

# 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Fax: 673-3687**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

**Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)**

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

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## *Prayer for Christian Unity*



God of justice, you have revealed yourself as the One who brings about justice and unity through your Son Jesus Christ. As the Church experiences a lack of unity you call us by name to heal what divides us. Make us truly one in the pursuit of justice. Eternal God, let us love one another in His name, One with You and the Holy Spirit, living and true, now and forever. Amen

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5 p.m.  
Friday: 9-12. Closed Friday Afternoon**

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—January 20, 2019

### JANUARY 21-27, 2019

**MON. - 1/21 – St. Agnes ( OFFICES CLOSED)**  
 7:30AM - NO MASS

**TUES. - 1/22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
 7:30AM - NO MASS

**WED—1/23-St. Vincent**  
 5:30PM - Allen Hendrickson by the family

**THURS. - 1/24 – St. Frances de Sales**  
 7:30AM - Diana Tozzi by Chris Conard

**FRI. - 1/25 - The Conversion of St. Paul**  
 7:30AM - William Gefteas by Chris Conard

**SAT—1/26 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00PM - Brandon Kluz by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Vanwinkle

**SUN. - 1/27- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00AM - All Souls  
 8:45AM - Members of the Parish  
 10:45AM - All Souls

#### Readings: 1/27/2019

Neh: 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
 1 Cor: 12:12-30  
 Lk: 1:1-4, 4:14-22

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 26-27, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** John & Andrea M.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen N., Bernie K., Pauline N.  
**Lector:** Brian N.  
**Greeters:** Bert D., Pauline N., Dianne H.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** George L.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy & Jerry G., John O.  
**Lector:** Michael C.  
**Greeters:** Skip G., John M., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Megan & Erin P. Stiles C.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann & Mike G., Joe R.  
**Lector:** Will M.  
**Greeters:** Steve S., The Bells

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Andrew & Victoria R.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy M., Joyce N., Karen R.  
**Lector:** MaryGrace D.  
**Greeters:** The Hohenadels., Mary L.

### JAN 21-27, 2019

Mon: **OFFICES CLOSED**

Tues : 4:30PM—Faith Formation gr 1-5—SPC  
 5:30PM—Faith Formation Commission mtg-SPC  
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H

Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Gr 1-5—SPC  
 6:05PM—Women’s Prayer Group—C/H

Thur: 8:15AM—Blood Pressure Screening—C/H  
 9:30AM—Bible Study—C/H  
 6:00PM— Pastoral Council—SPC

Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group—SPC  
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church  
 5:30PM—Game Night—C/H

Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H  
 Blood Pressure Screening after Masses—C/H  
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

#### **Liturgical Ministers IMPORTANT Meeting**

These meetings will be a time for renewing commitment, refreshing procedures and inquiring about each ministry. Please attend for the meeting for your ministry to ensure future scheduling.

#### **Greeters & Ushers** Mon 1/28 at 6:30PM

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for any of this ministry, please call or email Patti, [pattih2015@comcast.net](mailto:pattih2015@comcast.net), 673-1311.



#### **WEEKEND OF: January 13, 2019**

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(178) Envelopes		\$4,837
Loose Offerings		\$2,500
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,076</b>	<b>\$7,337</b>
<b>Facilities Repairs:</b>	<b>\$2,594</b>	



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 re-deemed for supplies. Thank you.

# Faith Formation Ministry

## Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5 from 4:30-5:30PM

Tues: Jan: 29  
Wed: Jan: 30

## Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: Feb 10-17

### NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your  
Faith Formation Team (1-27-2019)



Matthew, Mark and Luke all include the incident in today's Gospel, but only Luke sets it at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. What might we conclude from this? A) Luke had better sources than the other two Evangelists B) This incident happened more than once C) The Gospels were not written to be chronological accounts of Jesus' life D) The story is fiction (made up) in order to connect Jesus' ministry to the Isaiah prophecies.

#### Answer to Last Week's Question: (1/20/2019)

Green, the color of hope and growth, is the color of "ordinary time." White, the color of joy and the triumph of the Resurrection, is used for the seasons of Easter and Christmas, Feasts of the Lord Jesus and of Our Lady, Saints who were not martyrs, and some other major feasts. Because we are all called by our baptism to become saints, it is commonly used at funerals. Red is the color of both blood and sacrifice, it is used for the days of Jesus' Passion, and the feasts of martyrs. It is also the color of fire, representing the Holy Spirit, so it is used for Pentecost, Confirmation, and the feasts of the apostles and evangelists. Purple/Violet represents preparation and repentance, and is used for Advent and Lent. And Rose, or Pink, represents anticipation, it interrupts the penitential seasons on the third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. (For more details and other colors, check the Facebook page.)



