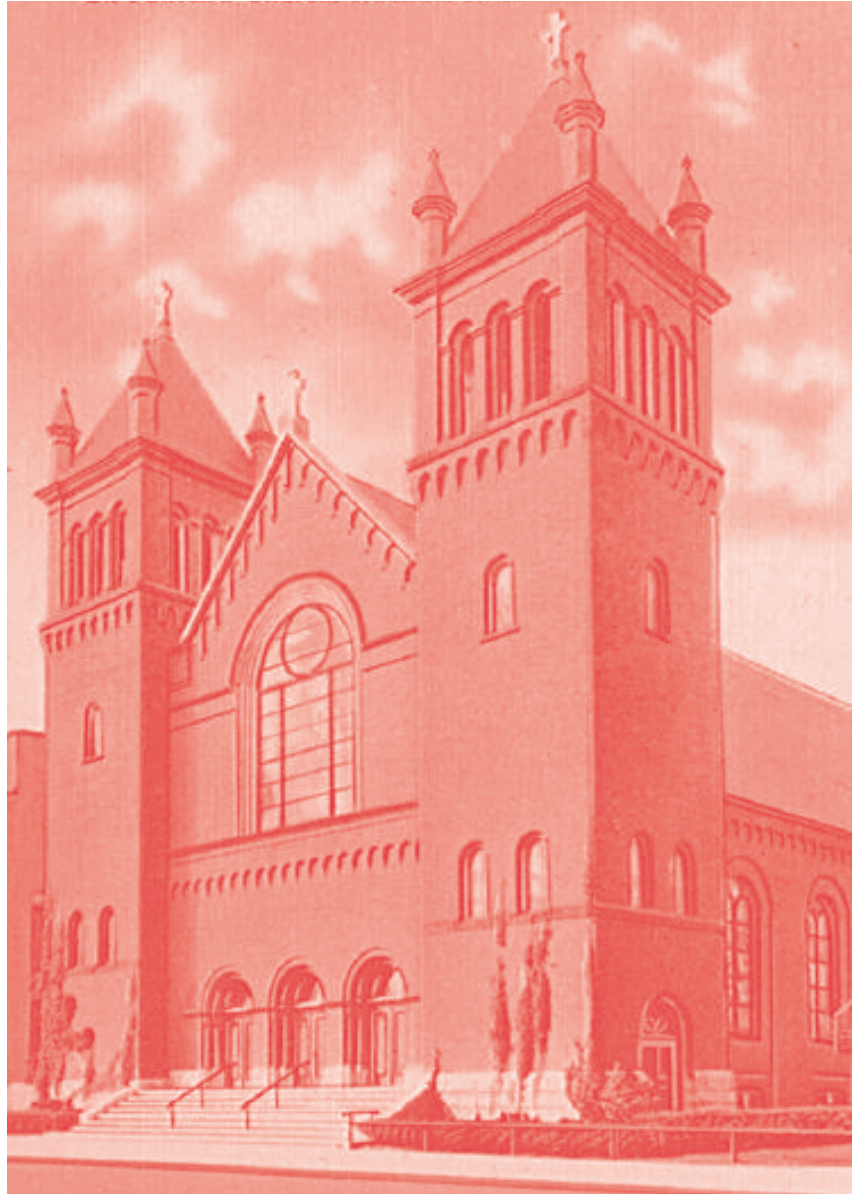


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## MASSES

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stpatricksnashua.org)*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
**& INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**4:00 PM Paul Murray**  
By Patricia Derr

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 ~ Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**7:00 AM John Sullivan**  
By Rick and Clara Ayotte

**9:30 AM People of the Parish**

**12:00 PM Paul Murray**  
**(Latin Mass)** By the Rahilly Family

**Monday, Sept. 15, 2014 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows**

**12:05 PM Irene Kilmartin**  
By the Family

**Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014 ~ Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

**12:05 PM Alex Twardosky (Living)**  
By Brenda Annan

**Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014 ~ St. Robert Bellarmine**

**12:05 PM Ann Sullivan**  
By the Family

**Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014**

**12:05 PM Paul Morin**  
By Laurette Beaulieu & Family

**Friday, Sept. 19, 2014 ~ St. Januarius**

**12:05 PM Patrick Terrin**  
By Meg Madden Jameson & Amy Madden

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 ~ Vigil ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Edward P. Hutchins**  
By his wife Joyce and Family

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**9:30 AM Emilie Presnall (Living)**  
By Kelly Lockwood

**12:00 PM Enrico Catalanotti**  
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**

**Gifts for the Lord's Work**

Weekend of Sept. 6/7, 2014

From 204 Envelope Users: \$6,252.50  
From All Others - Checks: \$1,007.12  
Cash: \$1,399.00  
Electronic Giving Users (16) \$ 516.00  
Total Collection \$9,174.62

US Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Week of Sept. 6/7, 2014 \$618.00

Mass Attendance : 791

St. Vincent de Paul  
Week of Sept. 6/7 \$518.00

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.

