



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

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5pm.

Closed at Noon of Friday

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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.

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).

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:



Registrations are available at the office, at the entrance of the Church, in the Church Hall and on our website.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BLESSED

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man."*

- Lk 6:22

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—February 17, 2019

FEBRUARY 18-24, 2019

**MON. - 2/18- Weekday & Presidents' Day
(OFFICES CLOSED)**

7:30AM - NO MASS

TUES. - 2/19 - Weekday

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED—2/20 - Weekday

5:30PM - Dorothy "Darby" Lorden & Kathleen & Carl Halberg by Jane Provins

THURS. - 2/21 - St. Peter Damian

7:30AM - For the intentions of Kathi Riley by Chris Conard

FRI. - 2/22 - The Chair of St. Peter

7:30AM - Enriqueta Gumbrecht by Michael Hill

SAT—2/23- Vigil of the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - David Hebert by his wife, Gloria and for Rev. Richard Vickery

SUN. - 2/24- 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Elizabeth Daly by Jeanne Jacques

8:45AM - John & Noreen Esposito, Demetrio & Mary Caruso and Ernest Dubois by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Esposito

10:45AM - Members of the Parish

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.



OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY

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—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794—C/H
Thur: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council—SPC
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF
FEBRUARY 23-24, 2019**

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia L. & Timothy B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne H. Bernie K., Pauline N.
Lector: Brian N.
Greeters: Bert D., Gary M., Donna T., Pauline N.

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

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann & Mike G., Ron C.
Lector: Will M.
Greeters: Steve S., The Migneaults', Pat K.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P., Claire B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jude L., Joyce N., Karen R.
Lector: Paul D.
Greeters: The Hohenadels., Mary L., Jude L.

WEEKEND OF: February 10, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(168) Envelopes		\$4,306
Loose Offerings		\$2,076
Total Sunday	\$7,085	\$6,382

Facility Repairs: \$2,216

E-giving is available to all parishioners. This is a safe and easy way to give to the parish. Go to our website saintpatrickmilfordnh.org under NEWS & EVENTS and scroll to "giving" then follow the instructions. This is very helpful for parishioners who want to give on a regular basis.

GIVE+Online



Faith Formation Ministry

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

Tues: Feb 19
Wed: Feb 20

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: Feb 17

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your
Faith Formation Team (2-17-2019)



Today's reading is from the Gospel of Luke. Who was Luke, how did he become a Christian, and what was his profession?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (2-10-2019)

In the next-to-last of Bernadette's visits from the mysterious Lady, she told Bernadette "I am the Immaculate Conception." This Marian dogma had only been defined ex cathedra by Pope Pius IX four years earlier, and many saw the words of the Virgin in the Vision as an affirmation of this decision.

Readings: 2/24/2019

1 Sm: 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Cor: 15:45-49
Lk: 6:27-38



Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes **Can be dropped off at the SHARE office or in the Church Hall.**

Thank you for your donations.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All diocesan personnel (clergy, employees, and volunteers) in the Catholic Church in New Hampshire must comply with the Code of Ministerial Conduct and the Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People. These diocesan policies are available on our diocesan website (www.catholicchurchnh.org) or can be obtained by contacting Patti at 673-1311.

Envelope offering donations.

If you are not using the offering envelopes and would like to, call the Parish office and we will be happy to send you some.



Our deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to family and friends of:

*Christina Ferguson
Kathy Knowlton*

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

soulful
simplicity



how living with less
can lead to so much more

courtney carver

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.



Please remember in your prayers:

Michael McMahon, Jack Morro, Wendy Boucher, Mary Ann Hower, Jean Duffy, Ronald & Jean Rood, James Lyons family, Ron Lockwood, Connor Sillowy, 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.

Discipleship: who are you, really?

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings present stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings ask each believing community member to consider his or her relationship with God.

Luke's gospel recounts Jesus' "sermon on the plain," beginning with the beatitudes. Jesus has just returned from praying on the mountain and choosing his Twelve. Jesus and his disciples come down from the mountain to a plain filled with a large crowd who want to hear Jesus and have him cure their sick. Jesus heals the sick, and, while the crowd listens in, he begins teaching his disciples about the kingdom:

Blessing and woes. Paired blessings/curses are a recognized Hebrew scripture form used especially by the prophets. Luke uses this form to emphasize to his hearers that *Jesus is a prophet* and stands in Jewish prophetic tradition. Jesus' blessings/woes address his disciples' *real economic and social conditions* (poor/rich; hungry/satisfied; grieving/laughing; outcast/socially acceptable). His beatitudes announce the messianic age and invite disciples into God's kingdom.

Who is blessed. The Greek word Luke uses means "blessed" or "happy" or "fortunate," either because of circumstances or through divine privilege. Jesus says that *disciples are blessed or fortunate* (the poor, the hungry, the grieving, the marginalized), *not the conditions that create their circumstances* (poverty, hunger, loss, oppression). What makes the disciples blessed is their *trust and dependence on God*. They will be further blessed because they have a place in God's coming kingdom.

Who will suffer woe. The Greek word Luke uses is an exclamation of "alas" or "woe" that denotes pain, displeasure, or hardship. A "woe" is a warning of a *coming judgement*. Jesus directs his woes to *non-disciples* (the rich, the well-fed, the entertained and arrogant, the social in-crowd) *who trust in human wealth, power, and relationships* and don't need God. In the future, their positions will be completely reversed because they will not have a place in God's coming kingdom.

