

October 1, 2023

# Saint Patrick Parish

*Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua*

## Mass Schedule

### Daily

Wednesday - Friday 12:05 pm

Saturday 8:00 am

### Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am

Sunday 9:30 am

### Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday - Friday 11:15 am

### Office Hours

Monday- Thursday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday Closed

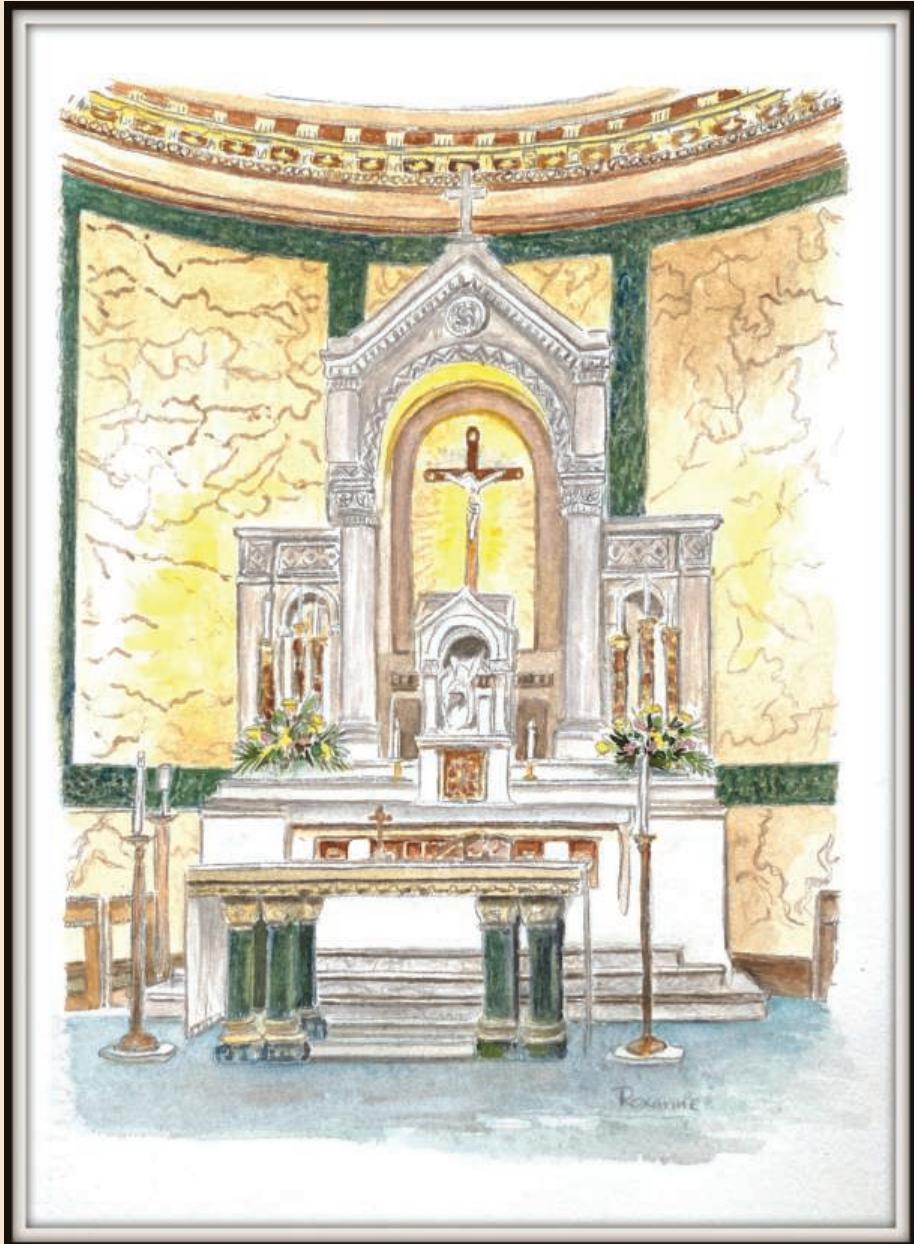
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## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, October 1**

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

- 7:00 AM      **Priest's Intentions**  
9:30 AM      **Deceased Members of Bucci Family**  
*By the Family*

