



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5p.m. Closed at Noon of Friday

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,

Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687

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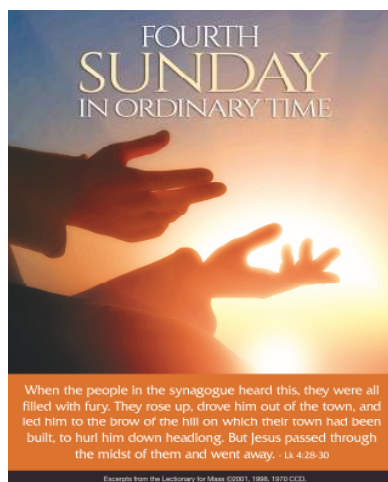
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Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. Our website has been revamped go check it out saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—February 3, 2019

FEBRUARY 4-10, 2019

MON. - 2/4 - Weekday

7:30AM - George Lemelin, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. George Lemelin, Jr.

TUES. - 2/5 - St. Agatha

7:30AM - **NO MASS**

WED—2/6 - St. Paul Miki

5:30PM - All Souls

THURS. - 2/7 - Weekday

7:30AM - All Souls

FRI. - 2/8 - Ss. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

7:30AM - All souls

SAT—2/9- Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Daniel & Helen Hauser by the family and Rev. Donald Jacques by his sister, Jeanne

SUN. - 2/10- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Carmelita Addamus by Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Chimento

8:45AM - All Souls

10:45AM - Intentions of Ida Caveney & family by Mr. & Mrs. R. Boisvert

FEB 4-10, 2019

Mon: 6:30PM—Catholicism with Fr. Dennis - SPC

Tues : 4:30PM—Faith Formation gr 1-5—SPC

7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H

Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Gr 1-5—SPC

6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H

7:15PM—BAS Scout Troop—C/H

Thur: 9:30AM—Bible Study

6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree mtg.--SPC

6:30PM— Critical incidents mtg—SPC

7:15PM— Knights of Columbus 3rd degree mtg— SPC

Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC

3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church

Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H

Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

Readings: 2/10/2019

Is: 6:1-2a, 3-8:

1 Cor: 15:1-11

Lk: 5:1-11

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10-11, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Timothy B., Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne H., Laura D., Pauline N.
Lector: Scott B.
Greeters: Bert D., Pauline N., Gary M., Donna T.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Kathy S.
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy & Jerry G., Kathie N.
Lector: Mike C.
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Ron C., Ann & Mike G.
Lector: Joseph R.
Greeters: The Santinellis

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Victoria & Andrew R..
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen R., Joyce N., Jude L.
Lector: Eric J..
Greeters: The Hohenadels., Mary L., Jude L.

WEEKEND OF: January 27, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(288) Envelopes		\$6,665
Loose Offerings		\$4,802
Total Sunday	\$6,744	\$11,467



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.



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, 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.

Prophets and messages, heard and rejected

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 messengers and messages God sends us.

Luke's gospel concludes the story of Jesus' return to his hometown. Last week, Jesus used Isaiah to announce his prophetic mission. This week, Nazareth's townspeople react by rejecting Jesus' saving message.

Jesus' saving message. Jesus confirms that he is a prophet like Isaiah, sent to announce God's good news: God will *release prisoners, heal the blind, free oppressed people, and proclaim a special time of God's works* ("a year acceptable to the Lord"). Hebrew scripture defined sabbatical years (every seven years [Lv 25:1-7]) and Jubilee years (every seven times seven years [Lv 25:14-22]). Jesus returns to his hometown to announce a jubilee ("a time of remission").

The townspeople's rejection. Initially Jesus' graceful words amaze his Nazareth neighbors, but they quickly turn against him for several reasons:

Familiarity. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" The townspeople think they know Jesus' father, so they know all about Jesus. Luke's hearers know that Jesus is not Joseph's son, but *God's son* (Lk 1:32, Lk 1:35, Lk 3:22). The townspeople really *don't know Jesus* at all.

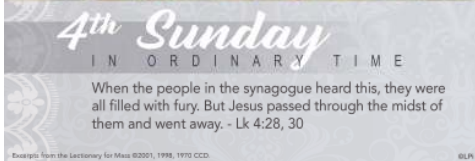
Exclusivity. "Do here what you did in Capernaum!" The townspeople expect that Jesus the prophet should heal *their* sick (possibly Jesus' own relatives), rather than strangers and gentiles in Capernaum. Jesus reminds them that God sends prophets like Elijah and Elisha both to Jews *and to gentiles*. Jesus' saving message is for *all nations*.

Anger. For the last seven hundred years, gentiles (Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians, Greeks, and Romans) oppressed the Jewish people in their own land. Like many first-century Jews, the Nazareth townspeople came to believe that God would not save the gentiles, but crush them in defeat on the coming "day of vindication" (Is 61:2). Because Jesus does not support their view, the people reject Jesus as a *false prophet who must die*.

This week's readings ask us to examine the prophet's role and our response. As Jeremiah and Luke show, a prophet is accepted and acceptable only as long as a prophet consoles and supports his or her own people. When a prophet speaks for those outside the group, the people reject the prophet and the prophet's message. But rejection doesn't change the message's validity. Are our ears open to God's word, or has our own familiarity with God's message dulled our hearing? Do we selectively listen to messages that appeal to us and ignore the rest of scripture? When God's messages challenge or anger us, do we simply "kill the messenger," whomever that might be?

---Terence Sherlock

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



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“No prophet is accepted in his own native place.” I think I first heard this saying, adapted from today’s Gospel reading, from my dad as he jokingly lamented that his family didn’t appreciate his wisdom. Being a prophet certainly seems a nearly thankless task God promises Jeremiah something that many of us likely wish we had: invincibility. Does this promise apply to us as well?

We often hear the earlier part of this reading, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you”. It is called to our attention as a testimony to the sanctity of human life from its earliest moments, and to God’s loving care for each of us as individuals before we were even aware of it. When we hear the end of that same verse, “a prophet to the nations I appointed you,” do we sense an equally personal call that applies

to each of us? Are we all appointed prophets? If we are, does that mean we are also invincible against those who might oppose us?

We know that we aren’t shielded from all harm in this life, even when we are doing the right thing and even as we proclaim, as in today’s psalm, that God is our strength and salvation. But we also know that God is love and that, ultimately, love is the only thing that is invincible. So, when we reflect on our call to prophecy, we must strive for it to be motivated by love if we want it to be worthwhile at all.

Since it often involves denouncing wrongdoing, calling for change, and telling people what they don’t want to hear, prophecy isn’t the best way to win friends. In the Gospel reading, we see Jesus almost being killed after he tells people from his own native land that prophets were often sent to serve foreigners rather than their own people.

While we shouldn’t judge our efforts to speak unpopular and uncomfortable truths by how well they are received, however ... we do not have free reign to speak them divisively or as unpleasantly as possible. And understanding the “tribal environment” in which we live today, we should never think that those who might oppose or disagree with us are hated enemies that we wish to defeat.

Whether we are speaking to family, friends or co-workers; posting on social media; writing a letter to the editor; helping with a political campaign or participating in a protest, or participating on a church committee, can we do so in a way that expresses patience, kindness and a willingness to hear others’ perspectives without taking disagreement as a personal slight? Can we forgive those who don’t extend the same courtesy to us? Can we ensure that we are not acting out of self-interest and endure through setbacks and disappointments?

Whatever **piece of the truth we possess**, whatever **prophetic message we have** ... remember ... is partial and will eventually pass away. The only thing that will endure is love. “Love never fails”.

Fr. Dennis