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.

### Steubenville East Conference

All teens graduating from grade 8 up to grade 12 in June of 2019 qualify to attend. Tickets go quickly. To reserve a spot please contact the Faith Formation Office at 673-4797 or [re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](mailto:re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) as soon as possible  
Dates: July 12 -14, 2019  
Place: UMass Lowell  
Cost: Early bird special \$240

Inquiry Meeting will be held Jan. 20 from 5:30 to 6pm in the Parish Center. Teen & Parents come learn about this event.

### New ScoutsBSA troop for girls

Beginning February 6, 2019, St. Patrick Church will sponsor Troop 1794, a new ScoutsBSA troop for girls ages 11 through 17. This new opportunity for Milford and surrounding towns provides girls fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility as their work their way to become an Eagle Scout, just as the boys do in Milford's BSA Troops 4 and 407. If girls have an interest in the outdoors, learning dozens of new hands-on and lifelong skills, and may have had an interest in following the BSA scouting traditions, we encourage you to give ScoutsBSA a try. Meetings will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday's from 7:15-8:30pm **beginning February 6.**

If you have questions, please call Paul Rolanti at (603) 801-4954 or email [psrolanti@comcast.net](mailto:psrolanti@comcast.net).

### Job Opening at SHARE

SHARE Outreach is looking for a full time (40 hour per week) Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator is the face of SHARE, managing the reception area and triaging client needs. The Program Coordinator will also assist the Executive Director and other staff with various administrative and data tasks. Experience with office and database software a must. SHARE offers competitive pay and benefits. Full job posting may be found at [nhnonprofits.org/jobs](http://nhnonprofits.org/jobs) or email [info@sharenh.org](mailto:info@sharenh.org).



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Michael McMahon, Jack Morro, Wendy Boucher, Mary Ann Hower, Jean Duffy, Ronald & Jean Rood, James Lyons family, Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Sil- lowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Vera Rasmussen, Karen Jarest, Marie Roccio, Donatella Fugaza, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Dorothy Calogero, Tiffany Brown, Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Janice, Brundage family, Ge- nie Stone, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Rob Erickson, Jenny Ciotti, 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, Ste- ven Perez, Elda Paduano, Meaghan Pezze, and for the men and women who are serving our coun- try.

**Covenant, renewal, change, signs**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings present stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings invite the believing community to consider the meaning of Jesus' first sign at Cana.

John's gospel describes Jesus' first public sign: changing water into wine at a family wedding in Cana. This reading echoes God's promises fulfilled in Jesus:

**A wedding feast.** Throughout Hebrew scripture, prophets and writers use marriage as a metaphor for the *covenant* between God and the people (see the first reading). The prophets point to God acting to *redeem* the people and to *renew* the covenant. The coming of the messiah would be a sign of God's fulfillment of this promise. By setting his story at a wedding feast, John suggests that Jesus' presence will have something to do with *covenant and restoration*.

**Water into wine.** Throughout Hebrew scripture, prophets and writers use abundance, especially an abun- dance of wine, as a metaphor for the messianic age. Under the renewed covenant, God will not only *meet*, but *exceed* the people's needs so no one will want for anything. The prophets describe this as an age of prosperity, exemplified by a *superabundance of good wine*. At Cana, these prophecies come together: Jesus is present at a marriage feast, where he provides a superabundance of good wine (180 gallons).

**Jesus' first sign.** John uses the word "sign," rather than the synoptics' word "wonder" or "miracle," to de- scribe Jesus' act. For John, signs *reveal* spiritual truths about Jesus through human senses. John uses the Greek verb φανερώω (fah-neh-ROH-oh), meaning "to reveal" or "to make visible" or "to enlighten," when he wants to show that *Jesus reveals God or makes God visible to humans*. John's language in today's reading recalls the *revelation of YHWH's glory* on the third day at Sinai (Ex 19:16). Jesus reveals his glory on the third day at Cana (Jn 2:1). Jesus' sign of water-into-wine fulfills God's promises to the people at Sinai (Ex 24:16-17).

Today's readings ask us to think about the meaning of covenant, restoration, and Jesus' signs. We some- times think that *covenant* and *restoration* are God's mighty acts in the past, in the time of prophets and Baby- lonian exiles. Covenants (relationships) and restorations (*metanoia* and forgiveness) belong to *all times*, in- cluding our own. Jesus' sign of *change* (water-into-wine) isn't only about helping a bridal couple. Jesus' sign reveals that *God remains present and engaged in our human world*, continuing to offer every person a new covenant and restoration as often as needed. Can we see the signs of God's presence? Are we ready to en- gage in a sacramental relationship with God? Are we ready to change?

