

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.



"A Quiet Night" Advent Reflection

Thursday, December 13, 2018
6:30-7:30pm
St. Patrick's Church

Hosted by St. Patrick's Health Team Ministry

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent—December 9, 2018

DECEMBER 10-16, 2018

MON. - 12/10 – Advent Weekday

7:30AM - All Souls

TUES. - 12/11 – St. Damasus

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED. - 12/12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30PM - Edwin Mazarredo by his daughter, Gisela

THURS. - 12/13 – St. Lucy

7:30AM - Bill Duffy by the Knights of Columbus

FRI. - 12/14 – St. John of the Cross

7:30AM - Special Intentions by Jane Provins

SAT—12/15 – Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00PM - Rev. Donald Jacques by his sister, Jeanne—1st anniversary

SUN. - 12/16 – Third Sunday of Advent

7:00AM - John Treacy by Jane Provins & family

8:45AM - Members of the Parish

10:45AM - Richard Caveney by his wife, Ida



DEC 10-16, 2018

Mon: 6:30PM—Catholicism with Fr. Dennis - SPC
 Tues: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
 Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 5:15PM—Evening Prayer—Church
 6:05PM— Women’s Prayer Group—C/H
 Thurs: 8:15AM—Blood Pressure screening—C/H
 6:30PM—Advent Reflection—Church
 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree mtg.
 7:15PM—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree mtg—SPC
 Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
 Sun: Blood Pressure Screening —C/H after all Masses
 6:00PM—Youth Ministry gr 6-12—SPC & C/H
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

Readings: 12/16/2018

Zep: 3:14-18a
 Phil: 4:4-7
 Lk: 3:10-18



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Richard Mace by his wife, Bettina and the family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 15-16

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Timothy B., Olivia L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen & Brian N. Joanne O.
Lector: Scott B.
Greeters: Paul D., Bert D., Gary Mc., Dianne H.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** George L.
Eucharistic Ministers: John O., Deb C., Kathy S.
Lector: Jeanne D.
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann & Mike G., Sr. Juanita
Lector: Suzanne P.
Greeters: Steve S., The Bells, Jude L.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T., Claire B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle & Tony V.,
 MaryGrace D.
Lector: Pam T.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Mary L., MaryGrace D.

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: December 2, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(157) Envelopes		\$4,960
Loose Offerings		\$2,422
Total Sunday	\$7,516	\$7,382

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & FLOWERS: 2,715
VANCO NOVEMBER: \$2,468.07

Faith Formation Ministry

Faith Formation Classes

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

Tues: —Dec 11, 18

Wed: - Dec 12, 19

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: - Dec 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 Saint Patrick's Youth Group, Milford NH.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

– a weekly challenge from your Faith Formation team (12/15-16)

On Monday the Church begins the ancient tradition of praying the “O Antiphons,” calling for the Lord to come to us under a different Old Testament title or image each day until Christmas Eve. Most of us know the O Antiphons from the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” Can you remember (or find) the other six?



Answer to Last Week Question:

St. Nicholas was a fourth century bishop from what is now Turkey. He was known for his generosity to the poor. The story of his having punched the heretical bishop Arius is, however a legend first recounted a thousand years after the Council of Nicaea.



To all who donated supplies for the Christmas baskets, we had enough to fill 30 baskets. The baked goods were greatly appreciated. To all the volunteers who donated their time and talents. The Fair raised \$1,900 the money will help with the replacement of the sound system in the C/H.



fruit

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.

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola &



All Teens in Grades 6 and up

Join us on December 15th for the Youth Group Christmas Party after Mass!

Play Games, Decorate Cookies and A Yankee swap gift of no more than \$10. Food and drink will be provided. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Contact lisamigneault47@gmail.com to RSVP





Please remember in your prayers:

Jean Duffy, Ronald & Jean Rood, James Lyons family, Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Sillowy, 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, 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 Opjac, 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.

Join us for Advent Evening Prayer

We will be celebrating Advent Evening Prayer on the Wednesday's of Advent at 5:15PM in the church on Dec 12, 19..

Advent preparations: turning hearts, clearing the road

During the Advent season the Lectionary readings present prophecies and exhortations about the Lord's coming. This week's readings ask the believing community to once again prepare the way for Jesus' incarnation.

Luke's gospel reintroduces John the Baptizer, prophet and precursor. John warns the Jewish people to *prepare for the messiah's coming*. Next week, we will hear John's specific instructions; this week, we listen to his call to conversion or *metanoia*: Today's gospel places the Baptizer in his historical and religious context.

