

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).

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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Inclement Weather and Weekday Masses

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.

OFFICE HOURS

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—January 27, 2019

JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3, 2019

- MON. - 1/28 - St. Thomas Aquinas**
 7:30AM - Marjory Larpenter by Jane Provins
- TUES. - 1/29 - Weekday**
 7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED—1/30 - Weekday**
 5:30PM - All Souls
- THURS. - 1/31 - St. John Basco**
 7:30AM - For the Intentions of Heather Vitale by Chris Conard
- FRI. - 2/1 - Weekday**
 7:30AM - Jack Milan by his father, John
 5:30PM - Ron Lavoie by Chris Conard
- SAT—2/2- Vigil of the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00PM - All souls
- SUN. - 2/3- 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:00AM - Etta St. Laurent by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly
 8:45AM - All Souls
 10:45AM - Members of the Parish

Readings: 2/3/2019

Jer: 1:4-5, 17-19
 1 Cor: 12:31– 13:13
 Lk: 4:21-30

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 2-3, 2019

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Jonathan & Olivia R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Donna T., Linda V., Laura D.
Lector: Chris Janson.
Greeters: Bert D., Pauline N., Gary M.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Jerry G.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sally W., Kathy S., Kathie N.
Lector: Jeanne D.
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane B., Sr. Marcelle L., Joe Reisert
Lector: Suzanne P.
Greeters: Steve S., The Migneaults, Pat K.
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T., Claire B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Michelle V., Henry A.
Lector: Pam T.
Greeters: The Hohenadels., Mary L., Jude L.

JAN 28-FEB 3, 2019

- Mon: 4:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis
 6:30PM—Greeters/Ushers refresh course—Church
- Tues : 4:30PM—Faith Formation gr 1-5—SPC
 5:30PM—Teachers' mtg—SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Gr 1-5—SPC
 5:30PM—Teachers' mtg—SPC
 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
- Fri: 5:30PM—Mass followed by exposition until 9PM
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation—Church
- Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

Eucharistic



Adoration

On First Friday, in addition to 7:30 AM Mass, Mass will also be offered at 5:30 PM. Instead of exposing the Blessed Sacrament following morning Mass it will now be exposed for adoration following the evening Mass until 9:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church for those who are willing to commit to a time of adoration.



WEEKEND OF: January 20, 2019 (STORM WEEKEND)

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(106) Envelopes	\$2,279	\$2,279
Loose Offerings		\$1,492
Total Sunday	\$7,076	\$3,771
Seminarian Collection: \$1,862		



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.

Faith Formation Ministry

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

Tues: Feb 5, 12, 19

Wed: Feb 6, 13, 20

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: Feb 10-17

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 as soon as possible

Dates: July 12 -14, 2019

Place: UMass Lowell

Cost: Early bird special \$240

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.)

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.*

Please RSVP by calling Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311- by Wed, March 27.

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 or email info@sharenh.org.



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.



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 Siloway, 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, Genie 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, Steven Perez, Elda Paduano, Meaghan Pezze, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

Places and times of God's good news

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings present stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings invite the believing community to think about the settings and sources of God's promises and their fulfillments.

Luke's gospel has two parts: in the first part, Luke *introduces* his gospel (Lk 1:1-4); in the second part, Jesus announces his messianic *mission*. (Lk 4: 14-21).

Luke's introduction. Luke wants his hearers (including Theophilus, a name meaning "lover of God") to know the following: The gospel is based in *actual events*. Luke names his sources: eyewitnesses who became ministers, previously written narratives, and his own careful research. He has organized this material in an "orderly sequence" to show how *Jesus fulfills God's promises*. The gospel's purpose is *instruction*. Luke uses the Greek verb *κατηχέω* (kah-tay-KEH-oh), literally meaning "to echo down (into the ears)," from which we get the English word *catechesis*. This word reminds Luke's hearers about their own baptismal initiation into the community after their catechesis. Because of his meticulous research and writing, Luke's hearers can have *full confidence* in his gospel.

