print schedule.

Please use envelopes!

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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

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

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.

The Magi as the “Face” of the Church of the Future

St. Matthew, alone among the four evangelists, reports how the magi traveled a vast distance to adore the Christ Child. Aside from noting that the magi “came from the East,” St. Matthew provides no additional details, not even the precise number of magi. Over the course of the centuries, however, various artists began to depict them as racially and culturally diverse. Today the standard Nativity scene usually includes one “wise man” who looks African, one who appears Asian, and one who seems European. This racial/ethnic/cultural multiplicity of the magi signified the universality of those who would eventually believe in Christ.

In times past, the magi – especially the African and Asian ones – seemed quite exotic to most Catholics in the United States. After all, who ever heard of African and Asian Catholics? Wasn’t the Catholic Church essentially European? Yes, once upon a time it was. But not now. And the customary depiction of the magi as *two-thirds* African/Asian was actually out prophetic.

During the past 50 or 60 years, the “face” of Catholicism has changed enormously, so much so that American Catholics of European origin – from Germany, Poland, Italy, Lithuania, Ireland, etc. – have become a very tiny part (only about 3%) of the universal church. What once seemed so predominant is now minuscule.

Professor Philip Jenkins, who teaches history at Baylor University, provided a stunning overview of these powerful trends in an article called “Believing in the Global South,” which appeared in the December 2006 issue of *First Things*.

Consider these numbers. In 1900, Africa had just 1.9 million Roman Catholics. By 2000, that number had risen to 130 million Roman Catholics, more than double the Catholic population in the United States. In the course of just 100 years, Africa went from being 10% Christian to 50% Christian, which, Jenkins contends, is the fastest and biggest shift of religious identity in human history. And consider this. Since 2000, the number of *newly-baptized* Catholics in the Philippines has usually exceeded the *combined* total of Italy, France, Spain, and Poland!

Jenkins offered some amazing statistical projections. By 2025, he predicted that 60% of Catholics will live in Africa and Latin America. By 2050, only about 15% of the total Catholic population will consist of non-Latino people of European origin. And already, the *majority* of young Catholics in the United States consists of Spanish-speakers. By 2050, Jenkins wrote, “European and Euro-American Catholics will be a small fragment of a church dominated by Filipinos, Mexicans, Brazilians, Nigerians, and Congolese.” Indeed, the face of the magi has become the face of the Catholic Church.

Jenkins also pointed to the *reversal* of the missionary movement. Whereas in the past, European and American Catholics went to foreign lands to evangelize the “heathens,” now enthusiastic Catholics from Africa, Asia, and Latin America are heading into the affluent North to rebuild the church. [The Mexican sisters and African priests in our area here are welcome evidence of this trend.] These new missionaries, Jenkins said, “are changing many familiar aspects of belief and practices and exporting cultural traits presently found only in Africa or Latin America.” As you gaze upon the faces of the magi this year, you will see not only the ancient past but also the rapidly emerging future. Happy Epiphany!

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