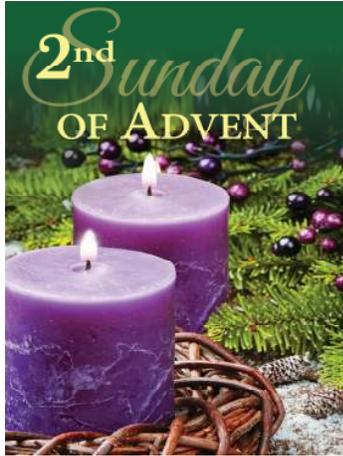
John's identity. Luke has already introduced John the Baptizer as a *prophet* in Lk 1. Today's reading describes the Baptizer's call ("the word of God came to John") using the words and symbols of Hebrew scripture. Luke extends Mark's version of Isaiah's quotation by adding "all flesh shall see God's salvation." This allows Luke to emphasize *the universality of salvation*, a theme he announced in Simeon's prophecy (Lk 2:30-32). For Luke, the Baptizer is the *precursor of Jesus* (Lk 7:27), a transitional figure inaugurating the time of *fulfillment of prophecy and promise*.

John's message. John proclaims a *conversion-baptism* that *frees* participants from *sin* (Lk 3:3). All Jews practiced forms of ritual washing, such as before eating and before entering the Temple. John connects his one-time ritual immersion with the requirement of *metanoia* (change of heart/mind). That is, John's ritual washing frees a person from sin only if that person changes: *turns away (converts) from sin and does good*. John's baptism *prepares people spiritually and morally* to encounter the coming messiah's message.

Last week's readings looked forward to Jesus' *second coming*. This week's readings focus on Jesus' *first coming*, in his incarnation. Baruch, Paul, and the gospel describe the need to *prepare* for this coming. What are we changing in our hearts and minds to get ready? Are we surveying personal valleys for spiritual or moral deficiencies? Are we leveling interior mountains of pride or exclusion? Are we making our path to discipleship clearer and straighter?

---Terence Sherlock

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



Experiencing Advent Deeply, for Busy People

(continued from last week)

Step Two – Longing and Anticipation: Once we experience our deep desire for Light and Hope, Liberty and Peace, we can start to pray with deep longing and anticipation. Longing is an expression of how much we want something. Anticipation is an expression of how much we expect it to become a reality. Weeks 2 and 3 of Advent can become days of real faith, full of deep desire and powerful hope. Of course, the prayers and readings of this period are all about offering us these graces. The expression of promise and expectant hope can feed our desires.

Letting It Become Personal: The second part of Advent takes us into the story of Jesus' coming to be our Savior. This is not the story of a generic god saving us. Jesus is sent to be a human Savior. God becomes one of us in Jesus. So, in our longing and anticipation, we can begin to get to know him through his relatives who prepare the way for his coming. We can see the hesitation and questioning of Zachary and Elizabeth, then Mary and Joseph. They all make great acts of faith to believe, to trust, that the promises made would be fulfilled. We can use the background times of the third week of Advent to let our faith become personal, as we express our faith, our trust in Jesus' coming to us this year. *“Lord, Jesus, I trust that you can bring your Light into my life, that you can give me hope as you free me and fill me with your peace. Thank you for letting me prepare for your coming this*

The Final Days of Advent – Getting to the Manger: So often the final days before Christmas become a blur of activity. Hopefully, this year, we have gotten good at using the background time each day to focus our reflection and conversation with God the Father and with Jesus. Now that we come to the hectic days, we can choose to stay focused right up to and including Christmas. One of the special ways to do that is to not lose the manger. It is the central piece of the story and it is loaded with meaning and message, consolation and fruit for us. The richest of the Advent experiences are here – in letting ourselves imagine the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary arriving in Bethlehem for the census, having nowhere to stay. A special transformation begins to happen the day before Christmas when we start to imagine that stable where our Savior was born. It is the deepening antidote to some of the excesses of Christmas preparations – too much drinking, too much glitz, celebrations which are quite a few degrees off center. It is there in the stable, in its humble feeding trough that I will find the fulfillment of my longing and hope. In that poverty my Savior, my Light and Peace, reveals to me the Good News he came to bring. He came into this world as he would leave it – humble and dependent upon God.

Christmas Joy: Christmas will be totally different, after this kind of deep Advent journey. We can't help but experience real joy for having prepared to be renewed in the gift of life that comes to us through Jesus. We will sing, “Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant,” with a much deeper meaning for us. When there is more light than darkness, more freedom than addiction, more hope than discouragement, more peace than conflict, we have much reason to rejoice at such a gift. Putting the meaning back into Christmas is reason enough to give Advent a new chance this year, in the midst of our busy lives.

Fr. Dennis