



## Saint Patrick

34 AMHERST STREET  
MILFORD, NH 03055

Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday:** 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday:** 7:00 A.M.; 8:45 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.  
(Choir).

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M.

Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass, unless otherwise indicated.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** 7:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. (Except Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

#### **Inclement Weather and Weekday Masses**

Parishioners are now to be aware that if there is a weather-related **cancellation** or **2 hour delay** announced by the **Milford School System**, there will be no Mass that morning. Official announcements of cancellations and delays will be made on the schools cancellations ribbon on WMUR - TV CHANNEL 9. This policy is for the safety of parishioners and those who are responsible for snow removal.



**Parish Office: 673-1311**

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5 p.m.**

**Friday: 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.**

### SACRAMENTS:

**Baptisms:** We rejoice with parents at the birth of a new child. Parents are encouraged to initiate preparation for baptism prior to the child's birth. Call the Parish Office at 673-1311 for information and pre-baptism instruction.

**Marriage:** Weddings are a special time of joy and promise for a bride and a groom. Engaged couples are invited to contact the pastor personally (preferably 6-12 months) prior to the desired wedding date to begin their preparation. Couples should not make any commitment with a reception venue prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the pastor.

**Reconciliation:** Individual confessions are held every Saturday from 3:00-3:45 P.M. in the reconciliation room at St. Patrick Church or during the week by personal appointment with the pastor.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** If you are anticipating surgery or experiencing health issues and would like to be strengthened with the Church's sacrament of healing and hope, please contact the pastor personally to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

## *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 14, 2018*

### JANUARY 15-21, 2018

- MON. - 1/15** - Weekday (Martin Luther King, Jr.)  
**7:30AM** - **NO MASS**
- TUES. - 1/16** - Weekday  
**7:30AM** - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 1/17** - St. Anthony Abbot  
**5:30PM** - Allen Hendrickson by the family
- THURS. - 1/18** - Weekday  
**7:30AM** - Rev. Donald Jacques by the Knights of Columbus
- FRI. - 1/19** - Weekday  
**7:30AM** - Russell Muise by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Sullivan
- SAT. - 1/20** - Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**4:00PM** - Rev. Donald Jacques by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Petrella
- SUN. - 1/21** - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**7:00AM** - Rev. Donald Jacques by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Guthrie  
**8:45AM** - Members of the parish  
**10:45AM** - Useph Krynski by the family

### Prayer Line call

**Diane or Patti at 673-1311.**

### **Readings: 1/21/2018**

Jon: 3:1-5, 10  
 1 Cor: 7:29-31  
 Mk: 1:14-20



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Adam Rakiey by the family.

## JANUARY 15-21, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—NO Faith Formation classes  
 Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM—NO Faith Formation classes  
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H  
 Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H  
 7:00PM—RCIA—SPC  
 Thurs: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council—SPC  
 Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC  
 3:00PM—Reconciliation-Church  
 5:00PM—TNO—C/H  
 Sun: Coffee & Donuts  
 8:35 & 10:35AM- Faith Formation classes—SPC  
 10-10:30AM—Teachers' meeting—SPC  
 Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church  
 5-5:45PM—Teachers' meeting—SPC  
 6:00PM—Confirmation 1 & 2 classes—SPC

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Parish Community depends upon the participation of all our parishioners so that we may continue the mission of our parish and pay our expenses. The total weekly operating expense in our current budget totals 8,000.00 per week. Your regular weekly contribution to meet the budget is greatly appreciated.

### WEEKEND OF: Jan. 7, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(192) Envelopes		\$5,724
Loose Offerings		\$3,286
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$9,010</b>



### **Laundry Basket Drive for Birthright.**

The Knight of Columbus are again sponsoring a Laundry Basket Drive for the 18 Pregnancy Care Centers in New Hampshire. Baskets will be located in Vestibule and marked for the drive.

