



Saint Patrick Church

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent — March 4, 2018

MARCH 5-11, 2018

- MON. - 3/5** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - All Souls
- TUES. - 3/6** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 3/7** - Ss Perpetua & Felicity
5:30PM - All Souls
- THURS. - 3/8** - St. John of God
7:30AM - Albert Pelchat by John Mllan
- FRI. - 3/9** - St. Francis of Rome
7:30AM - Albert Pelchat by Jeanne Jacques
- SAT. - 3/10** - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00PM - Sacramento & Jose Castillo and Alci & Eloisa Villamil by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gilbert
- SUN. - 3/11** - Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00AM - Members of the parish
8:45AM - Kevin P. McDonough by his sister Sheila and Marge McGettigan by the family—1st anniversary
10:45AM - Robert Coty by Mr. & Mrs Ernest Coty 8th anniversary

MARCH 5-11, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM— Faith Formation Classes—SPC
7:00PM—CARA Study presentation—C/H
- Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation Classes
7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:00PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4:30PM—Reconciliation—Church
5:30PM—Mass
6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
7:00PM— RCIA—SPC
- Thurs: 6:30PM—Knights of Columbus—SPC
- Fri: 6:00PM—Lenten Meal—C/H
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross—Church
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
10:00AM—1st Reconciliation— Church
3:00PM—Reconciliation—Church
5:00PM—TNO—C/H
- Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
8:35 & 10:35 AM—Faith Formation classes
Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church

Readings: 3/11/2018

2 Chr: 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph: 2:4-10
Jn: 3:14-21

Congratulations are extended to

Edward & Alice Cotton who had their son Thomas Floyd baptized on February 10, 2018 and

Scott & Entia McGoniagle who had their daughters Scarlette & Sophia baptized on February 17, 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: Feb 25, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(163) Envelopes		\$4,038
Loose Offerings		\$2,128
Total Sunday	\$6,259	\$6,166

Easter Flowers & Decorations: \$1,556



Lenten Meal, 6:00 PM, Friday March 9, 16, 23 in the Church Hall followed by The Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 PM.



Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Mar 11, 18, 25 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am

Mar 5, 12, 26 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm

NO CLASSES MARCH 19

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

March 18 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation for grades 9 & 10 will be celebrated on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:00pm, the presider will be Bishop Libasci.



Our deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to family and friends of:

Edna Hug and Michael Barbetta



In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the parish will be hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 17 @ 5:30pm. The cost is \$8 per adult and \$3 for children age 5-12. The last day to pick up your ticket is Wednesday, March 14. There is a limit of 60 people. **No** tickets will be sold at the door.

Pastoral Council Members

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

Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet



If you would like to participate on Holy Thursday (3/20 at 7PM), the Mass of the Lord's Supper by having your foot washed, please call 673-1311 or email Patti at pattih2015@comcast.net



On March 5, 2017 at 7pm in the Church Hall Mary Ellen Fise from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University will be here to give us an explanation and answer any questions that you might have on the Cara Survey taken during a weekend of Oct 14-15.

Everyone is invited to attend.



The Knights of Columbus have formed a Community Needs Committee and are accepting applications for potential projects. If you or someone you know has an idea about how the Knights can support those who are less fortunate in our community, we'd love to hear it. Please pick up an application in the back of the Church or in the Parish office. After completing the application please mail to Mike Goci at the address listed on the form.



FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni

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 bathing suit and beach towels.**



Prayers
FOR HEALTH

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

Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Frank Albano & his father, Joanne Pcolar, Sophia Lamarche, Janice, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Camille Long, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Ron Lockwood, Rob Erickson, Jenny Ciotti, Maureen Corron, Dan Nelson, Denise Bergeron, Alice Creighton, Liz Richer, 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.

Discipleship: faith and signs

During Lent the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested and transfigured, and as he foretells his coming glory. For RCIA participants, Lent's rites and prayers prepare them for the Easter Vigil sacraments. Today's readings ask us to reconsider God's signs and our response.

John's gospel recounts Jesus' cleansing of the Temple. This reading has many themes, but this reflection focuses on Jesus' signs and their meaning:

Jesus' sign: Jesus' opponents ask Jesus to give a *sign* to prove his *authority* for his prophecy-in-action of cleansing the Temple. He answers them with the *sign* of his resurrection: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Jesus connects his prophecy-in-action in the Temple with a different temple: his body. In Johannine fashion, Jesus' opponents misunderstand him, and they reject Jesus' sign: "And *you* in three days, will *you* raise it up?" In John's hands, Jesus' opponents' mockery becomes ironic. They don't believe Jesus, so no sign he gives them will lead to faith or enable them to see beyond their limited understanding.

