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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, March 22, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **Ronald Boucher**
By his mother Jean Boucher

Sunday, March 23, 2014 ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 AM **Rev. Martin T. Kelly**
By the Provost Family

12:00 PM **Jacquelyn Burnham**
By the Family

Monday, March 24, 2014

12:05 PM **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

12:05 PM **For the People of Ukraine**

Thursday, March 27, 2014

12:05 PM **People of the Parish**

Friday, March 28, 2014

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

Saturday, March 29, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **Sylvester Antonovich**
By Mary Sarameta

Sunday, March 30, 2014 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM **Edward Grohosky**
By Donna Ciccone

9:30 AM **Gabrielle Anctil, 1st Anniversary**
By Mr. & Mrs. David Douston
& Family

12:00 PM **Anthony N. Cirillo**
By the Family

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

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 15/16

From 213 Envelope Users:	\$5,841.00
From All Others - Checks:	\$1,331.12
Cash:	\$1,662.00
Electronic Giving Users ():	\$ 721.00
Total Collection	\$9,555.12

Mass Attendance : 814

Fuel Collection

Total as of 3/16/14 \$2,734.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Week of March 15/16 \$783.00

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!

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

All Catholics from the day following their fourteenth birthday, are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent regardless of age.

Catholics, from the day following their eighteenth birthday until the day following their fifty-ninth birthday, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days 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.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPEL ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday/12:00 noon ~ 8:00 PM

43 Franklin Street, Nashua, NH

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)

Feria

March 29, 2014

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. The topics for the coming weeks are:

3/23 Repentance & Forgiveness

3/30 Jesus, The Unexpected Messiah

4/06 Divinity & Humanity of Christ

4/13 The Mystery of the Cross.

Questions? Please email UCath.st.patrick@gmail.com.

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 15th; \$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.

K of C Lenten Fish Dinners

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

Fridays in Lent (March 28 - April 11)

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS**Every Lenten Friday***(March 28, April 4, 11, & 18)*

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

We use the Traditional Form

Composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Pope Francis***What's he doing now?***

Since his installation as the Bishop of Rome on March 19, 2013, Pope Francis has caused quite a stir. His interviews and off-the-cuff homilies have stirred much controversy. Some find him to be a "breath of fresh air." Others see him as the anti-pope. This year's Lenten series will examine his statements and writings on the following issues:

Pope Francis and Economics:**Is he a Marxist?**

Wednesday, March 26

Pope Francis and Religion:**Is he Catholic?**

Wednesday, April 2

Presenter: *Fr. Michael Kerper*

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

St. Patrick Parish Center

Recommended reading:

The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis

[Copies are available at the rectory for \$10.00]

**"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: March 29, April 5, 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.

The cost for materials is \$30. Please make checks payable to John Kiely and mail to: Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick Rectory, 29 Spring Street, Nashua, NH 03060. We look forward to seeing you.

VISIT ST. PATRICK'S NEW WEBSITE !
www.stpatricksnashua.org

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.

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.

Community News

HEART TO HEART SPRING FLING

Sunday, March 30, 2014 ~ 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Montminy Hall, Ste. Marie Church
378 Notre Dame Avenue, Manchester, NH

Fun Activities
Suprises
Refreshements
All are Welcome!

Info and RSVP: hearttoheartnh@gmail.com
Karen @ 603-785-9899

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY NEWS

EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Corpus Christi Food Pantry will be providing EASTER food for families who are in need of assistance. The Food Bags will be available for those in our community on April 11th. If you or anyone you know is need of assistance, please call Mrs. Susan Dignan, Pantry Director at 882-6372 by March 25, as it is necessary to sign up in advance. We thank the many generous parishioners who have made this event possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. We are locted at 43 Franklin Street, Downtown Nashua. Opportunities are available on Monday and Wednesday mornings: 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon, as well as Tuesday and Thursday afternoons: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please call to find out how you can contribute to our mission at the pantry. An hour or two - once or twice a month - would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs. Susan Dignan, Pantry Director, to set up a time to come by or to find out more! Thank you for your support!