Donation items most needed are as follows:

Warm Clothing 3-3T, Girls Clothing, 9mos; 12 mos; 2T, Boys Clothing - 18 Months, Premie Clothes, Hooded Towels, Maternity Clothing, Sleepers, Onesies, Sweaters, Receiving Blankets, Bibs, Burp Cloths, Baby lotion, Diaper Rash ointment, Baby Wash, Similac and Boots – 18 mos – 3T



## Faith formation

### CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Jan 21, 28 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am  
Jan 29 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm  
Jan 23, 30 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

### CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

Jan 21, 28 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm

**NO CLASSES SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY**  
Jan 14, 15, 16

**Very Important Parent Meeting held Jan. 27 from 9-10:30am with a snow date of Feb. 3 Or Jan. 29 from 7-8:30pm with a snow date of Feb. 12 in the Church Hall**

As directed by Bishop Libasci, the Diocese of Manchester is restoring the sacraments of initiation to their original order. The sacraments of Confirmation & 1st Eucharist will be celebrated together in grade 3.

If your child is in grade 3 through 9 in 2017-18, the restored order will affect you. Come find out about the process. Contact Sue at 673-4797 or [re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](mailto:re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

### **Thank You (Christian Relief Fund)**

Thank you for your generous contribution last November and December to the Knights of Columbus Charities Christian Relief Fund. The Fund is used to help re-establish the villages and churches of the displaced Christians suffering in Iraq and Syria. Your contributions have provided an additional \$1644 for the Fund. Further information concerning the work being done and use of all donations can be found at <https://www.christiansatrisk.org>. Thank you again and God bless you for your generosity.

## Pastoral Council Members

Peter Arnoldy, Chris Conard ,  
MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,  
Teresa McGinley, Jude Lorman,  
Randy Lowenberg, Will McGrath  
Irene Prunier, Tony Varga.



**OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
MONDAY**



### Hat & Mitten Tree for the Homeless

The hat & mitten tree will remain in the vestibule through the end of January. The Health Ministry Team is sponsoring a Hat & Mitten Tree. Please bring new or homemade hats, mittens and scarves for adults and children to the vestibule of the church and hang them on the tree. These garments will be given to SHARE for those who may need them during this coldest months of the year.



We are now collecting these for the school system. If you do not have children in the school system and you buy products with this emblem on them could you please save them and bring them to the office and we will give them to the school and they will be redeemed for supplies. Thank



## TEENS' NIGHT OUT

Join us for games, food and fun on January 20th after the 4:00 pm Youth Mass.

Where: Church Hall

Time 5-8pm

Board games, charades

and a baked potato bar equals great times... and don't forget to Bring a Friend!



## **FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS**

**Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Cereal boxes**

**Can be dropped off at the SHARE office or in the Church Hall. Thank you for your donations. The clothing barn is in need of children's Large pajamas.**

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### **Please remember in your prayers those who have asked for our prayers:**

Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Camille Long, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Ron Lockwood, Gladice Fino, Rob Erickson, Jenny Ciotti, Maureen Corron, Dan Nelson, Jean Bergeron, Alice Creighton, Liz Richer, Nancy Salisbury, Patricia Kazkis, Luke LaVallee, MaryAnn Molinari, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Bettina Mace, Joanne Coughlin, Marc Belanger, Alice Denecker, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Jack Long, Beth Powers, Scott Dickinson, Nenad Opijac, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek, Bobby Holland, Lillie & Damien, Ronald Aveni, Walter Kane, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, Esther Duffy, Donatella Tuguzza, Jeffrey Yorio, Lisa Yorio, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Lorraine Williams, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Susan Yorio, Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, Frank Williams, Jeffrey Bryant, Crystal Heaney, Leah Stigliano, Philip McPhee, William Thompson, Sammy Tinaglia, Ed Gartland, Joseph Sherlock, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, Mary & Dick Almy, Steven Perez, Elda Paduano, Meaghan Pezze, Dennis Frye, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

***Please call the parish office when someone can be taken off the prayer list.***

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### **Discipleship: called by name into an abiding relationship**

This week the liturgical calendar changes to Ordinary time, and the Lectionary readings invite us to reflect on stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. Today's readings ask the believing community and RCIA participants to examine their call to discipleship and its implications.