### **Monday, October 2, Holy Guardian Angels**

*No Mass*

### **Tuesday, October 3**

*No Mass*

### **Wednesday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi**

- 12:05 PM      **Priest's Intentions**

### **Thursday, October 5**

- 12:05 PM      **Rev Mother Clare**

### **Friday, October 6**

- 12:05 PM      **Patricia Homrig**

### **Saturday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary**

- 8:00 AM      **People of the Parish**  
4:00 PM      **Cara Elizabeth Sevigny**  
*By the Family*



## Contributions September 23 & 24

<i>Planned Giving</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 2,550
E-Giving	\$ 2,227
Cash & Checks	\$ 1,638
<i>Total Collection</i>	<b>\$ 6,415</b>
<b>Burial Fund to Date</b>	<b>\$ 7,881</b>

## Poor Box Donations

September 23 & 24 \$ 540

## **Thank You!**

All funds are used locally to assist people who come to us for help.

## Parish Staff

**Jean Dickson** Finance Manager  
**Sandra Rathbone**, Administrative Assistant  
**Ruth Thompson**, Faith Formation  
**Diane Duffy**, Cemetery Director  
**Adam D'Entremont**, Pastoral Associate

## Musician

**Chris Bord**, Organist/Director (9:30 am)



## **St. Patrick Cemetery Office**

*Serving St. Patrick and Holy Cross Cemeteries, Hudson, NH*

**Pre-Planning**

**Diane Duffy**

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**Cemetery Director**

**603.881.8131**

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday ~ 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Wednesday ~ 9:00 to 12 Noon, Friday ~ Closed

*Located in the Rectory*

## Parish News and Notes

### **Mass Attendance**

**September 23 & 24**

Saturday 4:00 PM = 88

Sunday 7:00 AM = 77

Sunday 9:30 AM = 184

**Total Attendance = 349**

Adult Faith Formation

### **The Synod in Rome**

Past, Present, Future

**Sunday, October 1**

After the 9:30 AM Mass

Parish Center

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

### **Fellowship Time Following 9:30 AM Mass**

The Knights of Columbus host our “Fellowship Time” on the **second Sunday of every month** following the **9:30 AM Mass**. The next event will be held on **Sunday, October 8**. Please stop by and enjoy visiting with fellow Parishioners.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Every **Friday** after the **12:05 PM** Mass, we offer the ***Anointing of the Sick***. The Sacrament can be received by people preparing for surgery, recovering, or who suffer from any serious disease or infirmity. The Sacrament is administered in front of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** altar on the left side of the sanctuary.

### **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the NHCA. As of today, we have raised **\$25,514.00** towards our parish goal of **\$51,000.00**. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish. If you have not made your gift yet, it is not too late. Please use the gift envelope or go online at: [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal.



### **Holy Communion at Home**

We have finally restored the practice of bringing Holy Communion to homebound members of our parish. If you know someone who desires to receive the Sacrament, please call Bob & Marie Augros at **603-661-1592**.

## **Prayer Opportunity for Women**

The St. Patrick's Women's Prayer Group for our Priests meets on the **first Saturday of the month**. We welcome all women of the parish and their friends to join us. We begin with the **8 a.m. Mass**, followed by a short reflection, the Rosary, and the litanies of St. Philomena and St. Joseph. A short time for refreshments, fellowship, and prayer intentions follows in the Center.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please call the Parish office @ 603-882-2262 or email: [office@stpatricksnashua.org](mailto:office@stpatricksnashua.org)

## **Knights of Columbus Field Trip Opportunity**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them on **Saturday, October 21 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Pomeroy Dairy Farm in Mont Vernon, NH** for a tour of this working family dairy farm. Come and experience a once in a lifetime behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of a family-run farm. This opportunity is limited to 25 people.

For more information and to RSVP, please call Grand Knight Kirk Pomeroy at **603-459-3415 by October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## **News from Friends & Neighbors**

### **Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gianna's Place**

**St. Gianna's Place in Hudson, NH**, is a home for pregnant mothers and their babies who have nowhere to live. It provides meals and counseling along with job skills training and education for the mothers. This fundraiser is scheduled at St. Patrick's weekend Masses starting **September 30 and October 1**.

Baby bottles will be handed out at the **end of the weekend Masses**. Parishioners are asked to fill these bottles with spare change, cash, and/or **checks made out to St. Gianna's Place** and return them during the **next 3 weekend Masses to the basket located in the entrance of the church**. Thank you in advance for helping mothers and their babies in their time of need.

## **Diocesan News**

### **Blue Mass**

All in New Hampshire are welcome to this Mass to pray for and with the members of law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's and dispatchers.

