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Holy Mass

Sun: 7 am Low; 9 am High; 11 am High

Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri: 8 am

Tues: 12:10 pm

Sat: 9 am; 1st Sat: also 7:30 am

Confessions

Begin 35 minutes and
end 10 minutes before each Mass

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December 15, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday

Mass Calendar and Intentions

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent (I Cl)

Gaudete Sunday

- 7:00 AM *Low* Pro Populo (For the People)
9:00 AM *High* Special Intention by Anon
11:00 AM *High* Friends and Family by SLM

Monday, December 16

St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr (III Cl)

Commemoration: Feria of Advent

- 8:00 AM *Low* Noah & Sabrina Bellomo by EP

Tuesday, December 17

Greater Feria of Advent (II Cl)

- 12:10 PM *Low* †Norman Dibble by SB

Wednesday, December 18

Ember Wednesday of Advent (II Cl)

- 8:00 AM *Low* Sandra Martin by SLM

Thursday, December 19

Greater Feria of Advent (II Cl)

- 8:00 AM *Low* Conversion of Wallin Family by MW
12:10 PM *Low* Rachel and Rebecca Wilson by SW

Friday, December 20

Ember Friday of Advent (II Cl)

- 8:00 AM *Low* †R. Elaine Kenney by FF

Saturday, December 21

St. Thomas, Apostle (II Cl)

Commemoration: Ember Saturday of Advent (II Cl)

- 9:00 AM *Low* Bryan Peterson by TP

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent (I Cl)

- 7:00 AM *Low* †Joseph Stableton by M&KB
9:00 AM *High* Pro Populo (For the People)
11:00 AM *High* †Reeves Broussard by JP

Sanctuary Lamp in Honor of **Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris** by FF

Altar Flowers in Honor of **Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris** by FF

Note: Stipend for Mass Intentions is \$10.

Donation for Sanctuary Lamp is \$14 and Flowers is \$50.

Envelopes are available next to the secure drop box near the choir steps and may be deposited there.

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance;
to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him
the greatest human achievement.

—St. Augustine

Sunday, December 15, 2024

- 12:45 pm Coffee Social (Church Bsmt)
12:45 pm Confraternity of St. Peter (Rec Bsmt Clsrm)
2 pm Vespers (Church)

Thursday, December 19, 2024

- 9 - Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm Catholic Land Movement (Church Bsmt)

From Your Priests



Fr. John Brancich, FSSP, Pastor

The first Mass of Christmas at Midnight will be a Solemn High Mass by candlelight. The choir will sing Christmas hymns and lead Christmas carols before Mass beginning at 11:00 p.m. It is a memorable way to celebrate Christmas, and I encourage you to attend if at all possible. The Mass at Dawn (8 a.m. Low) and Mass During the Day (10 a.m. High) are each Masses with separate propers.

In the Traditional Mass, we do not have Vigil Masses that fulfil the Christmas obligation. The Tuesday, 12:10 p.m. Mass is a true Vigil but is not a Mass of Christmas, nor would it fulfil the obligation of every Catholic to attend Mass on Christmas Day (it is different in the *Novus Ordo*). I encourage you to attend nonetheless.

Gaudete Sunday is a little "rest stop" amidst our slightly penitential Advent season to rejoice. For today and the next couple of days only, the Church allows altar flowers, the organ, and vestments with a bit more joy in their color -- rose, rather than violet. She then gives us Ember Days this Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for a final opportunity for Advent grace. By denying ourselves something in food and drink on these days, we can make more room for Him in our hearts by curbing our appetites, which can become selfish if unchecked by self-denial.

Please remember to put your kneelers up after Mass

Monday, December 16, 2024

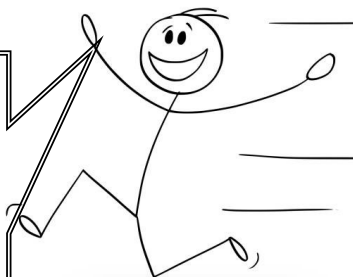
Friday, December 20, 2024

- 9 am Weekly Church Cleaning
10:30 am Mater Dolorosa Rosary (Church)
4:30 pm Mater Dolorosa Rosary (Church)

Parish Announcements



Join us after the 11 a.m. Mass today for a parish coffee social in the church basement! Donuts will be available starting 10 minutes after the priest processes out of Mass to allow everyone time to make a good Thanksgiving after Mass.



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Date	Due to Parish Office
December 29	By Noon December 20
January 5	By Noon December 27

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7 pm Intermediate Catechism Class (Church Bsmt)

Saturday, December 21, 2024

10 am Library Volunteer Meeting (Middle Clsrm)

Restoring Catholic Culture

A brief look at what it is like when the world is Catholic

Although very few penances are actually required of Catholics today, Christmas Eve was always a day of Fast and Abstinence from meat to prepare the soul for the great Feast of Christmas. This is the reason why many cultures have meatless traditions associated with Christmas Eve. For example, the Polish celebrate “Vigilia” which is a traditional meal of 7 or so meatless courses during which the Oplatki wafers are shared. The Italians have a tradition of a meal of various courses of fish. Although not currently binding under sin, there is no better ways to spend this Vigil of Christmas than by observing the traditional fast and abstinence from meat. In the old days, the Church would allow the Christmas Eve penances to be transferred to December 23 to allow those with Traditions of Christmas Eve celebrations.