Relationship between faith and signs: Jesus expects reciprocity with believers. Jesus *trusts and abides with* someone only if that person *believes* in Jesus (Jn 1:12-13). Jesus' *opponents* demand a sign first, but reject the sign because it isn't what they expect. Jesus' *disciples* believe first because Jesus' prophetic action fulfills Hebrew scripture. Their *believing* allows them to see the truth in Jesus' sign of the resurrection. The *many* who begin to believe because of Jesus' signs may or may not become disciples. If their faith doesn't move from believing in signs to believing in Jesus, Jesus will be unable to trust and abide in them.

This week RCIA candidates and the believing community reflect on signs and faith. In the readings God and Jesus offer signs that invite us into deeper relationship, and Paul warns about missing signs because they don't match what we expect. Signs of covenant and community are always present, but we must see with faith to know their deeper meanings. Do we demand signs to guarantee our faith? Is our faith contingent on only signs we want or know? Does our faith let us see in and beyond the unexpected sign?

Terence Sherlock

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



Pastor's Message for Lent

CONTINUED FROM LAST SUNDAY

Spelling out the values in actions Then, with each value, I will list what that value will mean in concrete behavior. For example, I may have written a value statement that is quite wonderful, "My relationship with my wife is the most important relationship of my life: I need her for my faith, and for my everyday strength; I want to be there for her, supporting her faith, affirming her, and caring for her in all her needs; I want to spend the rest of my life growing together in service of others." That would be an incredibly important set of things to say about what my wife means to me. The real work, the real "choosing" happens when I spell that out in real actions that will give life to that valuing. The true test of a value's importance to me is how it survives, in competition with other important values, in the contest for time in my everyday life. I can tell what I really value, by what I really do. When I feel like I'm not doing what I really value, then I need to realign my priorities.

Don't forget to be complete One of the serious "mistakes" in trying to realign priorities is that I can easily overlook "operational priorities" that I might not be too aware of, or that I might not be too proud of. If I'm going to "re-arrange" what is important to me - moving some things higher up on the list and others things lower down - then I need a complete list. There probably are things in my life that I just do regularly - I read the paper every morning at 6 a.m.; we go out to dinner every Saturday night; I have "season tickets" to something. I need to name these. If "watching TV" is a big priority in my life (something I spend 4, 6, 10, 20 or more hours a week doing), or if I have to watch something every week, I should name it. If escaping into sexual fantasy is something I do quite regularly, I should name it. Smoking, drinking, surfing the net, collecting little ceramic things, fixing up the basement, are things that can become pretty engaging, are often time and resource consuming, and should be named.

Establishing new priorities When all of my priorities are lined up like this, I am then ready to re-value them. We don't want to rush this part of the process. Perhaps we will want to discuss this review with some of the people who are intimately involved with the choices I will be making. And I will want to assess if I have the freedom and grace I need to make the decisions I want to make and to begin to establish new patterns. That is precisely when it is important to turn to God with my fresh desires (trusting that they have been inspired by God's initiative already) and ask what I need.

The next step is to name what my "first priorities" are. This may sound ironic: how many "first" priorities can I have? In this sense, my first priorities are those that I will always do. In any competition for time, these choices will win out. That is what defines them as my priorities. My relationship with God, with my family, with my faith community, with my friends, with others in need, might be in this category. This is what I do not want to neglect any more.

Then, it is very important to name the second level of priorities. These are very important, and I don't want to neglect them either, but I want to make sure to distinguish them from my top priorities. I may, for example, have "my work" priorities here. They are very important to me, but I want to realign my priorities so that my first ones actually come first.

Then, I will clearly put a lot of other stuff in the third level of priorities. Now this process gets to be purifying. I may discover that I spend more money on smoking or recreation or knick knacks than I give in support of my faith community or the poor. I may realize that I spend more time watching TV than I do praying. I may find it difficult to surrender something I "always do" for something I now want to make sure I always do. Since this is where we may need the most grace, this is a very important time to turn to the Lord and ask for help and freedom. Dying to self, in order to be who I am called to be for and with others, is not easy at first. With practice, it can become a source of great joy and fulfillment. And, with God's grace, it will be part of my contribution to the Reign of God's coming closer and closer.

Building in a review time Because this realignment will take practice, it will involve some back sliding at times. In times of crisis or under pressure, we all regress back to behaviors we were most comfortable with. Our new priorities can vanish. That is why it is critical to keep reviewing how we are doing. During this Lenten time, we may build in a daily examination of how we are doing. With time, we may want to develop the practice of reviewing our day to day fidelity to our priorities every Sunday morning, or some other time during the week. With each examination, we need to give thanks to God, for the grace that has inspired and sustained this life-giving realignment of our priorities.

Fr. Dennis