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**10:30 AM Mass at St Joseph Cathedral**  
**Corner of Pine and Lowell Streets, Manchester**

Contact Alyse Hlasny for more information: [ahlasny@rcbm.org](mailto:ahlasny@rcbm.org) 603-663-0108



## Catholic Young Adults

Several younger members of St. Patrick Parish have formed ROOTED 267, a Young Adult Catholic Group. The "267" refers to Colossians 2:6-7: "So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

The purpose of this initiative is to provide opportunities for young Catholics to come together for service, faith formation and socializing. So far, the group has had successful game nights, social gatherings, and planning meetings. To learn more, please contact.

[Rootedyoungadults267@gmail.com](mailto:Rootedyoungadults267@gmail.com)

*Good morning  
Starts with  
Coffee*

**The DAY Café**  
@ St. Patrick Parish Center  
Main Street, Nashua  
Monday-Friday/7:00-9:30 AM

Several parishioners from St. Patrick Parish and other groups offer coffee, light snacks, and friendship to our neighbors on the street. This happens every weekday from 7:00 to 9:30 AM. All are welcome. No charge. Please enter through the Main Street entrance and enjoy meeting your friends.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you would like to volunteer with this ministry, please call the Parish office at 603-882-2262.

Donations of the following items will help keep this gesture of friendly hospitality operating:

Paper Towels, Pre-packaged Snacks

Donated items can be dropped off at St. Patrick's vestibule before or after Mass.

## *Can the Church Collapse?*

As the Church begins the Synod in Rome on October 4, some voices predict disaster. In light of this, we need a refresher course on the doctrine of *indefectibility*, which asserts the permanence of the Catholic Church. In other words, the Church will *never* disappear from the drama of human history. But some Catholics believe that the Church is already evaporating, especially among those who once seemed so faithful.

Not really. Here we must do two things: first, clarify the meaning of the doctrine; and second, be wary of too much gloom.

As to the precise doctrine, Ludwig Ott, who compiled Fundamentals of Catholic Doctrine in 1952, noted that *indefectibility* “does not exclude the decay of individual ‘churches’ (i.e. parts of the Church) and accidental changes.”

Ott was well aware that the Church has risen and fallen in many *local* places. After all, parishes, like people, have limited life spans. As such one can see astounding *declines* in some places, such as the wiping out of the Christian faith in Northern Africa, and surprising *growth* in other places, such as the emergence of huge Catholic congregations in Africa during the past 60 years.

The *indefectibility* of the Church flows from Christ’s solemn promise: “I am with you all days until the consummation of the world” (Matthew 28:20). The “you” here refers to the total group of believers, not to every existing parish.

As to the *appearance* of exceptionally bad times, the insights of Jean-Luc Marion, one of the preeminent Catholic philosophers of our own time, steer us away from debilitating anxiety about the condition of the Church.

Asked about the “de-Christianization” of the affluent West, he noted that we have no reliable means of measuring the intensity and genuineness of faith from one era to another. “*One of the principles of Revelation,*” Marion wrote, “*reserves to God alone the knowledge about people’s state of Christianization.*” In other words, sociological data about church attendance, infant baptisms, crowds at papal audiences, and so forth, tells us little about the *interior state of people*. For example, were Christians in the early 4th century more devout than the average Christian today? We simply don’t know.

Marion described his position within the contemporary Church as “*nonreactionary*,” by which he means freedom from noisy anxiety about the Church. He said: “*I start from the situation such as it gives itself, without dreaming of a golden age, which, besides, I’ve never known, and I cannot stand those who are nostalgic or complain about decadence. Decadence, but in regard to what?*”

Marion, steeped in the environs of secular French philosophy, stated a few years ago that interest in Catholic theology has actually grown not diminished. Marion, though a highly sophisticated philosopher, still has a very childlike faith in the old Catholic doctrine of *indefectibility*. Because of that, his words are always calm and hopeful. Please pray for Pope Francis and all who gather with him for the Synod of Rome.

*Fr. Michael Kerper*

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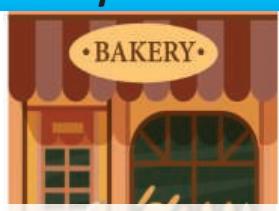
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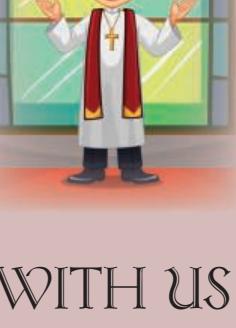
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