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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

Visit our website at:
www.stpatricksnashua.org

LITURGICAL CALENDAR
& INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 8, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ The Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

4:00 PM Dr. & Mrs. William B. Garvey
By the Family

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 ~ The Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica

7:00 AM George Pelletier, 4th Anniversary
By the Family

9:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Harry & Patricia Burke
(Latin) and Kathleen Burke
By Robert Olsen

Monday, Nov, 10, 2014 ~ St. Leo the Great

12:05 PM Paul Morin
By Mr. & Mrs. John Weigand

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 ~ St. Martin of Tours

VETERAN'S DAY

9:00 AM Priest's Intention

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014 ~ St. Josephat

12:05 PM Sr. Doris Gagnon
By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Raudelunas

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014 ~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

12:05 PM Paul Murray
By Patricia Derr

Friday, Nov. 14, 2014

12:05 PM Shaun Keane
By Brenda Annan

Saturday, Nov 15, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM James Waisolonis
By Mary Doyle

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 ~33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM Lillian Hogan
By her husband Joseph Hogan

12:00 PM Maude Gauddea 35th Anniversary
By the Family

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

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

VETERANS DAY
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
FOR ST. PATRICK PARISH

St. Patrick Parish offices will be **closed on Tuesday, November 12, 2014** in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. Daily Mass will be held at 9:00 AM on Veterans Day. **There will be NO 12:00 noon Mass.**

Please submit any bulletin items you would like placed in the November 23rd Bulletin to the office no later than Monday, Nov. 11th at noon.

Gifts for the Lord's Work

Weekend of November 2, 2014

From 195 Envelope Users:	\$ 6,645.50
From All Others - Checks:	\$ 1,545.12
Cash:	\$ 1,591.00
Electronic Giving Users (19)	\$ 716.00
Total Collection	\$10,497.62

Mass Attendance : 797

Flowers 10/19 to 11/2 \$270.00

World Mission Sunday
Total to Date \$1,313.00

St. Vincent de Paul
Week of Nov. 1 & 2 \$572.00

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!

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.

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

November 9, 2014

**Dedication of the Archbasilica
Of Our Holy Savior**

Saturday mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

November 15, 2014

St. Albert the Great

November 22, 2014

St. Cecilia

November 29, 2014

Saturday of Our Lady

LATIN/ENGLISH MISSALS AVAILABLE

Roman Catholic Daily Missals (1962 Edition) in Latin and English are available for purchase directly through the publisher. To order your Latin/English Missal, contact Baronius Press Ltd., Tel. 814-414-0245 or visit them at www.baroniuspress.com. Missals are \$59.95 plus shipping and handling. (Prices subject to change).

**Winter Holiday Stroll Church Opening and
Craft Fair Planning Meeting Invitation
November 6, 2014 ~ 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Our beautiful Church will be open again this year on November 29th, 5:30 - 8:15 PM during the Winter Holiday Stroll and we will be holding our first Winter Holiday Stroll Craft Fair in the gym between 3:00 and 9:00 PM. Our wonderful organist and choir will again perform in the Church. A new addition, Miss Sara Hey, will be playing violin Advent music before and between organ and chorus sets. If you are interested in helping with the planning for both events, please come to our **planning meeting on Thursday, November 6th between 6:00 and 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, classroom 1**. If you would like to help on November 29th, we will need lots of help in the Church, Church parking lot and Gym. Volunteer sign-up for November 29th help will be after weekend Masses in the vestibule, starting November 15/16. We had an awesome turnout of volunteers last year that made the Church Opening a huge success with over 500 visitors.

REST IN PEACE

Barbara Juranies

Mary Griswold

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

John Paul Alexander Topping

**“KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR FAMILY’S
CHRISTMAS” BOOK FAIR**

Thanks so much to all who came! Did you miss it? No worries... Additional book fairs will be happening at St. John XXIII Parish at Infant Jesus Church on November 15 & 16 and on November 22 & 23 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hudson. Meanwhile, stay tuned... a report on St. Patrick Parish's "cut" from the recent book fair will appear in next week's bulletin. Visit us online at www.t-CBC.com or call 603-883-3234.

