



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.

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

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

Closed at Noon of Friday

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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).

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

TEMPTATION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

1st SUNDAY OF LENT—March 10, 2019

MARCH 11-17, 2019

- MON. - 3/11- Lenten weekday**
7:30AM - Leo Pellerin by Joyce Nelson and
 Lillian Cullinan by her daughter, Betty
- TUES. - 3/12- Lenten weekday**
7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED—3/13 - Lenten weekday**
7:30AM - Rev. Richard Vickery
- THURS. - 3/14 - Lenten weekday**
7:30AM - Janice Petrella by the breakfast group
- FRI. - 3/15 - Lenten weekday**
7:30AM - Emile Mikula by Josef Zund
- SAT—3/16- Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent**
4:00PM - Janice Petrella by Gary McCartney
- SUN. - 3/17- 2nd Sunday in of Lent**
7:00AM - Members of the parish
8:45AM - Marge McGettigan by the family
10:45AM - Robert Coty by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Coty
 9th anniversary

MARCH 11-17 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon: 6:30PM—Catholicism with Fr. Dennis - C/H
 Tues : 4:30PM—NO Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 6:00PM—Confirmation parents' mtg—SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—SPC
 7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794—C/H
- Thur: 8:00AM—Blood Pressure Screening—C/H
 9:30AM—Bible Study—C/H
 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree mtg
 7:30PM—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree mtg
 SPC
- Fri: 6:00PM—Lenten Meal C/H
 7:00PM—Stations of the Cross—Church
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
- Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church
 6:00PM—Youth Ministry gr 6-12—SPC & C/H

Pastoral Council Members

Peter Arnoldy, Chris Conard , MaryGrace Duncan,
 Jerry Guthrie, Jude Lorman, Will McGrath
 Irene Prunier, Tony Varga.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 16-17, 2019

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Donna T., Linda V.,
 Laura D.
Lector: Andrea M.
Greeters: Bert D., Gary M., Donna T., Diane H.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** George L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sally W., Kathy S.,
 Jeanne D.
Lector: Kathy J.P
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C., Erin & Morgan P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Juanita D.,
 Sr. Marcelle L., Joe R.
Lector: Suzanne P.
Greeters: Steve S., The Migneaults, Pat K.
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P., Claire B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jude L., Kathy M.,
 Henry A.
Lector:
Greeters: The Hohenadels., The McGinleys

Readings: 3/17/2019

Gn: 15:5-12, 17-18
 Phil: 3:17, 4:1
 Lk: 9:28b-36

WEEKEND OF: March 3, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(170) Envelopes		\$4,557
Loose Offerings		\$1,793
Total Sunday	\$ 9,424	\$6,350

Flowers & Decorations:2/24/19 \$1,924
Monthy E-Giving: \$2,629

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 Classes

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

Grade 6-10 from 6-7:30PM

April 7, May 5

Tues: Mar 19, 26

Wed: Mar 13, 20, 27

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: March 17, April 14, May 19

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Parents, if your child(ren) is/are receiving Confirmation on April 10, 2019, you need to have

Sponsor Certificate
Choice of Confirmation name
reflection paper

when you attend the meeting on March 12 at 6pm

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (3-10-2019)



During Lent these questions will draw upon the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. Which of the following are true statements about this devotion?

- A) Each of the Fourteen Stations commemorates an event recorded in the gospels.
- B) The devotion began as a way for people who could not make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to participate in walking the Via Dolorosa
- C) Pope John Paul II replaced the traditional stations with a new version more acceptable to Protestants
- D) Catholic Churches are required to place the Stations of the Cross around the nave.

Answer to Last Week's Question: (3-3-2019)

About 33. Luke 3:23 tells us that Jesus was about 30 years old at the start of his ministry. John's Gospels includes accounts of three Passovers during His public ministry, including the one at which He established the Eucharist. (See the FB page for this and other details from Scripture that were considered when creating the BC/AD calendar.)



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Robert Swallow by his wife Clara

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is about to Begin!!!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is beginning soon. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or knowing more about our faith, please call the office 673-1311 or email Patti: pattih2015@comcast.net.

RCIA is a process by which the Catholic Church forms and initiates new members into the Christian way of life, specifically in the Roman Catholic tradition.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Milford Knights of Columbus will once again award two \$1,000 scholarships to college-bound graduating high-school seniors who are members of St. Patrick's Church in Milford. Both scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, community service and Catholic involvement. Applications are available on line at the parish website.

Go to <https://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org/knights-of-columbus> and click on the Scholarship Application form link at the bottom of the page. Please print out and mail the completed form to Knights of Columbus PO box 176, Amherst, NH 03031 in time to be received by May 18, 2019.



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.

The clothing barn is in need of children's sleepwear.