In the gospel, the Baptizer has just completed his testimony about Jesus. John now tells the story of Jesus' disciples, describing two ways to encounter Jesus, and Jesus' response:

**Those who seek.** Andrew and his unnamed companion (the beloved disciple) begin following Jesus after the Baptizer points him out. Jesus asks them "What are looking for?" The Greek verb ζητέω (dzay-TEH-oh) means "to seek" or "to search after." Jesus is asking them, "If you want to be my disciple, what do *you seek from me?*"

**Those who are brought by others.** Simon receives his call to follow Jesus though his brother Andrew. Jesus *looks at* Simon and *calls him* by a new name. Simon's renaming to Peter, like Abram's renaming to Abraham (Gn 17:5), and Jacob's renaming to Israel (Gn 32:29), indicates Peter will have a special role in God's plan.

**Jesus' invitation: come and abide.** Whether a disciple seeks out Jesus or comes to Jesus through another, Jesus invites the disciple to experience life with Jesus. John uses the Greek verb μένω (MEHN-oh) to describe life with Jesus. μένω means literally "to reside" and metaphorically "to remain" or "to abide." John uses μένω to indicate that the disciples not only *stay* with Jesus, but began to experience an *abiding relationship*.

Today's readings prod RCIA candidates and the believing community to examine Jesus' invitation to discipleship. Like Samuel in the first reading and the disciples in the gospel, God calls each of us by name to fulfill a task only we can complete. But first we must answer Jesus' question: *what do you seek?* The question isn't a test; it's a call to self-examination. Choosing to walk the same road with Jesus requires not just sacrifice, but self-sacrifice. In Baptism and Confirmation God called us by a new name. Whose voice do we hear? What or whom do we seek? Are we ready to complete the task for which we've been called-by-name?

Terence Sherlock

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



“What are you looking for?” That is the question today’s liturgy puts before us. It is a question addressed to us, but also one we address to God. It is the question of vocation. Put another way it asks, “What do you and God want to do with the life you have been given?”

Today’s Gospel invites us to share the adventure of vocation with two of John the Baptist’s disciples. They thought they had found the teacher who would give them the answers they sought. Then that teacher pointed to another, someone they did not know, and said, “Behold the Lamb of God.” John loved them enough that their fulfillment mattered more to him than their companionship. His utter lack of egotism inspired them to try to catch

up with Jesus as he walked along.

That was when Jesus turned to them and asked the most important question of their life: “What are you looking for?” Rather than get tongue-tied or philosophical, they answered with a statement and a question. They made their statement by calling him “Rabbi,” acknowledging that they were looking to him as a teacher. Their question, “Where are you staying?” was a way of saying, “We want to know more.”

St. Augustine taught that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. That means that the human heart always seeks more until we encounter the source of love. At this first stage, the disciples were at home with their restlessness; they let their desire for more nudge them onto the road behind Jesus.

“Come and you will see,” was the invitation into dialogue. When the Gospel tells us it was around 4:00 in the afternoon, the implication is that the two disciples went home with Jesus, ate and spent the evening. We could call this the day of their “first Communion.” It was the first time they heard Jesus talk about his vocation, his dreams and his mission. It was the first time they broke bread with him. The Gospel lets us know that they were changed forever by what they encountered in him.

In response to what they found in Jesus, Andrew felt impelled to go to his brother Simon and tell him “We have found the Messiah!” As so often happens, Andrew had the right vocabulary, but he didn’t yet know what it really meant. His afternoon of following Jesus and his next day proclamation about the Messiah were simply a symbol, a foretaste of how he would spend the rest of his life: listening and proclaiming, learning and doing.

On Monday, we remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and we recall that in 2015, Pope Francis addressed the U.S. Congress and spoke of Dr. King as someone whose dreams continue to awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of our people. Dr. King’s vocation was to be a prophet who awakened us to carry out God’s will for justice and the elimination of all prejudice. Our individual and national vocation implies daily responses to that call.

Today’s Gospel asks, “What are you looking for?” We respond to that question through all our choices, large and small. As people baptized and thus consecrated to God, we also must look to God and ask, “What are you looking for?” God responds through the Scriptures and the needs of our times. It is ours to decide if we want to accept the invitation to come and see — and be changed forever.

Fr. Dennis