CPR/AED TRAINING

The Knights of Columbus Council 11907 will be conducting free CPR/AED Training on Wed. November 19th from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Parish Center. Class size is limited, so please contact Rob Everett at (603) 229-7319 to register or for further information.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH
WINTER HOLIDAY STROLL CRAFT FAIR
ST. PATRICK GYM - NASHUA NH**

(Gym entrance located on Main Street across from City Hall)
November 29, 2014 ~ 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Attention all crafters! St. Patrick Church invites you to participate in our Winter Holiday Stroll Craft Fair on November 29th from 3:00 to 9:00 PM in the Parish Gym.

For more information about the Craft Fair and to reserve a display table for your products, please contact Janet Polaneczky at jpolaneczky@comcast.net or at (603) 930-5090. Information and registration forms can be found on our website at www.stpatricksnashua.org.

High School Retreat

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13

Join the retreat team from Thomas More College and the Faith Formation Program for a day of fun, reflection, and prayer! Registration is \$20 and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner (note - the registration fee is included in the tuition for those in the Faith Formation Program). All high school students of St. Patrick Parish are invited to attend! To register, please email faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com by Thursday, November 13th.

Notes from Father Kerper

1. Flower envelopes

At the request of several people, we have begun providing envelopes for people who would like to donate toward flowers in the church. Though we frequently have "free" flowers from various sources, as well as funerals and weddings, we occasionally need flowers for special feast days. The money donated will be used for these flowers. We will publish a list of benefactors several times a year.

2. Financial information in envelope packets

The recent packet of envelopes included a summary of each donor's "year to date" donations. This is a new feature of the envelope system designed to help people track and plan their giving, especially in connection with the pledges 300 people made last year. Please remember that, like almost all parishes, our envelope system is operated by a vendor not by the parish staff. Most people find this helpful, especially if they itemize their Federal tax deductions. Financial information is not shared with others and I avoid looking at individual amounts given to the parish.

TOURS OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Saturday, Nov. 8th & Sunday, Nov. 9th
Following scheduled Masses

The Parish Council is currently exploring possibilities for how best to use the space that we have on our parish campus, and want to give parishioners the opportunity to see all of the space we have available. This includes Sacred Heart School, along with the church building and parish center. To give parishioners an opportunity to see Sacred Heart School, tours will be provided following the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 8th and after all Masses on Sunday, November 9th. Please meet with Andrew Cernota and Kelly Lockwood in the vestibule of the church 10 minutes after the conclusion of Mass if you would like to see the inside of Sacred Heart School.

Community News

FALL CRAFT FAIR

**SPONSORED BY IN MOTION PERFORMANCE
GROUP YMCA OF GREATER NASHUA
November 15, 2014 ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
24 Stadium Drive, Nashua, NH**

St. Patrick parishioner Terry Pare will be participating in the Fall Craft Fair at the YMCA of Greater Nashua on November 15th. She will be offering hand-crocheted items, including her famous "Swiffer Sweeper Cover." The cover is made of 100% cotton yarn and is completely washable and dryable by machine. Other offerings include crocheted scarves, hats, fingerless gloves, baby afghans, baby sweater sets, bibs, onsies, purses, dish cloths, pot holders, slippers, place mats, aprons and more. All are welcome!

Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD Keynote Speaker: Catholic Teaching on Care at the End of Life

November 15, 2014 ~ 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
NH Institute of Politics @ St. Anselm College

Fr. Myles Sheehan, a Jesuit and graduate of Dartmouth Medical School, returns as the keynote speaker at the Diocese of Manchester's 6th Annual Catholics in the Public Square Event on November 15, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the NH Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College. Fr. Sheehan is a dynamic and engaging speaker and will share Church teaching on end-of-life care, including an understanding of palliative care. Bishop Peter A. Libasci will offer a teaching on the role of Catholics in the public square, and Daniel Daly, Ph.D. of St. Anselm College will help explain what is meant by a "seamless garment." Reserve your space today for this informative and uplifting event.

