

Saint Patrick

34 AMHERST STREET
MILFORD, NH 03055

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 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5 p.m.
Friday: 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.

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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 1st 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming community in a traditional and Eucharistic setting focused on prayer, service, and life-long faith formation on the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 28, 2018

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2018

- MON. - 1/29** - Weekday
7:30AM - Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John
- TUES. - 1/30** - Weekday
7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 1/31** - St. John Bosco
5:30PM - Rev. Donald Jacques by Jane Provins
- THURS. - 2/1** - Weekday
7:30AM - Ron Demanche by Jane Provins
- FRI. - 2/2** - The Presentation of the Lord
7:30AM - Jack Milan by his father, John
- SAT. - 2/3** - Vigil of 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM - Rev. Donald Jacques by Mr. & Mrs. Steve DeBeradinis
- SUN. - 2/4** - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM - Rev. Donald Jacques by Jane Provins
8:45AM - Members of the parish
10:45AM - Daniel Hauser by the family

JAN 29-FEB 4, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—Faith Formation classes—SPC
 7:00PM—Parents mtg. on restoring the sacraments—C/H
- Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation classes
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
 7:00PM—RCIA—SPC
- Fri: Exposition after morning Mass
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation-Church
- Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
 8:35 & 10:35AM- Faith Formation classes—SPC
 Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church



Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

Readings: 2/4/2018

Jb: 7:1-4, 6-7
 1 Cor: 9:16-19, 22-23
 Mk: 1:29-39



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Anna Nowalk by Kathryn Marchorcki.



Congratulations
 to Christopher & Candace Brault
 who had their son Victor Michael
 baptized on January 7, 2018
 Also
 to Kyle and Erin Worth
 who had their son Charlie Michael
 baptized on January 20th, 2018

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. 21, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(191) Envelopes		\$5,113
Loose Offerings		\$2,487
Total Sunday	\$7,372	\$7,600

Seminary

From Envelopes (107)	\$1,633
Loose:	\$ 756
Total:	\$2,389

Other Donations: \$5,545.

Vanco November:	\$1,663
Vanco December:	\$2,379

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Feb 4, 11, 18 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am
Jan 29 Feb 12, 19 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm
Jan 30 Feb 6, 13, 20 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

Feb 11 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm

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



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Time Change

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from the end of morning Mass until **11:00AM** at which time the Eucharist will be reposed.

Pastoral Council Members

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



February Teen Night Out

Everyone has a great time bowling! So have some fun and join the Youth Ministry for Pizza and bowling....

Where: Lefty's Lanes, Elm St., Milford

When: Saturday, February 17th

Time: 5:30-8:00pm

Cost: \$10 for unlimited bowling including shoe rental

Food: pizza and soda included

Just bring your teen(s) inside Lefty's Lane after Mass. If you attend Mass on Sunday mornings, your teen(s) still can come to the bowling on Saturday night from 5:30-7:30pm.

Bring a friend

We need a head count. Please RSVP to Sue at 673-4797 or re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org before Feb 14th.

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





FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes.

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.



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

Janice, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Camille Long, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Ron Lockwood, Gladys 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, 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.

Teaching and acting with authority and power

During Ordinary time 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 think about authority and power.

In the gospel, Mark describes Jesus' first day of ministry; he teaches with *authority* and he heals with *power*. The Greek word ἐξουσία (ehks-oo-SEE-ah) means both "authority" and "power." Jesus' ἐξουσία is a sign that God's kingdom is present:

In authoritative words. The synagogue attendees recognize that Jesus "teaches with authority (ἐξουσία)," unlike the scribes. Jesus proclaimed *the nearness of God's kingdom* (Mk 1:15), while the scribes focused on traditional doctrine. Jesus' words cause "amazement" or "astonishment." Jesus' teaching about the good news of salvation demonstrates his authority to save God's people.

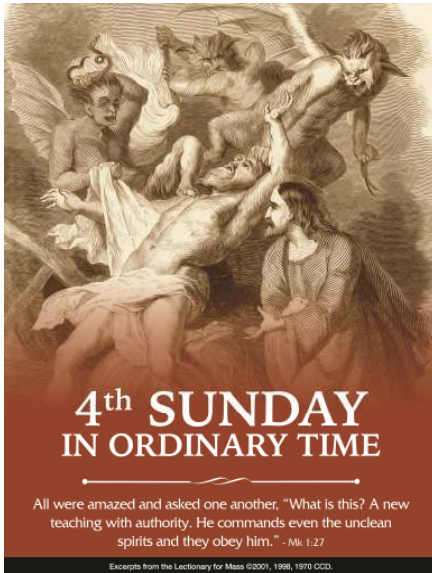
In powerful actions. Jesus expels a demon with a single command. The demon knows that Jesus has come to *destroy evil's reign on earth*. The bystanders recognize Jesus power (ἐξουσία): "even the unclean spirits obey him." Jesus' action causes "amazement" or "astonishment." Jesus' handling of the unclean spirit demonstrates his power over evil.

This week's readings ask us to examine authority and power. As the first reading tells us, God is authority's source. In the gospel, we see Jesus standing in the prophetic tradition, teaching and healing. Because Jesus is God, his authority and power bring salvation and clear the way for God's kingdom. Whose authority and power do we recognize? Are they using their authority and power to save and heal, or do they use it to exclude and harm? Do their words and actions amaze and astonish us?

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings invite us to reflect on several themes: consider the words of prophets; listen with open hearts to the true voice of the Lord; and hear the authority in the teachings of Jesus. In the first reading, we find Moses reassuring the people that someone will come after him to continue to reveal the message of God. Moses would not be with them forever and the people needed to know someone would continue to share the messages. He reminds the people that a prophet is what they asked for during their days at Horeb. They said, "Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die." Moses reveals what the Lord has said about the prophet he will raise up. The Lord will raise someone in their midst that will speak his words, but if someone does not listen to the words the prophet speaks, the Lord himself will make them answer for it.

On the other hand, a prophet who speaks falsely or presumes what the Lord says will pay with his life.

Who do you see as modern-day prophets? Watching the news sometimes, it may seem there is an abundance of hardened hearts in the world, though witnessing the people that have pitched in to help the victims of recent hurricanes and disasters certainly shows the opposite. We need to remain open and not ask God for things in a way that is tempting and manipulative.

Jesus speaks with authority in today's Gospel. He heals a man possessed by demons. Yet the healing isn't what catches the attention of those in attendance. It is his teaching. Did they not listen to the words of the demon telling them exactly who was in their midst? Jesus rebukes the demon who asks him on behalf of the others: "Have you come to destroy us?" The demon does not let go very easily. What struggles in our lives do we hold on to despite our desire for freedom? Jesus' reputation as a teacher grew through his teaching in Capernaum. He taught as someone learned. The crowd could not believe these words were coming from someone with his background as a carpenter's son. They expected a simpler teaching, not the way Jesus addressed the crowd.

Jesus' words drew even more followers. His words and deeds have the power to change us too, if we are open to hearing his words in our heart.

Fr. Dennis

Next weekend's second collection:

Diocesan Catholic School Education: This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for Catholic elementary and junior high schools.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Registrations are available at the office, at the entrance of the Church, in the Church Hall and on our website. Registration is necessary for Faith Formation Classes and Sacrament Preparation.