**THE PEOPLE OF ST. PATRICK:  
AN EVENING MEAL TOGETHER**  
**Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 ~ 5:00 -8:00 PM in the Gym**

St. Patrick Parish invites you to join us for a family style buffet, dancing, face-painting/kids activities, and a chance to get to know each other better on Saturday, October 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the Gym. Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 per family and will be on sale after the weekend Masses between September 27th and October 12th.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in set-up and tear-down. Please let the ticket seller know if you will be willing to help when you purchase your tickets. We need all hands!

We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 18th!

**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

Sunday, September 14, 2014

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Saturday mornings

8:00 AM

(Church opens at 7:30 AM)

September 20, 2014

**St. Eustache & Companions**

September 27, 2014

**Ember Saturday II**

**Tour of the Roman Missal**

Many people have purchased copies of the Daily Roman Missal for the Latin Mass. To help people navigate more easily through the Missal, Fr. Kerper will offer a 60-minute "Tour" on **Sunday, September 14**. The presentation will begin following the coffee hour **after the 12:00 Mass**. If you have a Missal, please bring it along.

**Adult Confirmation Preparation**

Several people have requested preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last year, Fr. Kerper provided a series of instructions on Saturday afternoons at 2:00 PM. Anyone interested in receiving Confirmation is invited to be in touch with Fr. Kerper for more information and to settle on a day and time to get together. He will also accommodate people who had started preparation in the past but never finished for various reasons. We hope to start in October. Please call 882-2262.

**Faith Formation Grades 1-12  
Registration is Open!**

Registration is open for the upcoming 2014/2015 Faith Formation Program year! You read correctly - there will be Faith Formation offered up to grade 12! If a member of your family was enrolled in the program last year, be on the lookout for the registration form in the mail and in email. If your family hasn't had a member enrolled in the past, please pick up a registration form at the back of the church, or email Kelly Lockwood at [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com).

**OUTREACH GROUP MEETING**

**Sept. 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

**Parish Center Room 1**

The Parish Outreach Group will meet on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in participating in Outreach is welcome to attend. Meetings are schedule for the 3rd Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted.

**Mission Statement**

The members of St. Patrick Parish Outreach are dedicated to bringing the spirit of Christ to the members of the parish, who through age or infirmity, are no longer able to physically participate in the life of the parish. Members of the St. Patrick Parish Outreach:

- Visit the sick and homebound members of the parish, whether they are in their own homes, in a nursing facility, or an assisted living center.
- Each Outreach member visits a person at least once a month and the visit lasts as long as the person being visited wishes.
- As any good friend, the Outreach member is there as a companion to offer support by listening and talking to the person being visited.
- If so desired, we will pray with the person.
- Outreach members may distribute sacramentals, such as prayer cards, scapulars and rosaries.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED!**

Do you love our faith and want to help others grow in their relationship with Christ? Volunteer catechists are needed to work with the young people of our parish to help teach the fundamentals of the faith and help students learn to love the Lord.

Classes meet on Sunday mornings between the 9:30 AM and Noon Masses (grades 1-6) and Monday evenings from 7:00-8:15 PM (grades 7-12). Interested in learning more, or want to volunteer your time to serve God through working with the young people of our parish? Email Kelly Lockwood at [faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.st.patrick@gmail.com)

**UNDERSTANDING CATHOLICISM**

***Grow in knowledge of the Faith.***

Join the RCIA team on Sunday afternoons (1:30 - 3:00 p.m.) for Understanding Catholicism - discussions about faith, the Church, and growing in our relationship with God. Questions? Topics that you would like to see covered? Send an email to: [UCath.st.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:UCath.st.patrick@gmail.com).

- 9/14 The Covenant with Noah
- 9/21 The Covenant with Abraham
- 9/28 The Covenant with Moses

**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](mailto:jpolaneczky@comcast.net) or at (603) 930-5090. Information and registration forms also can be found on our parish website at [www.stpatricksnashua.org](http://www.stpatricksnashua.org).

**SIXTH ANNUAL  
PROJECT EMPLOYMENT CONNECT  
Sept. 16, 2014 ~ 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
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To reserve a table for your business, please contact Tom Lopez, Education Employment Advocate, at (603) 889-7770 and/or fax a registration form to M. Rios at (603) 595-1480. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a \$25.00 fee if you want your company logo to appear on the advertisement flyer. Make checks payable to Harbor Homes Inc. (memo Employment Connect) and mail to M. Rios at 12 Amherst St., Nashua, NH 03060.

Registration forms can be found on our parish website at [www.stpatricksnashua.org](http://www.stpatricksnashua.org).

## Community News

### Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in need of volunteers

We currently assist 500+ families each month. Can you spare an hour or more on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, 3:30-4:30 pm? Sorting, stocking food, housekeeping and drivers for food pick ups are needed. Please contact Mrs. Susan Dignan, the Pantry Director at 882-6372.

Thanks for your consideration and generous weekly donations! We are blessed to have continuous support from St. Patrick Parish.

**DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION  
Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua NH  
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Presenter: Keith Strohm, Catherine Sienna Institute**

All Parish Ministry Leaders, Team Members, Catechists, Youth Ministry, RCIA Leaders and anyone interested in learning about the path to knowing and following Jesus and evangelization are invited to attend. The morning session will explore the reality of discipleship, the critical necessity of making disciples in the Church's mission, and how to help others encounter Christ. In the afternoon session, we will share how our charisms (spiritual gifts) can help others make the journey into intentional discipleship. Participants are encouraged to read *Forming Intentional Disciples: Path to Knowing and Following Jesus* by Sherry A. Weddell. Registration prior to 8/16 is \$35 each or \$45 each including lunch. After 8/16 registration is \$40 each or \$50 each including lunch. For more information contact Eileen Bowes, Pastoral Associate at 603-888-0608 or [eileen@iccnashuanh.org](mailto:eileen@iccnashuanh.org).

**PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY  
19TH ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST  
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014  
(Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014)**

The 19th Annual Fall Fun Fest will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014, 10 AM to 4 PM at PMA, 182 Lowell Rd., Hudson, NH. This is a fun day for people of all ages. It includes: face painting, a dunk tank, petting zoo, waterslide, a Penny Sale (over 200 items), 20 theme basket raffles and a Super Raffle with a top prize of \$500. A Food Court with delicious grilled food, and a Soccer Tournament throughout the day on the Athletic Field will guarantee that everyone has a great time!

### 50th Anniversary of NH Cursillo DeColores!

Calling all Cursillistas and friends to join in the celebration with Mass at 6 PM followed by a statewide Ultraya at 7 PM on Saturday, Sept. 27th at St. Peter Church, 567 Manchester Rd., Auburn, NH. Fellowship and refreshments follow after Ultraya. Please bring a snack to share. For more info, contact Diane Traynor via email at [dianetraynor13@gmail.com](mailto:dianetraynor13@gmail.com) or 785-4838; John Wentworth at [jhwofsd4@gmail.com](mailto:jhwofsd4@gmail.com) or 496-5962; or Kathy Stilwell at [kes144n@yahoo.com](mailto:kes144n@yahoo.com) or 659-5010.

### L'ARCHE IS 50!!

Join the Heart to Heart NH celebration of L'Arche's 50th Jubilee anniversary with Folk and Dance Party Leader Chris Pinkham on Sunday, September 21, 2014, from 3 - 5 PM at Ste. Marie Church (Montminy Hall), 378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, NH.

Heart to Heart NH is an organization preparing to establish family-like homes in NH for adults with developmental disabilities.

## *Decapitation: Political Violence Against the Innocent*

The recent executions of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, two innocent journalists, at the hands of the so-called Islamic State sickened everyone. To make matters worse, they suffered death by decapitation, an act that seems especially cruel and grossly repulsive. And surely it is. Yet we must sadly acknowledge that many throughout history have chosen to behead innocent people as a way to make "religious/political" statements in and through this form of execution. The cases of St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas More, both of whom suffered martyrdom through decapitation, provide deeper understanding about this horrible practice.

Consider St. John the Baptist, whose beheading is commemorated on August 29. Sacred Scripture indicates that beheading was an accepted practice within Israel. For example, in II Kings 6:31-32 Elisha the prophet mentioned that King Ahab clearly intended to have him beheaded. In 2 Samuel 5-14, Joab, King David's general, offered to behead a man who had cursed and pelted the king with dirt. Though no one was actually beheaded, these cases indicate that the *threat* of beheading was meant to deter religious/political attacks on kings. Moreover, recall that David immediately beheaded the corpse of Goliath and displayed his severed head to the Philistine army, which immediately fled (cf. I Samuel 17:50). In this case, Goliath suffered beheading because he had offended Yahweh, the King of Kings.

As to St. John the Baptist, he suffered beheading because he had publicly denounced King Herod's illegal marriage with Herodias, his sister-in-law. Though Herod did not want to execute St. John, Herodias certainly did. Beheading was chosen to signal to the masses that St. John had offended the ruler. The violent separation of the head, the "container" of the mind, from the body was meant to symbolize the intellectual nature of the "crime."

We can see a great kinship between St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas More, who was beheaded in 1535 under the authority of King Henry VIII, a man once given the title "Defender of the Faith" by the Pope. Like St. John, St. Thomas More had committed a "political/intellectual crime," namely his adamant refusal to acknowledge the invalid marriage of the King. Here, Henry VIII simply followed the practice introduced 500 years earlier by William the Conqueror, who had reserved beheading exclusively for "high ranking men" who had committed political offenses, not ordinary crimes. In the case of St. Thomas More, his most brilliant and wise head -- the "source" of his crime -- needed to be severed from his body and grotesquely displayed for all to see.

England, by the way, continued to behead political offenders until 1747; and as late as 1820, the English continued to decapitate "traitors" who had been hanged. Moreover, until the end of World War II the legal codes of many West European nations still permitted beheading. Today, of course, Europe has banned capital punishment entirely.

For sure, Herod and Henry VIII appeared victorious over St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas More. But these two innocent victims became the true victors. Innocent people like James Foley and Steven Sotloff who suffer beheading today are at least in good company. And so we pray and hope for peace; we look again for the triumph of innocence over barbarism.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

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