The gospel's blessings and woes echo Jeremiah in the first reading: "Blessed is the one who trusts God; cursed is the one who trusts humans." Whether we read the beatitudes as a *spiritual* or a *social* commentary, the result is the same. The beatitudes ask each disciple, "What is your relationship with God?" Do we need God, or are we doing OK on our own? Do we hear Jesus' prophetic message, or do we prefer the false prophets who tell us what we want to hear? Are we being blessed or warned?

---Terence Sherlock

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



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus came to restore the people of God and remind them of their moral obligation to care for the marginalized. Even though threat of religious persecution was real, the disciples came to listen. They were most likely protective of the few possessions they had, and their very existence was dependent on various methods of survival, but they came anyway. Jesus wanted them to know that, even in their life full of insufficient or inadequate resources, they were the ones blessed because they were there to listen in the face of fear and doubt. He wanted

them to know their reward would be in heaven despite their struggle on earth. That message must have seemed troublesome to a group who were most likely homeless and hungry. Those gathered on that plain had little to distract them from listening. Their hope was in the Lord.

We are taught that sin is when we make choices that separate us from God. Hoarding wealth and ignoring the needs of those less fortunate also separates us from God. In the Gospel, Jesus makes it quite clear that it may keep us from out of the kingdom. He calls out the rich and preaches that they have received their kingdom on earth. In their world, they have no need for God's mercy because their needs are already being met by the "good life."

But the psalmist reminds us that we can prosper if we chose to live a just life. The rich are not locked out but must let their roots spread to others in kindness and generosity. They can make a choice to hoard their wealth as the poor struggle to survive, or they can bear fruit and share with others. So what shall I do with the overabundance of possessions that hinder my relationship with God? What shall I do with the things that keep me frozen in time?

Those gathered on the stretch of level ground were free of encumbrances and were able to be open to the preaching of Jesus. The kingdom of God is within our reach but until we can see God in the eyes of the poor and act on it, we linger on the periphery. In a culture where identity is often attached to some product, possession or political preference, it is difficult to break the habits that separate us from God. As for the material possessions we accumulated in life, we are expected to share them, donate them, give them away freely so that others may use them.

Jesus's *Sermon on the Mount* is challenging for all. The poor must have hope that there is a kingdom of God and someday they will "leap for joy" in God's presence while the rich must turn loose of those things in which they have come to find comfort. The comfort we seek is found in the kingdom of God not in wealth or possessions.

Fr. Dennis



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.

New Hampshire Council of Churches

People of faith strengthening New Hampshire communities.
P O Box 1087, Concord, NH 03302-1087 (603) 224-1352
www.NHChurches.org Joint Statement on the Death Penalty

The New Hampshire Council of Churches, an ecumenical Christian body of ten diverse denominations including Protestant, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christian traditions, regard the use of capital punishment as problematic and unacceptable. As Christians we believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26). In our human condition sin tarnishes this image; nevertheless, we believe that the promise of redemption is offered to all through repentance. Thus, each of us is called to respect the life and dignity of every person, even when that person denies the dignity of others. We must still recognize that their dignity is a gift from God and is not something that is earned or lost through their behavior. Respect for life applies to all, even the perpetrators of terrible acts.

Scripture cautions us: "Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all" (Romans 12:17). From this Christian perspective we are led to conclude that the death penalty does not provide justice. Instead the death penalty perpetuates inhumane retribution, fosters feelings of revenge, and exacerbates a cycle of violence upon the perpetrators and victims without regard for that which is noble. These responses dehumanize society and blind us to God's image in all; perpetrators and victims, rich and poor, young and old, Christian and non-Christian, no matter what color their skin may be. The use of capital punishment does not restore a broken society; it perpetuates the violence and injustice instead of condemning such intolerable acts.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, condemn the expansion of capital punishment and call for the abolishment of its use in the State of New Hampshire, asking all to seek that which is noble.

Adopted by the Board of Directors May 20, 2010

Member Denominations: American Baptist, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Friends, Greek Orthodox, Presbyterian Church/USA, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist

Because of You: Catholic Charities New Hampshire Update

Catholic Charities New Hampshire is proud to share two recent highlights made possible because of your support of our Annual Appeal. First, we acquired The CareGivers, Inc, which provides transportation, groceries and other forms of vital support for homebound elderly and disabled New Hampshire residents. We look forward to building on these critical services. Secondly, our St. Charles School in Rochester just finished its first semester as a private special education provider, helping students harboring histories of toxic stress, trauma, and intense behavioral and emotional challenges move toward futures based on hope and potential. To learn more about the impact of your gifts to Catholic Charities NH, visit www.cc-nh.org/impact.



In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the parish will be hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 16 @ 5:30pm. The cost is \$8 per person. The last day to pick up your ticket is Wednesday, March 13. There is a limit of 60 people. **No** tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket may be pick up during office hours.

COMING SOON!

AN ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

with Fr. Dennis

Beginning on March 4th and Mondays of Lent –

6:30 to 8:00 pm



BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S

UNTOLD BLESSINGS: THREE PATHS TO HOLINESS

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. **Bishop Robert Barron** paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: 1. Finding the Center; 2. Knowing You're A Sinner; 3. Realizing Your Life is Not About You. He also shares practical approaches to enhance the journey along these three paths.