Jesus' mission. Jesus, recently baptized and invested with "the Spirit's power," returns to Galilee and teaches in synagogues, where he earns praise and respect. While in his hometown, the synagogue leaders *invite Jesus to read and to teach*. Jesus chooses Isaiah 61, where Isaiah announces that God anointed him to announce good news to the people. God's good news is that God will release prisoners, heal the blind, free oppressed people, and proclaim a special time of God's works ("favor"). Jesus' homily on Isaiah's words is simply: *What you've just heard is now being fulfilled*. That is, *Jesus' mission is to fulfill Isaiah's good news about God's mighty acts*.

Today's readings invite us to stop and think about how we hear God's words. We might hear God's good news proclaimed in a familiar, comfortable, liturgical context. Or God's message might come to us out of context, in a place and time we don't choose. Both Nehemiah and Luke tell us that, wherever we hear the good news, *God's instructions, promises, and fulfillments are real and powerful*. Do we invite scripture and God's message into our hearing and our lives, or do we restrict the good news to times and places we choose? Do we hear God's word with confidence or skepticism? Are we teachable, or do we think we already know what scripture has to tell us?

---Terence Sherlock

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



Jesus Teaches at
the Synagogue
in Nazareth

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Imagine we are sitting with Mary in the women's section of the synagogue. Perhaps she looks eagerly at Jesus, who is unrolling the scroll handed to him, remembering the first time she brought him to synagogue. Does she smile and wonder remembering Jesus' conception: "Thy will be done" yet saying, "Look at my boy now!"

Mary has been waiting excitedly for today. Last week, we heard from John's Gospel that Mary was the impetus for Jesus' first public miracle: changing water to wine at Cana. Today, we hear a story from Luke set in the synagogue. Imagine Mary's sister sitting beside her — the one who stood with her at the cross. Perhaps Jesus' female cousins are here, too, behind the divider. How are they responding to Jesus' reading?

Perhaps Mary looks at her sister squeezing her hand and knowing that her sister believes that Mary's son is the Messiah. Several women here don't. "Conceiving after an angelic visit!" they may have snickered. One sits with arms crossed while another is daydreaming. Mary savors the way others look at Jesus when he finishes reading. She prays that they always look intently to him. Her deepest desire is for people to connect with their Messiah.

Perhaps Mary is remembering Ezra — that was the first reading at Mass this weekend — which provides quite a visual image. Can you just see all the upturned faces as Ezra unrolls the scroll? Picture how that audience reacted to the words, "Today is holy." They stand, like it's a touchdown, raising their hands and crying out, "Yes! Yes!" and they bow, faces on the ground. Ezra tells them to celebrate. Rejoice!

The church connects this reading from about 450 years before Christ, when people were returning from their exile, to the possibility heard in today's Gospel passage. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Women look to Mary, waiting to see how she will react. Mary is smiling and whispers, "The Spirit of God is upon him!" A shock wave goes through the assembly. Today this Scripture comes alive. Did you feel it? And here today's Gospel ends. Why does the church pause here, and finish the story next weekend? Because today this Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing. We pause at the best part of the story. Because it is too easy with a familiar story to jump to the conclusion, and miss an unmistakable call to action. Because we are the body of Christ. The second reading confirms this: We are the body of Christ which is comprised of many unique parts.

Think a minute: The Spirit of God is upon you and me. Why? Because God anointed each of us at our baptisms. And the Spirit rushed upon us when we were anointed during the sacrament of confirmation. Do I believe I have a role to serve that no one else can do? We each have a mission. Do you know what yours is?

As we gather for Eucharist today, can I wait eagerly for each Gospel sentence, as attentive as the assembly that gathered around Ezra or Jesus? When I leave Mass today, how will this "Spirit of God be upon me or upon you?" How will it be evident where you go and in people you meet? To whom will you bring glad tidings — news that God loves each one of us? Today — we can proclaim, heal, free the oppressed and forgive.

Fr. Dennis

Hat & Mitten Tree

With coldest months upon us the Health Ministry Team is again sponsoring our Hat & Mitten Tree. For the month of January and continuing through February 3, donations of handmade or purchased mittens, gloves, hats and scarves (for all ages) can be hung on the tree in the vestibule. The donated items are given to Share Outreach and are available to all who enter their office for assistance.



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!



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.

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."

Sponsored by the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus
Culture of Life Program