



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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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.

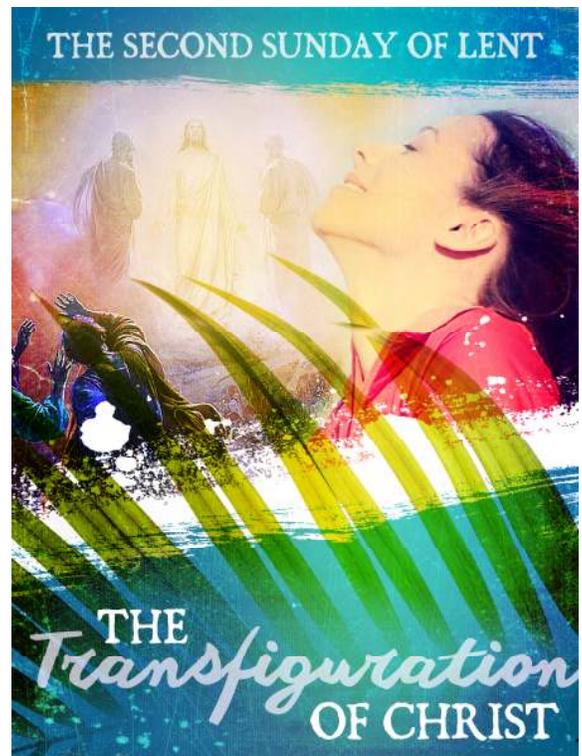
Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass, unless otherwise indicated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 7:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

(Except Dec 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT—March 17, 2019

MARCH 18-24, 2019

MON—3/18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
 7:30AM - Leo Bergeron by Joyce Nelson

TUES—3/19 - St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM - NO MASS

WED—3/20 - Lenten weekday
 5:30AM - Kathy Knowlton by Josef Zund & family

THURS—3/21 - Lenten weekday
 7:30AM - Rev. Richard Vickery

FRI— 3/22 - Lenten weekday
 7:30AM - Raymond Mersch by Mr. & Mrs. William Mersch

SAT—3/23 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent
 4:00PM - Michael O'Mara by his parents

SUN— 3/24 - 3rd Sunday in of Lent
 7:00AM - Members of the parish
 8:45AM - Guy Lussier by Mr. & Mrs. Neil Gauthier
 10:45AM - Christina Ferguson by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Terwilliger & family

MARCH 18-24 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon: 4:30PM—Catechism class with Fr. Dennis - C/H
 6:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis—C/H

Tues : 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 6:00PM—Confirmation Class prep grades 6 and up—SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H

Wed: 4:00-5:15PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
 4:15-5:15PM—Reconciliation—Church
 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC
 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—SPC
 7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794—C/H

Thur: 9:30AM—Bible Study—C/H
 6:00PM—Pastoral Council—SPC

Fri: 6:00PM—Lenten Meal C/H
 7:00PM—Stations of the Cross—Church

Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 2:45PM—Reconciliation— Church

Sun: Knights of Columbus Breakfast after all Masses
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church
 2:00PM— Reconciliation Service—Church

Readings: 3/24/2019

Ex: 3:1-8a, 13-15
 1 Cor: 10:1-6, 10-12
 Lk: 13:1-9

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 23-24, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Timothy B., Olivia L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne H., Karen N., Carol H.
Lector: Brian N..
Greeters: Bert D., Gary M., Joanne O., Pauline N.

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

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Ann G., Diane B.
Lector: Will M.
Greeters: Steve S., The Bells

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Jonathan & Olivia R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony & Michelle V.
Lector: Terri M.
Greeters: The Hohenadels., Mary L. Jude L.

