

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 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).

DAILY MASS

Parishioners are now to be aware that if there is a weather-related cancellation or 2 hour delay announced by the Milford School System, there will be **no** Mass that morning. Official announcements of cancellations and delays will be made on the schools cancellations ribbon on WMUR - TV Channel 9. This policy is for the safety of parishioners and those who are responsible for snow removal.



If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin in an email. Send your email

address to the parish office's email address: diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com and you will be added to our mailing list.

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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.

Christ the King—November 25, 2018

NOVEMBER 25—DECEMBER 2, 2018

MON. - 11/26 – Weekday

7:30AM - In Thanksgiving for Darrin Nelson by his mother, Joyce

TUES. - 11/27– Weekday

7:30AM - **NO MASS**

WED. - 11/28 - Weekday

5:30PM - The Velis family by Gisela

THURS. - 11/29– Weekday

7:30AM - *All Souls*

FRI. - 11/30 - St. Andrew

7:30AM - Intentions of Michelle Momenee & family by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee

SAT. - 12/1 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4:00PM - Raoul St. Cyr by his wife, Leona & family, and Paul Pfeifer by Mel Pfeifer

SUN. - 12/2 - First Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - For the intentions of Mary Lynn White by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee

8:45AM - Members of the Parish

10:45AM - Maureen Wischerth by Ida Caveney



NOV 25-DEC 2, 2018

Mon: 6:30PM—Catholicism with Fr. Dennis - SPC
 Tues: 4:30PM—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
 Thurs: 6:30PM—Safety meeting—SPC
 Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group—SPC
 9:00AM—Christmas Fair—C/H
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
 Sun: Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church
 6:00PM—Youth Ministry—SPC & C/H

Book
of
Life



November is traditionally the month in which we remember all our deceased loved ones. The “Book of Life” will be available in the Sanctuary for the entire month. Sheets are available on the tables in the back of the church for you to post those you wish to be remembered.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intentions of Charles & Bernie Kallfelz

Readings: 12/2/2018

Jer: 33:14-16
 1 Thes: 3:12, 4:2
 Lk: 21:25-28, 34-36



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.**

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: November 18, 2018

| Parish Offering | Prior Year | This Year |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| From(178) Envelopes | | \$5,060 |
| Loose Offerings | | \$2,254 |
| Total Sunday | \$7,488 | \$7,314 |

Human Development collection: \$1,770

Faith Formation Ministry

Faith Formation Classes

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

Tues: —Nov 27

Wed: - Nov 28

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: - Dec 2, 16



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.

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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

– a weekly challenge from your Faith Formation team

Watch this space for a new "how well do you know your faith?" question each week. You choose how to play along – maybe read the question in the car on the way home, discuss it with the family, and then give everyone until Wednesday to come up with the answer? Maybe just stick it on the fridge and let people puzzle over it? The answer will be revealed in next week's bulletin. Questions will also be on the parish's Facebook page.



The Youth Group wants to thank everyone for their support of the bake sale. The Youth Group was able to raise \$805 dollars. The Group has adopted two families from Share and will be using a portion of the funds for this Mission.

**THANK
YOU!**

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR ADOPT A FAMILY

The Youth Group will be meeting on Dec 1st @ 6:00pm at Pheasant Lane Mall. They will break into teams and have a scavenger hunt, and fill their Mission and go shopping for their adopt-a-family. Friends are welcome to join. Contact lis-amigneault47@gmail.com for more information



December 1, 2018 from 9-2pm

Please deliver your baked goods to the **CHURCH HALL** before 5PM on Friday, Nov.30.

The Knights of Columbus

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on Sunday, December 9th after the 7:00, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, pastries, coffee/juice. The proceeds will be split between the Church and Wilton Open Cupboard. A donation of \$5. per person would be appreciated.





Please remember in your prayers:

David Chamberlain, Ronald & Jean Rood, James Lyons family, Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Sillowy, 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.

