

October 15, 2023

Saint Patrick Parish

Living Catholic Tradition in Nashua

Mass Schedule

Daily

Tuesday - 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

Tuesday - Friday 11:15 am

Office Hours

Monday- Thursday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday Closed

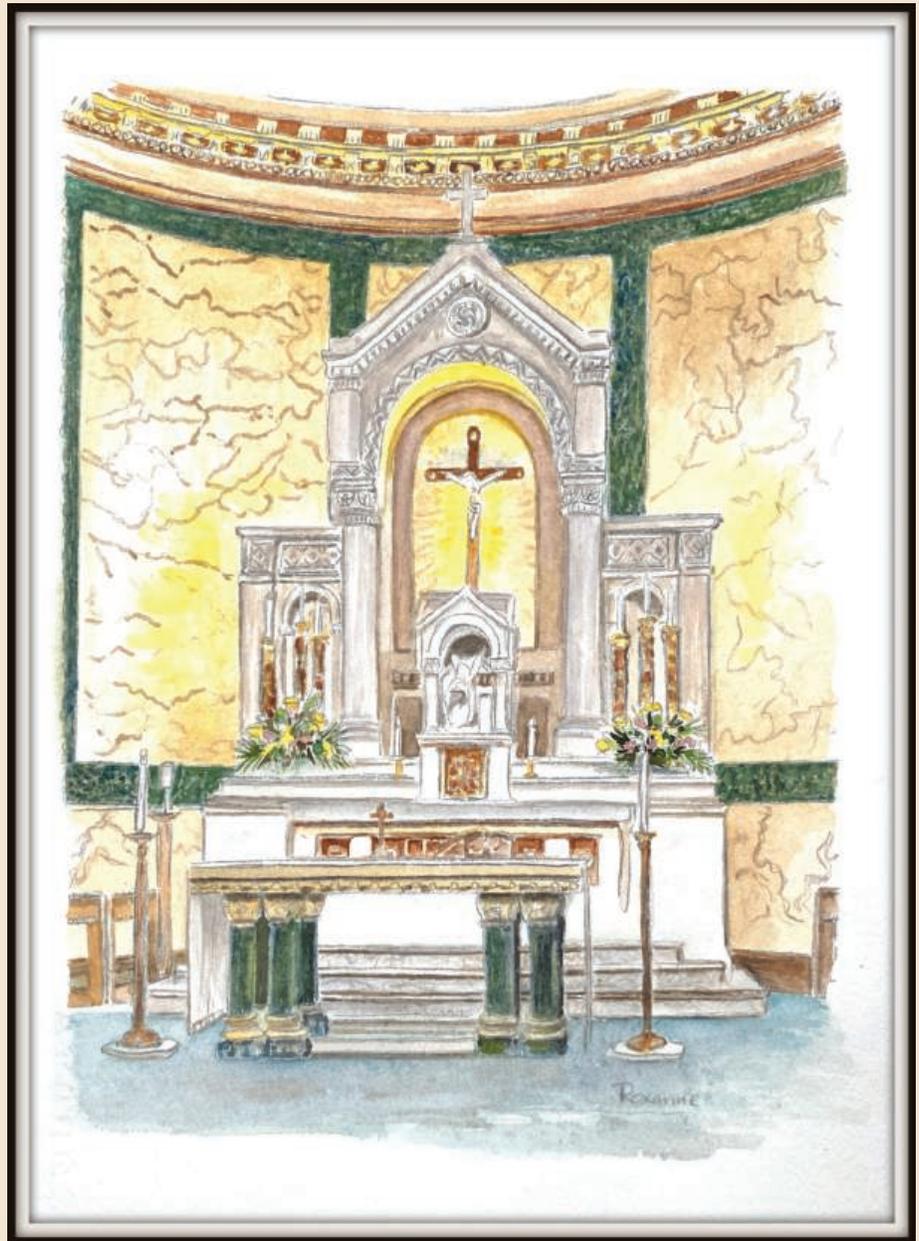
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 15