WEEKEND OF: March 10, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(123) Envelopes		\$4,428
Loose Offerings		\$2,462
Total Sunday	\$7,393	\$6,890

Bishop Overseas Relief: \$810
Ash Wednesday: \$2,185

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 20, 27

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: March 17, April 14, May 19

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (3-17-2019)



Which of the traditional 14 Stations are not mentioned in the Gospels?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (3-10-2019)

The practice of walking from one wooden cross to another, whether along a path or around a church, began in Europe as a Franciscan devotion intended to encourage the faithful to meditate on the Passion of Jesus as if they had gone on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. (The Franciscans had been given responsibility for maintaining the Holy Places in 1342 by Pope Clement VI). In 1731 another Clement, the XIII, authorized the erecting of Stations in any church, with the permission of the local bishop. Clement XIII also fixed the number of stations at 14 (some shrines had as many as 37). However, until 1857, all Stations of the Cross, outdoors or in churches, had to be installed by or at minimum blessed by a Franciscan priest.

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

By March 31st in order to have everything ready for their Confirmation.

Confirmation Preparation

March 19 @ 4:30PM— grades 3-4-5

March 19 @ 6:00PM—grades 6 and up

EASTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If you would like your child(ren) to sing at the 8:45am Mass on Easter Sunday, the rehearsal schedule is: March 31st, April 7th & 14th at 6pm in the Choir Loft. Parents must be with their children. Age group is grades 1-5
Contact: Henry at saintpatmusic@gmail.com
ASAP



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 & Nancy Moro, 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 Jar-est, Marie Roccio, 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, 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 22, 29, April 5, 12**



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

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

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

Becoming reconfigured

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 and where we encounter God, and how such encounters change us.

Luke's gospel describes how Jesus is transfigured before Peter, John, and James. Luke uses dense references to Hebrew scripture to describe the disciples' mystical and transformative experience.

Prayer. Luke understands the transfiguration as a *prayer experience*. In Luke's gospel, when Jesus prays, something important happens, such as the theophany after his baptism (Lk 3:21), his choosing disciples (Lk 6:12), and Peter's profession of faith (Lk 9:18). Just as Jesus' prayer initiates his transfiguration, so *our prayers transform us*: a change of heart/mind (*metanoia*), a divine encounter, seeing another person in a new way.

Sleeping/awaking. In the ancient world, people frequently experienced *alternate reality* in visions and trances. In the first reading, Abram meets God in "a trance." Prophets like Isaiah (Is 6:1-13), Jeremiah (Jer 1:11-19), and Ezekiel (Ez 1:4-28) describe their experiences of God as visions or ecstatic states. In Hebrew scripture, *sleep* is often the medium for heavenly encounters or visions (Gn 15:12, Dn 8:18). Modern societies lose their appreciation for the *mystical* when they expect *scientific* proof from dreams and visions.

Change in perception. Peter, James, and John *could not fully understand what Jesus' transfiguration meant* until after they experienced his resurrection. Jesus' transfiguration was not permanent; it foreshadowed his resurrected self. Once resurrected, Jesus is able to transform us, as Paul says, "to conform with" him. Baptism foreshadows what we might be at the parousia; as *we allow Jesus to reconfigure us*, we change how we understand ourselves, others, and God.

The Lenten Lectionary readings call us to walk with Jesus as he prepares for his transformative death. Today's readings invite us to encounter God "in person." We most often find God in private or public prayer. We also meet God in the presence of others, in the physical body of the believing community, in hearing the scriptural word, and in the ritual of sacraments. Like Abram and the disciples in today's readings, we may also touch God in a "mountaintop experience:" an intense personal, spiritual, or emotional encounter. Each encounter can provide us with a new insight into God, others, and ourselves. How are we actively seeking God's presence? Are we transfigured by prayer? Are we able to see the divine in the everyday?

---Terence Sherlock

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

We began the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with the words of the prophet Joel: “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.” In Lent, we enter into a journey of conversion. Through **prayer, almsgiving and fasting**, we prepare our hearts to encounter the Lord of life in his risen glory at the feast that crowns our whole year.

In today’s first reading and Gospel, we have two instances of human beings contemplating the wonder of the divine through the gift of sight. For Abram, who God had called saying, “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you” (Genesis 12:1), the innumerable stars in the night’s sky are the sign of his creator’s ability to bring light from darkness and fulfill even seemingly impossible promises. God’s instruction to Abram, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can,” comes in response to Abram’s anguished cry, “Look, you have given me no offspring.” Abram is seeing from a human, limited perspective. Though God has promised to make his name great, he and his wife are elderly and childless. How can his name be great if he has no heir to carry it on? But God’s sight is not like ours. Where we might be tempted to see only barriers and obstacles, God calls us to look beyond. In turning his gaze to the stars, Abram’s eyes are trained to focus on the limitless expansion of God’s creation, a creation that he is invited to be a part of, even though it is unknowable, uncontrollable and defies quantification.