Contact Kimberly Low at klow@rcbm.org or call (603) 663-0131 to register.

PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Grades PreK (3) - Kindergarten
November 18, 2014 ♦ 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Grades 1 - 5
November 19, 2014 ♦ 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Grades 6-8
November 20, 2014 ♦ 9:00 - 11:00 AM

For more information contact June Nolet at (603) 889-6054, ext. 203, or visit us at www.pmaschool.org.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat., Nov. 22, 2014 - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**St. Louis Church Hall,
W. Hollis St., Nashua, NH**

The Daughters of Isabella will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 22nd from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the St. Louis Church Hall located on West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH. Tables are available to rent for \$20 a table or 2 tables for \$30. Baked goods, baked beans, tourtiere (pork pie) cretons (pork spread), and a Penny Sale will be available. For more information regarding the fair and pie pick-up times, contact Lorraine Audet at 429-2168.

Mass stipends and the dead

For roughly a thousand years, Catholics have used November as a special time to pray for the dead. This noble custom emerged as a quasi-official extension of All Souls Day, which originated in 998 among the Benedictine monks of Cluny, as the center of the great monastic reform movement. The monks realized that many of their brothers had not always lived good lives, and so they felt obligated to pray for their eventual salvation after death. Linked with this practice of praying for the dead is the frequently misunderstood custom of "having a Mass said" for deceased loved ones. Even today, some people call the rectory to "buy a Mass for Mom." How can people "buy" Masses? What's this all about?

The custom of offering a monetary "stipend" to a priest "for a Mass" gradually began when money-based economic systems replaced barter. In ancient times people provided their priests with the bread and wine actually used at a particular Mass. In exchange for this gift, the deceased loved one received a "special remembrance" at the Mass. Several centuries ago, cash stipends replaced the actual bread and wine. The amount of the stipend was supposed to equal the cost of the priest's daily sustenance. That, of course, has fallen by the wayside. The standard stipend is now \$10.00. Church law, by the way, strictly prohibits the priest from accepting more than one stipend per day regardless of how many Masses he celebrates.

Explaining the practice of offering Mass on behalf of the dead has always taxed the best and most subtle theological minds. What happens to the deceased person when the Mass is celebrated? At most, the Church simply teaches that prayers and Masses offered on behalf of the dead somehow benefit them. Nothing more. Nothing less. However, St. Thomas Aquinas, who theorized about almost everything, proposed an explanation.

Shortly before his premature death in 1274, St. Thomas jotted down some notes about the issue. His friend Fr. Rainaldo da Piperno fleshed out what St. Thomas had sketched. Fr. Rainoldo's "construction" of St. Thomas's complex theory appears in the Supplement to the Summa Theologiae (Question 71, Articles 9-10).

In short, St. Thomas stressed that deep and permanent bonds of charity link the living and dead. These interpersonal linkages provide for the transfer of "spiritual goods," like prayers, almsgiving, and participation in the Eucharist, from the living to the dead. Because the Eucharist always reflects and intensifies the bonds of divine-human love, the Mass becomes a kind of "meeting point" between living and dead. This mysterious "contact" somehow benefits both parties: the one who arranged the Mass and the dead person. In fact, St. Thomas argued that the Mass actually helps the living person more than the dead because he or she has done a wonderful act of charity. It's interesting to note that St. Thomas also highly commended almsgiving to the poor on behalf of the dead as an especially efficacious practice. Sadly, many have forgotten this "good work" for the dead.

Moving beyond the somewhat arcane medieval theories, public Mass intentions at the very least resurrect the memory of the forgotten dead. "Announced Masses," as they are sometimes called, bring people together on anniversaries to pray and remember the deceased. In a world that so quickly forgets the dead, anything that preserves their memory is surely worth doing. We, of course, do it every day at the Eucharist.

Fr. Michael Kerper

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