

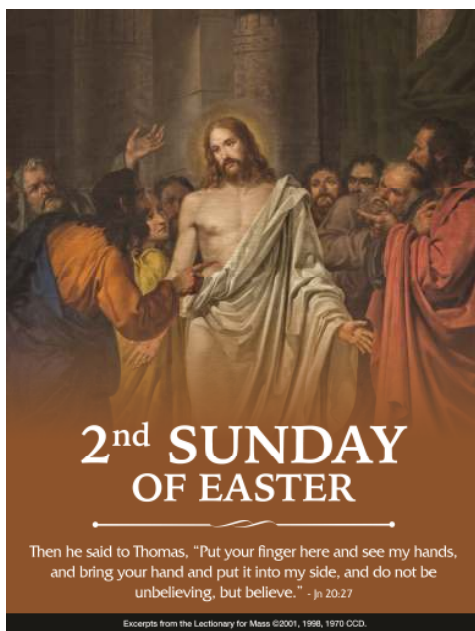
Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET
MILFORD, NH 03055



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 teach-



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.

Parish Office: 673-1311

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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.

2nd Sunday of Easter and Devine Mercy Sunday—April 8, 2018

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- MON. - 4/9** - Annunciation of the Lord
7:30AM - All Souls
- TUES. - 4/10** - Easter Weekday
7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED. - 4/11** - St. Stanislaus
5:30PM - Useph Krynski
- THURS. - 4/12** - Easter Weekday
7:30AM - *Laura Goci by the Bergeron family*
- FRI. - 4/13** - St. Martin I
7:30AM - Mary Clare Milan by her husband, John
- SAT. - 4/14** - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter
7:30PM - Members of the Parish
- SUN. - 4/15** - 3rd Sunday of Easter
7:00AM - Julia Zund by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly
- 8:45AM** - Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Mary Kidder
- 10:45AM** - Thomas Quinn by his wife, Mary Ellen
 1st anniversary

- Mon: 4:30PM— Faith Formation Classes
- 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
- Thur: 6:15PM—K of C 4th degree mtg.—SPC
 7:15PM—K of C 3rd degree mtg.—SPC
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation
- Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
 8:35 & 10:35 AM—Faith Formation Classes

Readings: 1/15/2018

- Acts: 3:13-15, 17-19
 1 Jn: 2:1-5a
 Lk: 24: 35-48

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting the third annual chicken barbeque for Catholic education scholarships on Saturday, April 28th at 5:30 PM in the church hall. Tickets are available at the parish office between 9-12 and 1-5 PM Monday through Thursday and after masses April 21-22. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12 (half chicken breast), and free for those under 4. Seating is limited to 80. Tickets must be purchased in advance (no later than 4/24) so that adequate food will be available.

Note: Planned menu is chicken breast, baked beans, and garden salad with cookies for desert.

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: April 1, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(147) Envelopes		\$3,578
Loose Offerings		\$4,313
Total Sunday	\$7,195	\$7,891
Holy Land:		\$1,592
Rice Bowl:		\$2,771
Easter collection:		\$11,452

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

April 15, 29 Grades K-1 @ 8:35 or 10:35am

April 9, 30 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm

April 10, 17 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

NO CLASSES April 22, 23, 24



FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

From now until the students receive 1st Communion, all 2nd grade will be attending Mass with their parent(s) followed by a 15 minutes class in the Parish Center with their teachers.

If your child was not baptized at St. Patrick's, we will need an original certificate with the raised seal.

If your child was baptized at St. Patrick we still need you to fill out the registration form before May 5th.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

#2 — Keep Kids Safe- Abuse Awareness Training

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to all NH Catholic adults and is available online at <https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

Everyone is invited to a celebration of Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on April 19 @ 6:30pm with Bishop Libasci. For more information please contact Joseph Naff at jnaff@rcbm.org or 669-3100 ext 110



We are still 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 you.

Pastoral Council Members

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

CONFIRMATION NEWS FOR GRADE 9-10



Sponsor Night

Sunday, April 8 Students and Sponsors will meet in the church hall from 6 to 7:30pm. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent must attend.

Rehearsal Night

Thursday, April 19 Students and Sponsors must attend. If the Sponsor cannot attend a parent must take the place of the sponsor. Be in the church at 6pm sharp for the rehearsal We will go to the church hall at 7pm to enjoy the pot – luck supper.

Confirmation Mass

Friday, April 20 – Students and Sponsors must be in the church hall



THREE BELIEFS

A Guide for New Hampshire Catholics on
End-Of-Life Decisions Presentation

Please join us:

Sunday, April 22, from 2 – 3:30 PM

St. Patrick Church Hall

Presented by Fr. Dennis Audet

Sponsored by St. Patrick Health Ministry Team

"Three Beliefs" is a document from the Diocese of Manchester that gives valuable assistance to Catholics and others on end-of-life issues. Three Beliefs explains Catholic teaching on life-sustaining treatment and care and includes the New Hampshire Advance Directive form modified in such a way to make it consistent with both Catholic teaching and New Hampshire law.