In the Gospel reading, Peter, John and James are also treated to a revelation of God’s glory in the Transfiguration. On the mountain, in prayer, Jesus is transformed from the humble preacher and wonderworker they had come to know, to a man clothed in “dazzling white” who converses with Moses and Elijah. Inside of a cloud, they hear the words: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Abram, Peter, John and James are each offered glimpses into the divine life of God. When Abram wakes up the next morning, the stars he gazed at in wonder will no longer be visible. As James, John and Peter make their way down the mountain, they are accompanied by their friend Jesus, no longer remarkable in his clothing or conversation partners. And yet, we know the stars remain even when we cannot see them. And Jesus, whether he is found in a manger as a vulnerable infant, resplendent on a mountain top, or nailed to the wood of the cross, is always the Son of God.

In the spiritual life, we might intend to live as children of the light, but unless we have eyes to see and ears to hear God working in our midst, we miss the opportunity to live into the fullness of life which Jesus promises to his followers. As we journey toward the joy of Easter, may our eyes be opened to glory of God present all around us. May we recommit with our whole hearts to live as children of light.

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 4:15 – 5:15 PM

Saturday 2:45 – 3:45 PM (except April 20)



Annual Day of Confession throughout the Diocese –

All priests in all parishes!

Holy Week - Monday, April 15

11:00 am to 1:00 pm AND 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Do you know your Pastoral Council Members?

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

Has your contact information changed?

Have you dropped your land line?

Has your phone numbers or email address changed?

Please call 673-1311 or email the office at diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com to update your information or if you have not filled out the form below yet, please fill it out and return it to the office.



St. Patrick Parishioners Communication Profile

If you have not filled one out yet. Please fill out and return to the parish office

Print Your Name: _____

Print Email address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Provider: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Method of Communication for Reminders

Email

Text

Both

Neither



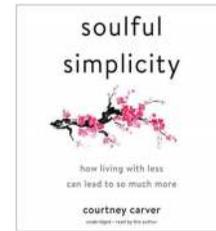
Please consider making a MEMORIAL GIFT to our church. You may wish to give a cash gift to help continue our renovation/restoration program. In addition to your weekly Sunday Offering. Or you may opt to make an extra gift annually of a Stock Transfer to the parish. Also, please consider a final gift to St. Patrick Church as you prepare for the distribution of your possessions in your LAST WILL and TESTAMENT.

If you wish to make a gift, please send it to the church office and designate in whose memory or honor the gift is being given. Thank you for helping to keep our parish fiscally sound and strong.

**Thank You
(Our Place Pregnancy Center)**

Thank you all for your donations over the last two months to the Knights of Columbus drive for Our Place pregnancy center in Manchester. The Director of the Center informs us that they are required to inventory and value the donations which she says are so generous that two staffers required 3 hours each to sort, value and put away all that they had received. The dollar value "was an astonishing \$2,900!!"

She continues: "I pray that God will continue to bless each of you, the Knights of Columbus organization, St. Patrick's Parish, and all your parishioners, for all you do on behalf of the women and couples who choose Life and are seeking assistance from our program so they can create happy, safe, and loving home environments for themselves and their children."



Winter Book Read and Discussion

Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 2-3:30pm

St. Patrick's Church Hall

Hosted by St. Patrick's Health Ministry team

Refreshments will be available as we discuss this book, Please RSVP by calling Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311- by Wed, March 27.



The Knights of Columbus

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on March 24 after all Masses. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, soda bread, coffee/juice.

A donation of \$5. would be appreciated.



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.

Our second collection next week is for our Heating & Air Conditioning. This collection helps pay for the heat for the Parish buildings. The ushers will be going down the aisles a second time



AED machines (defibrillators) are located in the Church near the elevator, in the Church Hall near the restrooms and in the Parish Center near Fr. Dennis' office.