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

7:00 AM **Priest's Intentions**

9:30 AM **Rest of the soul of Anna Bucci**
By the Family

Monday, October 16

No Mass

Tuesday, October 17, Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop & Martyr

No Mass

Wednesday, October 18, Saint Luke, Evangelist

12:05 PM **Mary Sarameta**
By the Mikulis Family

Thursday, October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and
Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions, Martyrs

12:05 PM **Christine Belrose**
By her son

Friday, October 20

12:05 PM **Joseph & Madge O'Shea**

Saturday, October 21

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

4:00 PM **Mary Dirubbo**
By the Colletta & Cronin Families



Contributions
October 7 & 8

<i>Planned Giving</i>	
Envelopes	\$ 3,351
E-Giving	\$ 2,957
Cash & Checks	\$ 1,950
Total Collection	\$ 8,258
Burial Fund to Date	\$11,081

Poor Box Donations

October 7 & 8 **\$ 661**

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** *Consultation*
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

October 7 & 8

Saturday 4:00 PM = 90

Sunday 7:00 AM = 90

Sunday 9:30 AM = 204

Total Attendance = 384



Mass Schedule Change

Due to scheduling conflicts, Tuesday Mass and Confessions have been cancelled until further notice.

Fellowship Time Following 9:30 AM Mass

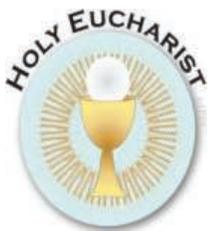
The Knights of Columbus host our “Fellowship Time” on the **second Sunday of every month** following the **9:30 AM Mass**. The next event will be held on **Sunday, November 12**. Please stop by and enjoy visiting with fellow Parishioners.

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.

Prayerful Condolences

Please prayerfully remember **Dawn Marie Cehlar Santos** whose **Funeral Mass** was held on **Friday, October 13**. Please pray for the family and other loved ones during their time of grief.



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**.

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 16th**.

News from Friends & Neighbors



Saint Patrick Parish Monthly Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 22

St Patrick Parish welcomes all to come together for the **Monthly Pancake Breakfast** on **October 22nd** following **9:30 AM Mass**. The breakfast is held in the Parish Center Rooms 3 & 4. All are welcome, no sign up necessary. The breakfast is scheduled on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This is a great opportunity to share some special time with fellow parishioners!

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. Parishioners are asked to fill the baby bottles with spare change, cash, and/or checks made out to **St. Gianna's Place** and return them at the weekend Masses to the basket located in the entrance of the church **until October 22**. Thank you in advance for helping mothers and their babies in their time of need.

Saint Christopher Academy Open House

Saint Christopher Academy in Nashua offers an outstanding **pre-kindergarten through grade 8 Catholic education**. You are invited to visit our **Fall Open House on Sunday, October 29 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Saint Chris provides a safe and stable learning environment with an emphasis on academics, faith, moral values, and community service.

The **Open House** will include tours and the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff. Please complete the **RSVP** at tinyurl.com/SCAOpenHouse23 if you plan to attend. To learn more about Saint Chris, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact **Enrollment Coordinator Lorraine Bedard** at **603-882-7442, ext. 310**.

St. Patrick Assistance Offered Since Start of 2023

Thanks be to God, and to all of you for your continued support and donations through our “poor box.” Our group of volunteers of St. Patrick’s Assistance is continuing to see an increase in requests from our community. Nashua currently sits at < 1% rental vacancy while also boasting 26% higher housing costs than the national average. As you can see, most of the funding you supply through the poor box is dedicated to keeping people housed when they fall into hard times. Below is an overview of the Parish’s financial assistance since the beginning of the 2023 calendar year:

Rent/Housing = \$46,285.82	Automotive = \$5,084.88	Utilities = \$3,466.90
Storage = \$1,471.00	Identification = \$677.00	Dental Care = \$448.00
Childcare = \$392.00	Prescriptions = \$162.33	All other misc. = \$504.03
2023 Financial Assistance = \$58,491.96		

If you would like to join our team of volunteers to meet and pray with and for those in need, please reach out through our dedicated phone line (listed below) or by e-mail to Adam at associate@stpatricksnashua.org.