Funeral Mass Pre-planning and a Notary Public will also be available.

Please RSVP to 673-1311 or pattih2015@comcast.net



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.

I believe because...

The Easter season readings ask us, the believing community, to examine the meaning of the resurrection. This week the readings focus on the resurrection's meaning to individuals, to the disciples, and to the believing community.

John's gospel presents two post-resurrection appearances: the first without Thomas, and the second that includes Thomas. John's appearance stories describe different journeys to faith:

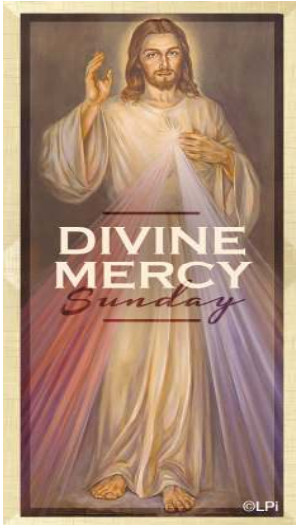
The disciples come to faith in Jesus. Although Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple tell the other disciples about the empty tomb, the disciples do not believe and remain fearful ("the doors were locked.") Jesus appears to them, but they hesitate. They recognize him and rejoice only after they see his marks of crucifixion ("showed them his hands and side.") When the disciples come to believe, Jesus commissions them ("I send you") to spread his teaching. As he promised, he sends the Paraclete ("breathed on them") to guide and to teach them.

Thomas comes to faith in Jesus. Although all the other disciples tell Thomas about the resurrected Jesus ("we have seen the Lord!"), their testimony fails to bring Thomas to faith. Thomas places his own conditions on faith ("to see and touch.") When Jesus appears eight days later, he grants Thomas' conditions "to see and touch," but Jesus also asks Thomas to *go beyond his unbelief to believing*. Without touching Jesus, Thomas moves to believing ("my Lord and my God.") John concludes this appearance story with Jesus' blessing future disciples (us) who believe even *without seeing*.

Jesus' resurrection has many meanings and many implications. The Easter season lasts six weeks to give us time to reflect on this cosmos-changing event. The Lectionary presents stories, poems, songs, and visions to help us understand Easter from many viewpoints--lived human experience, mystery, faith, sacraments, theology. Jesus reveals himself in the actions of the believing community, in the witness of his disciples, in the liturgy, in the sacraments, and in our own personal encounters with the one who has been raised. Is our believing complete or conditional? What will it take for us to believe without seeing?

Terence Sherlock

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



2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

This is **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a feast established by Pope Saint John Paul II to celebrate the merciful love of God that has been revealed most completely through Jesus. The church has chosen to use the same Gospel on this Sunday in each year of the liturgical cycle, a sure sign that it has something vital to tell us about what we are celebrating.

One of the first things we might notice is that this Gospel passage seems rather repetitious. It includes two very similar appearances of the risen Lord, and Jesus' theme song is "Peace be with you," a phrase he uses twice in the first story and again in the second. Additionally, both times that Jesus appeared among the disciples, they thought they were in a well-locked room. Jesus twice made a point of showing them the scars of his passion.

Beginning with the first story, John takes care to let us know that it was still the first day of the new creation, even though evening had come and the doors were locked: Both details are signs of the fact that the disciples were still in the dark. When John tells us that Jesus stood in their midst, he is indicating that Jesus became present among them, startling them by breaking through the barriers of their fear and confusion, obstacles that were actually more formidable than locked doors. At that point, the risen Lord needed to say nothing more than "Peace be with you."

As John tells us this story, he is careful to point out that it was the wounded-risen Christ who appeared in the midst of the frightened disciples to offer them peace. Peace was the gift he had promised at the Last Supper, but it had a much deeper meaning as the disciples faced the crucified and risen Christ, the very person they had abandoned and denied. Jesus' offer of peace was a profound expression of mercy, the love that nothing can overcome.

In his message on this feast in 2014, Pope Francis indicated that, as Jesus showed the disciples his wounds, he was calling all disciples to abandon their fear of confronting the wounds of the world, trusting that the love of God is more powerful than evil and all the woundedness of history. Speaking of the recently canonized popes, Saints John XXIII and John Paul II, Francis reminded all Christians that **only by facing our fear of suffering and struggle can we come to know the joy which the risen Christ wishes to bestow on us. John would add that only when we allow the risen Christ to face us in our weakness and guilt can we hear his offer of peace.**

The second time Jesus blessed the disciples with peace he added their mission to it. This is the first commissioning of the disciples in John's Gospel. It is as if John says that until the disciples had been through the entire process of being with Jesus, abandoning him, suffering the pain of his death, and being received back with mercy, they were not ready to carry on his mission.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, our readings remind us that God's mercy is God's steadfast love. This love permeates the being and life of anyone who is open to it and impels them into the mission of sharing it with the world. Those who meet the love of the risen Christ in the midst of their fear or shame, understand what it means to sing, ***"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad."***

Fr. Dennis