

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-

OFFICE HOURS

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

Pastoral Council Members

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

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

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).

3rd Sunday of Easter—April 15, 2018

APRIL 16-22, 2018

- MON. - 4/16** - Easter weekday
7:30AM - All Souls
- TUES. - 4/17** - Easter Weekday
7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED. - 4/18** - Easter weekday
5:30PM - Beverly R. Shea by Elizabeth Sherman
- THURS. - 4/19** - Easter Weekday
7:30AM - *Laura Goci by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly*
- FRI. - 4/20** - Easter weekday
7:30AM - All Souls
- SAT. - 4/21** - Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter
7:30PM - Rosario Locicero by Loretta Aveni & David Osborne by the family
- SUN. - 4/22** - 4th Sunday of Easter
7:00AM - Members of the parish
8:45AM - Edna Hug by Jane Cosmo & Rev. Donald Jacques by Tina Gaidmore
10:45AM - Frank Sipos by the DeBeradinis family



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.

APRIL 16-22, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM— Fr. Dennis' Adult Class— 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
 Thur: 6:00PM—Rehearsal for Confirmation—Church
 7:00PM—Pot luck for Students & sponsors—C/H
 Fri: 7:00PM—Confirmation—Church
 Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation
 4:00PM—Youth Mass
 5:00PM—TNO—C/H
 Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
NO Faith Formation Classes
 2:00PM— Seminar on end-of-life issues with Fr. Dennis as a presenter—C/H

Readings: 1/22/2018

Acts: 4:8-12
 1 Jn: 3:1-2
 Jn: 10: 11-18

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 8, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(206) Envelopes		\$5,243
Loose Offerings		<u>\$2,773</u>
Total Sunday	\$9,300	\$8,016
Facilities Repairs:	\$2,722	\$2,283
Vanco month of March		\$1,040
Anonymous donor	\$10,000.	

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

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

April 30 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm

April 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

#3 Keep Kids Safe- Background Checks

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all adults who regularly work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete background checks. Recently, we began renewing these background checks every 4 years. This is just one of the efforts undertaken by our diocese to protect children! For more information about child safety in the Diocese of Manchester, 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.

CONFIRMATION NEWS FOR GRADE 9-10

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 no later than 6pm. The Mass will begin at 7pm.

Dear Parish Families,
Infant Jesus School in Nashua is registering new students for the 2018/2019 school year. We would like to reach out to all of you and all of your friends and neighbors to let you know what an amazing school Infant Jesus School is. We have 100 years of dedicated experience to offer your children. We have a committed and active staff that will offer your children a myriad of experiences and opportunities. Please call today at 603-889-2649 to schedule a tour, or , go to our website at www.ijschool.org We look forward to meeting you.

Give blood

Every 2 seconds someone
In the U.S. needs blood



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

**Saint Patrick Church
Church Basement
34 Amherst Street
Milford, NH 03055**

Monday, April 30, 2018

11:00AM to 4:00PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.



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:

Tiffany Brown, Thomas Martel, 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,,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 De-necker, 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, Jeffrey Yorio, Lisa Yorio, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Susan Yorio, Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, 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, 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.

Being present to Jesus' presence

The Easter season readings ask us, the believing community, to examine the meaning of the resurrection. This week the readings focus on Jesus as the fulfillment of God's plan and his continuing presence with his disciples.

Luke's gospel describes the disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus. The disciples recognize Jesus, but know that he is different. Jesus explains how he is now present to them, and how he will continue to remain present with them:

Jesus is now physically present to the disciples. As he does in John's gospel (Jn 20:27), Jesus invites his disciples to touch him to prove his physical reality ("he is not a spirit"). Jesus confirms he is a physical being with flesh and bones. The Hebrew idiom "flesh and bones" (see Gn 2:23) suggest not only humanity, but *shared* humanity (as with kin relations). Jesus shows his disciples he is physically the same person they knew. Yet, still the disciples do not believe Jesus is with them. Luke suggests that *facts alone* or *experience alone* cannot bring people to faith; people also require the *interpretive word*.

After his ascension, Jesus will be present in a new way. Jesus explains to his disciples all his prophecies about his passion, death, and resurrection, and how his words are now fulfilled. Jesus also shows how God's plan, foretold in Hebrew scripture from the beginning (Law), by the prophets and though the writings (psalms), has been brought to fulfillment in him. Through Jesus' *interpretive words*, Luke explains how Jesus remains present to his disciples in a new way. When disciples speak Jesus' words or hear Jesus' words spoken, Jesus is present with them. When disciples act as Jesus acted or remember what Jesus did, Jesus is present with them. Recalling and repeating Jesus' words and actions within the framework of his fulfilled prophecies become the basis for Jesus' sacramental presence with us.

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. Jesus remains present to the believing community both physically and in a new reality. Jesus is physically present to us in his words and in the signs of shared experiences, such as meals (eucharist), incorporation (baptism), healing (reconciliation, anointing the sick), and so on. Jesus is also present in a new way in the words and actions of the Spirit-led community itself, when the community recalls Jesus words together and remembers and reenacts his service to one another. Jesus is present to us; are we present to him in his words and in his believing community?

Terence Sherlock

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

As believers we are not typical pilgrims. Instead we are disciples on the road to Emmaus where in our own grief, challenges and busyness, we often fail to recognize what is right in front of us.

The disciples lost hope and were confused as they walked the 7 miles toward Emmaus. They were trying to make sense of what they had been told when Jesus appeared to them. They had no expectations of such a possibility and were not exactly sure if what they were seeing was real or to be trusted. Startled by these circumstances, they were unwilling or unable to believe, even though they witnessed his wounds with their own eyes. It wasn't until they shared hospitality and Jesus gave them food did their eyes open fully. Though it is not always that dramatic for us, Jesus can be present even in the mundane. In the ordinary action of living, life is found.

We meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus each time we attend the celebration of the Eucharist. We assemble as one body where we hear the word of God and the body and blood of Christ is shared as one community. We gather for a communal experience of a meal consisting of the blessed body and blood of Christ. Our eyes are opened, and we are called to go forth to spread the saving word in the world. Each eucharistic celebration brings us together as the body of Christ where we are reminded that we are the eyes, ears and hands of Jesus. We are called to do his work in community and as individuals. We are disciples on the road to Emmaus each time we gather in his name. A peace comes from sharing with and loving our sister and brothers who walk among us, are with us, and a part of us; just as Jesus walked with his disciples on the road initially as a stranger. He is real and he is among us.

Jesus is especially present in the poor and marginalized, in the immigrant who is seeking a better life. It is in the hospitality shared with the least among us that he is most present and powerful. We share, we build relationships, and we nurture the call from Jesus to bring our faith to action. We don't flourish in a personal vacuum but rather thrive in a community of love, faith and hope. Our eyes are opened in faith, community, relationships and hospitality. Living out that call from the Lord means leaving our comfort zone and reaching out to touch the wounds of Jesus in those around us. Our conversion leaves us vulnerable and at times afraid. It is through that vulnerability that we experience forgiveness and repentance which lead to peace. The only way to bring peace is to be that peace — and that takes risk.

Friends, we are a part of an unfinished story that unfolds daily in our lives. Jesus is with us on the journey and exists in faith and through the gift of new eyes. **The road to Emmaus continues through us.**

Fr. Dennis



Please join us:
Sunday, April 22 from 2 – 3:30 PM in the 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