If you, or anyone you know, needs assistance please call 603-821-5267



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.

Saints, Heavenly Relatives, and Cemeteries

All Saints Day, which we will celebrate on November 1, draws attention to the vast assembly of all deceased people, known and unknown, who already dwell in Heaven. This feast also corrects the dangerous tendency to assume that sainthood is very rare. This notion arose as the term “saint” became attached exclusively to people who had been “canonized” – formally inscribed on the list of official saints. This process serves a good purpose: the Church *assures* us that specific people are *definitely* in Heaven, thereby providing us with certified intercessors who can join their prayers to ours in God’s Presence.

Though we should never presume that anyone other than canonized saints are *definitely* in Heaven, we can reasonably assume that some of our deceased relatives and friends have reached their final goal. Moreover, they know us and care about us.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the 12th century Benedictine abbot, made this same point in a sermon preached on All Saints Day in the 12th century. He said that the feast encourages us to gaze toward Heaven, our true homeland, a place that already contains loved ones. He said this:

“The saints lovingly call us, and we make little of it; the host of the redeemed looks for us and we are not interested. Let us shake off our torpor and rise with Christ to seek the things that are above, to set our minds on things above. Let us love those who love us, hasten to those who await us, and with our prayers come into the presence of those who are looking for us.”

What an astounding thought! Even as saints gaze upon God in ecstatic happiness, they “are looking for us,” hoping that we will “make it” and be reunited with them at the end of our lives. The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for All Saints reinforces this notion of “*spiritual solidarity*” between the living and dead by speaking of the saints as “*the great array of our brothers and sisters*” already occupied with the eternal praise of God.

The Church has a crucial instrument to promote this “*spiritual solidarity*” – cemeteries. I came to a more vivid understanding of this a few years ago while in Ireland. I had gone to Ballyhaunis, a small town in Mayo where some of my relatives still live and where my mother had spent part of her childhood. I had an hour to kill before the next train to Dublin, so I walked up a road near the station and wandered into a cemetery. I thought to myself that perhaps Uncle Martin, my grandmother’s youngest brother, might be buried there. I knew he had died years before but had no information. I thought it unlikely that I would ever find his grave.

After walking a few yards, I stopped, glanced around a bit, looked down, and there he was: Martin O’Grady. I then noticed that he had died just a few days before my mother. I had met him only twice – in 1975 and 1977. I said a prayer for him, then spent some time walking through the cemetery looking at headstones, many of them from the early 19th century. Quite a few had names I knew were of my family – Philips, O’Grady, Greeley, Finn, and others. I suddenly realized that many of these people were my ancestors, most of whom I had never known but who were known to my mother, grandparents, and other blood relatives. And then I thought to myself, “Surely, some of these must be in Heaven, they must be saints.” And, if I am to believe what St. Bernard said long ago, perhaps some of them are actually looking for me, and praying that I too “make it.”

Fr. Michael Kerper

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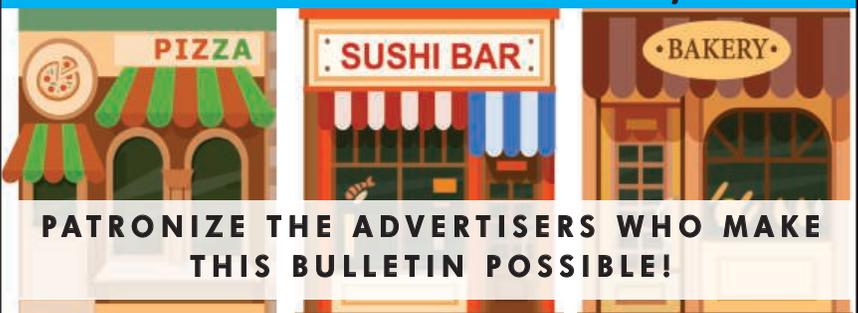
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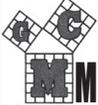
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