Current Topics in Catholicism: Lenten Education Series

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Merrimack, NH
March 27 and April 3

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is offering a Lenten Education Series which will consist of four Thursday evening sessions beginning March 13 to be held at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish in the Church Hall. Registration is recommended, but not required. Please call the parish at 427-3757. By calling , we can plan more accurately for seating.

Presenters & Topics for the Series:

March 27 - Mrs. Jane Cosmo and Mrs. Wendy McGrath -
Tribunal Staff - *Family and Marriage*

April 3 - Ms. Cathy Chesley - Catholic Charities - Immigration

Sessions begin it approximately 7:00 PM with a 1/2 hour presentation by a guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO LIFE SEMINAR Sunday, March 30, 2014 - 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM St. Joseph's Cathedral Church Hall, Pine St., Manchester

The day begins with a luncheon hosted by the Daughters of Isabella. Guest Speaker: Dianne Hunt, RN, MS, FNP-BC from the Humane Vitae Family Care Center, Londonderry, NH. Her theme will be "Delivering the Culture of Life to Health Care." For additional information and to register, contact Mr. Ron DiStasio at 595-7837 or by email at rddistasio@comcast.net. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be accepted for the luncheon. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

Lent: The Old Fashioned Way

The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word *lencten*, which designated the season now called Spring. *Lencten* means “to lengthen.” Here it refers to the “lengthening of days,” which become noticeable in late February. As such, the word “Lent” has no direct religious meaning. The Latin term for Lent is *Quadragesima*, which refers to the 40 day fast that preceded the public ministry of Jesus.

In earliest times, the Church mandated fasting *only* for people preparing for baptism at Easter. Baptized people fasted only on Holy Saturday, a single day not 40 days. The unbaptized, however, endured the much more rigorous fast as a means of purification and “self-emptying,” a way of “making space” for the influx of God’s grace on the day of their baptism.

By the late 4th century, the Church extended the strict 40 day fast to everyone, not just the candidates for baptism. The Church did this for two reasons. First, it had become quite evident that many baptized people tended to lapse into the “excess of sin” and needed an annual repetition of their pre-baptismal fast, something like a “refresher course.” Second, the Church wanted to involve *everyone* in the prayer and fasting of the candidates for baptism as a way of showing *solidarity* with new Christians at Easter.

While our Lenten fast has become a mere token, which most Catholics now entirely omit, the original Lenten fast was shockingly strict. From the 5th century until the Middle Ages, fasting meant just one meal per day, and no meat whatsoever (even on Sunday), no fish, no eggs, and no dairy products. In effect, devout Christians became vegetarians for 40 days. In the late Middle Ages, the Church lifted the ban on dairy products and fish. Eventually fasting became defined as one daily meal with meat (except Friday), two meatless meals, and no eating between meals. This understanding remained the Lenten custom up until mid-1960’s when the Church reduced the legally-mandated fast days to just two: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Note well: Though fasting is not legally required, it has not been abolished. By scaling back the legal mandate, the Church simply encouraged people to engage in some other form of penance so as to avoid legalism. If we’re not fasting, what penance is being done?

For Christians, the rigorous traditional form of fasting served two purposes. First, it was meant to “open space” for God by suppressing one’s excessive consumption of food. By reducing meals from three to one, people needed considerably less time to obtain and prepare food. Just think of the huge amount of time, money, and attention we now spend on food. Cooking shows abound on television, newspapers have larger and larger food sections, and cookbooks fill the shelves of bookstores. Never in history have people been so “food-focused.”

Second, fasting has always had a linkage with *almsgiving*; the freely chosen act that *redistributes* resources from those who have *excess* to those who have *little*. The food not consumed by the fasting Christian was meant to be given to people in need. We see this so clearly in the Gospel read on Ash Wednesday (cf. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18) and in multiple passages from the Old Testament. Fasting is clearly meant to produce *material benefits* for those in need.

As we continue our observance of Lent, perhaps the thoughtful remembrance of how our ancestors “kept Lent” will help us rediscover the true meaning of this holy season.

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1-800-894-5533
or **603-271-6556.**

If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester:
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