---Terence Sherlock

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this weekend's Gospel reading from John, Jesus finds himself weighing the best way to proclaim who he is. The story is set at Cana: Jesus and his mother are at a wedding where the hosts run out of wine. Jesus has not yet begun his public ministry, but his mother knows that he has much to share with his community. While she encourages him to do something, he hesitates, saying: "My hour has not yet come."

Perhaps Jesus had imagined beginning his ministry with a well-thought-out speech explaining how his thinking was different from others who came before. Therefore, the middle of a celebration of someone else's wedding was not the right time for that. With a little more nudging from his mother, he finds that there is a way to show everyone who he is without making himself the center of attention: simply transforming some water into wine, averting a minor crisis and allowing the celebration to continue. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus leads with action.

Of course, as his ministry progresses, Jesus does quite a lot of talking, preaching his message and explaining what it is that makes him so different. But he never stops backing his words up with actions: healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, including the excluded. Jesus shares his gifts for the community, not only in moments of crisis, but throughout his day-to-day ministry.

I have had a number of conversations with people over the years that have begun along the lines of, "I'm Catholic, but..." Sometimes that "but" says a lot! "I'm Catholic, but I'm not prejudiced. I'm Catholic, but I believe in gender equality. I'm Catholic, but I struggle with certain parts of my faith." Again, this desire to set ourselves apart is understandable. Particularly with the ongoing revelations of abuse within the institutional church, some may feel unable to embrace a wholehearted proclamation of faith without qualification.

How do we tell the world who we are when a proclamation of our identity as disciples is tangled up with the complications of history, politics and the actions of individuals that run contrary to our values? I suggest we take a page from Jesus' book and begin with action. The second reading reminds us that we each are blessed with different gifts to use in service of building a better world: gifts of knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy and more. We can each draw on our particular gifts in our day-to-day work, proclaiming to the world through our actions that we are the kind of people who want to create loving, respectful, inclusive communities.

Fr. Dennis

# Thank You so much!

On behalf of all our SHARE families, thank you for your generous response to the Christmas Giving Tree. This past Christmas, we were able to provide gifts and food for 472 children and their families. In addition, we provided food and gift cards for 184 households with seniors and needy adults. We could not do this work without the generous support of our communities. From one of the families that St. Patrick's supported: *"Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. I am a single mother of a very sweet young girl who was very happy and appreciative on Christmas morning. I hope you know how thankful we are."*



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **February 1, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



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## 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.

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## Basket Drive baby items for "OUR PLACE"

Baskets are located in the church, the hall, and the parish center  
There is a take-home list of needed items found on each basket  
Please place your donations in the baskets from now until Feb 25

"OUR PLACE" in Manchester is an outreach program of Catholic Charities of NH. For 35 years, the primary goal of the program has been to create safe, supportive and loving family environments for babies and young children of adolescents and young adults who are parenting their first child. This is achieved by providing pregnancy and parenting education and support, for the first three years of the child's life, in order to protect children and create strong families. One of "OUR PLACE" client wrote to say, "I am thankful for this program because it has helped us so much. My nurse and social worker are wonderful persons who give me very helpful information and service with all of their heart."



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Culture of Life Program

soulful  
simplicity



how living with less  
can lead to so much more

courtney carver  
unabridged • read by the author

## Winter Book Read and

### Discussion

Sunday, March 31, 2019

2-3:30pm

St. Patrick's Church Hall

34 Amherst Street, Milford

Hosted by St. Patrick's Health Ministry team

*Publisher's Summary: Courtney Carver shows us the power of simplicity to improve our health, build more meaningful relationships, and relieve stress in our professional and personal lives.*

*We are often on a quest for more, giving in to pressure every day to work more, own more, and do more.... In this book, Carver shows us how to pursue practical minimalism so we can create more with less - more space, more time, and even more love. She invites us to look at the big picture, discover what's most important to us, and reclaim lightness and ease by getting rid of all the excess things.*

On March 31, come together for coffee, tea, refreshments and fellowship as we discuss this book. Please RSVP by calling Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311 - by Wed, March 27.

## Family Game Night



Join us after Mass on  
Saturday Jan. 26  
(5:30) for an evening of  
family fun.



We will be serving  
dinner of chili, coleslaw  
and corn bread followed  
by an evening of games  
and fellowship.



All are welcome, come  
and play one of our  
games or bring your own  
to share.