***“It is only right, my brothers,
to celebrate our Lord’s Coming
with all possible devotion,
so greatly does His comfort gladden us...
and His love burn within us.
But do not just think about His First Coming,
when He Came “to seek and save the lost”
think, too, of that other Coming,
when He will come to take us with Him.
I should like to see you constantly
occupied in meditating on these two Comings...
for they are the two arms of the Bridegroom ...”***

—St. Bernard

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7 pm Parish Choir & Men’s Schola (Choir Rm)
7 pm Junior Choristers (Church Bsmt)
7 pm Catholic Inquiry Class (Rec Bsmt Clsrm)

Sunday, December 22, 2024

2 pm Vespers (Church)

Parish Announcements

Thursday morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed after the 8 a.m. Mass, Adoration will continue through the morning, and Benediction will be given at 11:50 a.m. We need several Adorers for each of the three hours.



Please sign up at

www.latinmassnashua.org/adoration.

We want to have enough Adorers present for each hour.

A 12:10 p.m. Low Mass has been permanently added to the Thursday schedule. Benediction will still be given at 11:50 a.m., just before the Mass. Confessions will be heard from 11:15 until 11:45 a.m. since the priest will have to get ready for Benediction.

There are just two weeks left in this calendar year and it is a great time to consider an extra gift to your parish (or perhaps a gift, for a few!). The parish Finance Council is busy planning out the next projects and priorities to be tackled during 2025. Be assured that every dollar you give makes a big impact not only on the physical aspects of the parish but also on our ability to expand our liturgical life, classes, services, programs and everything else that a parish with the Traditional Mass should offer. Gifts received in the collection basket or office or postmarked by December 31 will be credited to 2024 and may be tax deductible for you.

Seniors -- tax deductible Qualified Charitable Distributions for those over 70½ can be made to our parish. You normally need to have a fairly large income to itemize deductions, including charitable contributions. Most people, especially seniors, don't have that many deductions, so they are not able to deduct contributions to the parish, so this could be a beneficial exception. Please consult your financial advisor.

Sacraments

The Traditional Latin Rites exclusively are offered at St. Stanislaus Parish

Baptisms - Parishioners, registered and active for at least four months, should call the office well ahead of the birth to arrange for the baptism of their newborn. A class with Father is necessary before the first Baptism in a family at the parish.

Holy Matrimony - Preparation for Marriage must begin at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Weddings are available for parishioners registered and active for six months before the beginning of Preparation for Marriage. Catholics must be married in the Catholic Church to have a valid marriage in the eyes of God and the Church.

First Confession, Confirmation & First Communion - Available for children of registered and active members of the parish. Preparation for these Sacraments for children will be announced in the bulletin. Adults who have not received these Sacraments are invited to call the office to arrange for special preparation by Father.

Weekly Parish Financial Support

December 1, 2024

Checks/Envelopes	\$ 6,166.00
Cash	1,369.00
Online	6,142.00
Poor Box	811.50
Other Income	
(Candles, Flowers, Misc.)	207.60

Thank you for your generous support!

Parish Announcements



Christmas Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 24
11—11:50 p.m. Confessions
11 p.m. Christmas Hymns, Carols & Music

Wednesday, December 25
12 a.m. Solemn High Mass at Midnight
by candlelight
8 a.m. Low Mass at Dawn (no confessions before)
9—9:50 a.m. Confessions
10 a.m. High Mass During the Day

Christmas is a Holy day of Obligation.

Although the current Law of the Church permits those who receive Holy Communion at the Midnight Mass to receive again at one Mass on Christmas Day, Traditionally, Holy Communion could only be received once per calendar day.

The traditional blessing of food for Christmas will be given on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day after each Mass. Anyone with meats, eggs, bread, oil or other Christmas foods to be blessed should bring these items to the Communion rail at any of these times.

If you make contributions via a 3rd party

such as *Fidelity Charitable* or *FrontStream*, please let the office know in advance when a check is being sent. Oftentimes, there is no identifying information with the check as to who the donor is, and we want to be sure to credit you for the contribution.

The Confraternity of St. Peter will meet today from 12:45 -1:45p.m. in the Rectory Basement Classroom. At each meeting we pray, discuss old and new business, and learn about our patron St. Peter, often from our priests. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. New members and visitors are always welcome! Questions? Contact Mrs. Marian Carney (call the office if you need her contact information).

AND THOU, BETHLEHEM Ephrata, art a little one among the thousands of Juda: out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be the ruler in Israel: and ***his going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity.***

—Micheas 5:2

MEN: TENOR SINGERS NEEDED

Parishioners of St. Stanislaus — We are seeking men interested in participating in the choir, especially tenors. Come lend your voices in a unique service to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, assisting in carrying forth the tradition of Gregorian Chant, as well as supporting the tenor voice of polyphonic sacred music!

The parish choir assists in singing/chanting weekly at the 11:00 a.m. High Mass, as well as special feast days and Holydays of Obligation. We will prepare for these Masses with weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Interested parties, please reach out via email to Sarah Breslin, parish music director (music@latinmassnashua.org), and Daniel Sartorius, men's section leader (dsartorius@latinmassnashua.org).

Many thanks in advance!



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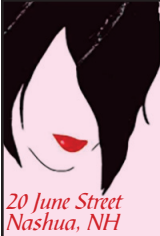
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