The king who serves his kingdom's subjects

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Lectionary asks RCIA participants and the believing community to think about different kinds of *kings* and *kingdoms*, and Jesus' invitation to God's kingdom.

John's gospel recounts Jesus' encounter with Pilate. Pilate believes he is interrogating Jesus, but Jesus interrogates Pilate about *kings* and *kingdoms*:

What is a king? Pilate, the Roman ruler in Judea, asks Jesus if he is "the *king* of the Jews." In Pilate's mind, a king *rules people with absolute authority*. Pilate's concern is that Jesus is a political threat to Roman order in Judea (Pilate's office) or to the emperor. Pilate misses the point that "king of the Jews" is a messianic title. Inviting Pilate to faith, Jesus asks, "Do you *believe* I am the messiah, or did *someone tell you* I am the messiah?" Pilate disassociates himself from his Jewish subjects and rejects their messianic king. Concluding Jesus isn't really a king, Pilate questions, "What did you do to be sent to me?" Jesus' answer shifts the discussion from *kings* to *kingdoms*.

What is a kingdom? Jesus tells Pilate that his *kingdom* isn't located in this world's geography. That is, unlike a *bounded territory* commanded by a king or ruler, Jesus' kingdom is a *community of believers everywhere*. Jesus' kingdom doesn't have a "here." Pilate, still thinking in terms of rulers and geography, concludes, "So you *are* a king." Hearing Pilate's limited understanding, Jesus describes the kind of "king" he is.

What is Jesus' kingship? Jesus redefines his kingship with his *identity* and *mission*: he is the *incarnate Son* whose mission is *to witness to the truth*. In John's gospel, "the truth" is the *revelation of God to humans*. Jesus *makes God present* in his physical person, in his words, and in his actions. Everyone who encounters God *listens* to Jesus' words and *is invited* into God's kingdom. This is Jesus' kingship: *service to all*. Ironically, Pilate, who encounters Jesus, the Truth, in person, dismisses Jesus' revelation and invitation, saying cynically: "What is *truth*?"

Today's readings overturn the symbols and language of *kings* and *kingdoms*. God's kingdom is not a limited, earthly kingdom; it is a *universal community of believers who serve their king by serving others*. What king do we choose to follow? To what kingdom do we pledge allegiance? Whom do we serve?

---Terence Sherlock

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

Christ the King of the Universe 2018

In this particular cycle of Sunday readings ... on this Solemn Feast of Christ the King, Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate! We hear the entirety of the story on Good Friday but today we hear just a piece of it: Pilate trying to diminish Jesus in rank and stature. We might surmise it is to keep the peace or perhaps, to secure his own place as prefect of Judaea. Whatever the reason, he fails to diminish the truth: Jesus' kingdom is not of this world; Jesus' kingdom is now and not yet. "His dominion," as we hear in the first reading, "is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away".

The Book of Revelation proclaims Jesus as the faithful witness, firstborn of the dead, ruler of kings. In that same passage, in case we need a reminder at this time of year, the word proclaims, "Jesus loves us." Present tense, in the here and now, Jesus loves us. The word proclaims today, "Jesus freed us." It is a done deal that we are saved. All we need do is accept the gift. Sounds simple ... and yet.

Finally, the word proclaims, "Jesus made us to be a kingdom." This is our work; to be a kingdom and all that entails. Jesus' reign is present in "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to [his] voice". Jesus' reign is present in you, in me, in the one who lives, loves, hopes, cares and believes in a world that cannot be diminished — ever — despite those who work to diminish, isolate, separate and destroy out of fear and ignorance.

Today the word proclaims: Jesus loves us. Jesus freed us. Jesus made us to be a kingdom. Will we participate? Do we experience ongoing conversion? Will we pick up our buckets and do the work not to diminish his reign but to make it visible? Let us hope, love and live the truth of Jesus' reign in the now, today, as the word proclaims.

Preparing for Advent Setting the Stage for Our Advent Journey, Even Before It Begins.

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent (which begins NEXT SUNDAY) is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent. More on this to come next week!

Fr. Dennis