



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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 teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

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).

St. Patrick Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The Catholic Church invites you to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process for those who are:

- ◆ Unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life
- ◆ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Baptized in the Catholic faith or another Christian faith tradition, but never received any formal faith formation.

Inquirers please contact
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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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 4, 2018

NOVEMBER 5-11, 2018

- MON. - 11/5** - Weekday
 7:30AM - All Souls
- TUES. - 11/6** - Weekday
 7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 11/7** - Weekday
 5:30PM - Jane Pratt by her sister, Elaine
- THURS. - 11/8** - Weekday
 7:30AM - All Souls
- FRI. - 11/9** - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 7:30AM - Joe Heaney by his wife Kathryn
- SAT. - 11/10** - Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM - Alisha Zibolis by the family
- SUN. - 11/11** - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00AM - Charlie Company 3/22, 25th division by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly
 8:45AM - Members of the Parish
 10:45AM - Stanley Marchocki by his daughter, Kathryn

Readings: 11/11/2018

1 Kgs 17:10-16
 Heb: 9:24-28
 Mk: 12:38-44



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Joe Heaney by his wife, Kathryn

The new picture of our church on the front cover of the bulletin is a painting done by a very talented parishioner. Thank you Roxanne.



Food Pantry Needs Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal **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 sleepwear.



NOV 5-11, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis
 6:30PM—Catholicism with Fr. Dennis - SPC
- Tues: 4:30PM—**NO** Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 6:30PM—Gospel of John led by Ty Perry—SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 6:05PM— Women's Prayer group—C/H
- Thur: 8:15AM—Blood Pressure Screening—C/H
 6:00PM—Youth Group Adult & Teens mtg—SPC
 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree mtg.- SPC
 7:15PM—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree mtg— SPC
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—C/H
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
- Sun: Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

Envelope offering donations.

If you are not using the offering envelopes and would like to, call the Parish office and we will be happy to send you some.

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: October 29, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(172) Envelopes		\$5,049
Loose Offerings		\$2,291
Total Sunday	\$8,607	\$7,340

All Souls: \$1,513

Faith Formation Ministry

Faith Formation Classes

Grades 1-5 from 4:30-5:30PM

Tues: —Nov 13, 20, 27

Wed: - Nov 7, 14, 28

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: - Nov 4, 18

HELP NEEDED

Calling all bakers, The Youth Group is hosting a bake sale on November 17-18. Proceeds will go towards "Adopt a Family" from Share and the Youth Group. We need bakers who would like to donate a baked good for the table. Think Pies, and items that are Fall. Contact St. Patrick's office or Lisamigneault47@gmail.com



ABSENT FROM CLASS!!

If your child is going to be absent from Religious Ed classes, please call the office at 673-4797 to let us know: Child's name, the day, grade.



Look what's new with the Youth Group. Teens grade 6 and up including their parents are invited to join the group page on Facebook. Log into Facebook and look up St. Patrick's Youth Group, Milford NH.

Remembrance bulletin board

We wish to honor and pray for our brave men and women serving in the military throughout the world. If you have someone that you would like us to remember & pray for please bring in a photograph of your loved ones serving in the military with their name and they will be placed on the board.



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.



St. Patrick's Parish to Help SHARE Fill Holiday Food Baskets for the Needy

Parishioners are asked to contribute non-perishables to SHARE's holiday food baskets. We will be collecting donations the weekend of November 17 and 18. Most wanted items include: stuffing, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, canned corn, white cake mix and frosting, instant potatoes, and apple juice (no glass). Thank you.



Please remember in your prayers:

James Lyons family, Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Silloway, Tina Gaidmore, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Vera Rasmussen, Karen Jarest, Marie Roccio, Donatella Fugaza, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Christina Ferguson, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Dorothy Calogero, Tiffany Brown, Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Frank Albano & his father, Sophia Lamarche, Janice, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, 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, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, 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, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, 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.

Actively loving God and neighbor

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings present stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings give RCIA participants and the believing community a teaching about the greatest commandment.