Please remember in your prayers:

Leo Barriault, 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, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Dorothy Calogero, Tiffany Brown, Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Calahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, 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.



Lenten Friday Meals

As a parish community, each Friday evening during Lent at 6:00 PM we will share a simple meal, consisting of chowder or meatless soup, bread and water.

We need volunteers to make a crock pot of meatless soup on one or more Fridays during Lent. We ask that you please call the office (673-1311) if you are interested in providing a crock pot of meatless soup. There is a sign-up sheet in the church hall for soup-makers. There is no charge for this meal, however donations will greatly be accepted.

These are the dates: **March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12**



The Stations of the Cross will follow the meal in the Church at 7:00 PM.

**March 15 led by:
March 22 led by:
March 29 led by:
April 5 led by:
April 12 led by:**

**Patti
Knights of Columbus
Women's Prayer Group
Men's Prayer Group
Youth Ministry**

Evil spirits, power, and worship

During Lent the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested, transfigured, tells parables, forgives, and arrives in Jerusalem. This week's readings ask us how we respond to power.

The gospel is Luke's version of Jesus' testing by the devil in the wilderness. Immediately after Jesus' baptism, the Spirit leads him into the wilderness, the traditional place of testing and revelation (Nm 14:33-34; Dt 8:5). The chief evil spirit, the devil, tests Jesus and his resolve to his mission of *service to others*.

The power of evil spirits. All ancient cultures (and some contemporary ones) believed deeply in an uncountable number of spirits who interfere with the human world. Luke portrays the spirit world as a shadow kingdom or *counter-kingdom*, led by the devil, *that opposes God's kingdom*, established by Jesus. When God pronounces that Jesus is "my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased" (Lk 3:22), Luke's hearers understand this as a challenge to the spirit counter-kingdom. The chief evil spirit tests Jesus to see if Jesus is *worthy of God's favor* and to make Jesus *do something displeasing to God*. Jesus' tests focus on his ability to use his own authority to reject the devil's seeming power.

The evil spirit of power. Most modern cultures don't believe that spirits are behind the good or bad things that happen in people's lives. However, modern cultures do believe that *power*--financial, social, political, or military--can and does affect every person's happiness, health, and freedom in many ways. Rather than evil spirits testing us, *power tests us*. How we act in the presence or absence of power makes us either *worthy of God's favor* or *displeasing to God*. Our personal tests challenge us to use power and authority for the good of God's kingdom, and to reject power that crushes others, brings out evil, or worships power for power's sake.

The Lenten Lectionary readings call us to walk with Jesus as he prepares for his transformative death. Today's readings remind us of our need to worship God, whose power creates us, restores us, saves us, and transforms us. Every baptized person will be uniquely tested by worldly power, the counter-kingdom's power. Will we use our power to benefit ourselves or others? Do we acquire authority over others or for others? Which kingdom and which ruler will we choose to worship?

---Terence Sherlock

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

1st Sunday of Lent

In 1989, Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest and one of the most beloved spiritual writers of the 20th century published a short yet powerful volume, *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership*. This text is Nouwen's concomitant reflection on two Gospel passages: the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, specifically Matthew 4: 1-10, and the story of Peter's call to shepherd Jesus' flock found in John 21:15-19.

As disciples of Christ, we all lead others in various ways and there is much to be gained from Nouwen's thoughts. Nouwen breaks open each temptation in light of a shift in attitude, or what I prefer to call posture of presence and a particular practice or discipline which facilitates that shift.

Let's look again at the temptations. Jesus is taunted to be relevant: Turn these stones into bread! Jesus is taunted again to be spectacular: Worship me and I will give you all this power and glory! Jesus is goaded once more to be powerful: Throw yourself off this parapet and save yourself! With each needling provocation, Jesus lets his tempter know that he stands firmly in God.

Calling on the wisdom in the passage from the Gospel of John, Nouwen demands that we move away from the temptation of relevancy to a posture of prayer; from the temptation to be spectacular or popular to a posture of service and right relationship; and from the temptation to be powerful, being in the forefront, to reflecting and being led by those in need. Each is a very tall order indeed.

I wonder if in this season of Lent, we might choose just one temptation, one provocation which needles us and focus our energies there — to shift our posture just a bit. Whether it is the temptation toward relevancy, popularity or power, any resolve I have to combat these is grace and is founded in my relationship with God; it is founded in prayer. And how blessed we are — that when facing any temptation to be less than who we are called to be as Christians, we might call out in prayer with the beautiful rejoinder provided as today's psalm response:



“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”

Fr. Dennis

Lent is the most appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament of God's merciful healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

**Every Wednesday during Lent from 4:30-5:15pm
Saturdays from 2:45-3:45pm**