Mark's gospel finds Jesus in Jerusalem, teaching in the temple area. After handling a few trick questions from the Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees, Jesus is addressed by a sincere scribe. Jewish teachers often debated what was the "first" commandment (out of the Torah's 613). A teacher like Jesus would expect this question as a matter of course. Jesus' answer includes two commandments (Dt 6:5 and Lv 19:18), suggesting that a single commandment cannot answer the scribe completely. The two love commandments *together* constitute the one great commandment.

What "love" meant in Jesus' culture. In our modern, introspective, individualistic world, "love" describes an *internal, psychological state* that always includes affection, emotion, and feelings. However in the ancient, non-introspective, group-centered world, "love" involved *external, concrete expressions* that may or may not have included affection, emotion, or feelings. That is, we understand love as an *emotional feeling*, but the ancients saw love as *visible actions and behaviors* within a family unit or tribal group.

Love God. In Jesus' time "to love God" meant *to be attached exclusively to YHWH*, excluding of all other gods. It also meant attaching oneself to the *group that associated itself* with YHWH. The kinship group, the village, or the tribe mattered above all.

Love your neighbor as yourself. In Jesus' time, "to love the neighbor" meant *to honor and to protect* family, village, and tribal relationships. Honor and protection did not extend to those outside the people of Israel (see Ln 19:18). Jesus *extends* the limited Semitic meaning of "neighbor" when he teaches the good Samaritan parable (Lk 10:29-37). Maybe this is why the scribe is "not far from" the kingdom; he needs to expand his neighborhood.

Today's readings challenge us to examine our own understanding of the greatest commandment. We need to reflect deeply about the command *to love*. The Father and the Son call us to *love actively*, not simply "think nice things." The Father and the Son show us how to love in their words and actions; they are the models for our own lives. How do we *love actively*? How are we *attached* to God? How are we *actively honoring and protecting those outside our family and tribe*?

---Terence Sherlock

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



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are nearing the end of the church year. In three weeks, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the following Sunday will usher in Advent. As we near the end of our liturgical calendar, the readings turn towards the end of Jesus' earthly life. The Gospel interaction with the scribe takes place inside the Jerusalem Temple a few days before Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

On this day in the Temple, Jesus is first approached by several irate chief priests and scribes who demand to know where he thinks he gets the authority to do and preach what he does. Once they leave, a group of Herodians and Pharisees try to trap him with a question about paying taxes. Then, it is the Sadducees who are up to bat and go into a ridiculous tale of a woman made to marry seven brothers in succession all to try and disprove the resurrection of the dead. It is amazing that Jesus is not completely fed up by the time the lone scribe from today's Gospel reading draws near. Unlike the questioners before him, this scribe is not intent on tripping up Jesus. Rather, intrigued by "how well he had answered [the Sadducees]," the scribe decides to see how Jesus might respond to the question, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" (Mark 12:28).

Jesus' response echoes the words of Moses in today's first reading from Deuteronomy. Known as the "Shema" (for the first word of the prayer, "Hear, O Israel"), this biblical verse is the most ancient prayer of the Jewish people, recited in the morning and evening by observant Jews to this day. The second commandment that Jesus cites is also found in the Hebrew Scriptures, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18).

The words Jesus speaks are not new. In fact, they are among the most beloved of the Jewish tradition. In Matthew's version of this encounter, Jesus concludes by saying, "The whole law and the prophets depends on these two commandments" (22:40). The scribe greets Jesus' response with delight adding that to love God and love neighbor "is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." We could ask, if these words are so well known, why was this exchange recorded in the Gospels at all? Perhaps, it is because much like Christians in our own time, Jesus' compatriots needed to be reminded of what was most essential. While Jewish tradition holds that there are 613 commandments found within the Torah, Jesus is saying that in loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves we are in fact keeping them all. It is easy to get caught up in details and thorny issues much like the Herodians, Pharisees, Sadducees, chief priests and scribes who question Jesus about authority, taxes and resurrection prior to today's Gospel. None of their questions get to the heart of what it means to live a life worthy of the kingdom of God.

As we come to the end of the church year, now is a good time to take stock of our lives. In every moment, we are given a choice. Are there places we have strayed from the essential core of Jesus' message? Do my actions and my very being communicate reverence for God and reverence for neighbor? When they do, like the scribe in today's Gospel, we are not far from the kingdom of God.

Fr. Dennis