



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5pm. Closed at Noon on 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.*

**Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687**

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### Pastoral Council Members

Chairperson: Chris Conard

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Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

### Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday:** 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday:** 7:00 A.M.; 8:45 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.

**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 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of

All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;

No matter your family or marital status;

No matter where you are in the practice of faith;

You are always welcomed here at St. Patrick.

# You're Invited!

On Saturday morning September 14th from 8-10am we will be having our next "Morning of Reflection" gathering. In this two hours, Fr Dennis will provide a teaching on the "**Power of the Cross of Jesus**" and then we will have conversation and break out into small groups for discussion. We will close our time together by gathering in the church for Eucharistic adoration and quiet prayer time. All are welcome. If you haven't attended in the past we invite you in a special way to join us as this time together has proven to be very impactful for both spiritual growth and individual reflection. There is no need to sign up....just show up at the church hall a few minutes before 8am to sign in. Coffee and donuts will be made available.



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— September 8, 2019

### SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2019

- MON - 9/9 - St. Peter Claver**  
**7:30AM** - Rev. Richard Vickery
- TUES - 9/10 - Weekday**  
**7:30AM** - **NO MASS**
- WED - 9/11 - Weekday**  
**5:30PM** - Engelberg Burkardt by his sister, Hannie and for the intentions of Michael Donnelly by John Milan
- THURS - 9/12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
**7:30AM** - Rev. Richard Vickery
- FRI - 9/13 - Weekday**  
**7:30AM** - Moe Facques by Joe Zund and Donald Knowlton by Kathy Marchocki
- SAT - 9/14 - Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4:00PM** - Dot & Francis Lorden by Jane Provins
- SUN - 9/15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:00AM** - Dot & Francis Lorden by Jane Provins  
**8:45AM** - Members of the Parish  
**10:45AM** - Crawford & Lessie Peters by Vesta Philbrick and Richard Fischer by his family

### Readings: 9-15-2019

Ex: 32:7-11, 13-14  
 1 Tm: 1:12-17  
 Lk: 15:1-32

### September 9-15, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon: 4:30PM—Catechism for Adults with Fr. Dennis  
 Tues: 4:30PM—Faith Formation  
 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)  
 7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)
- Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer group (SPC)  
 7:00PM—Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
 7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)
- Thur: 8:00AM—Blood Pressure Screening (C/H)  
 6:15PM—K of C 4th degree mtg  
 7:15PM—K of C 3rd degree mtg
- Sat: 8:00AM—Morning of Reflection (C/H)  
 Sun: Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses  
 Coffee & Donuts  
 6:00PM—Youth Ministry Orientation (grade 6-12)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF September 14-15, 2019

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol H., Bernie K., Laura D.  
**Lector:** Chris J.  
**Greeters:** Gary M., Bert D.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Roman B., Kathy S.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathie N., Sally W., John O.  
**Lector:** Jeanne D.  
**Greeters:** Skip G., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C., Ron C.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann & Mike G., Sr. Marcelle  
**Lector:** MaryGrace D.  
**Greeters:** Steve S., The Bells
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Andrew R.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen R., Tony V., Bridget C.  
**Lector:** Michelle V.  
**Greeters:** The Hohenadels, Mary L., Alex K.

### WEEKEND OF: September 1, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
<b>Budget From(171) Envelopes</b>		\$6,339
<b>Loose Offerings</b>		\$1,880
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$5,203</b>	<b>\$8,219</b>

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: \$1,090**  
**VANCO MONTH OF AUGUST: \$3,766**

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](http://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**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intentions of George Lemelin by John Milan

### *Congratulations and best wishes to*

Steven & Ali Sickles  
 Jeremy & Rachel Smith  
 Timothy & Katherine Graves  
 Ryan & Aimee Duffy  
 John & Marie Schappler  
 Gregory & Cecilia Leeper  
 Michael & Paige Lindskog



Whom exchanged their wedding vows at St. Patrick Church in 2019.

## Faith Formation Ministry

### **GRADES K-5**

Sunday Classes are  
12:15pm to 1:45pm

Sunday, September 8  
Sunday, October 6  
Sunday, November 3  
Sunday, December 1  
Sunday, January 5  
Sunday, February 9  
Sunday, March 1  
Sunday, April 5  
Sunday, May 3

### **GRADES K-5**

Tuesday Classes are  
4:30pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 10  
Tuesday, October 8  
Tuesday, November 5  
Tuesday, December 3  
Tuesday, January 7  
Tuesday, February 11  
Tuesday, March 3  
Tuesday, April 7  
Tuesday, May 5

### **GRADES 6-10**

Sunday evening classes  
from 6-7:30pm

September 15  
October 6 - 20  
November 3 - 17  
December 1 - 15  
January 5 - 19  
February 9 - 16  
March 1 - 15  
April 5 - 19  
May 3 - 17

### **GRADES 11-12**

Sunday evening classes  
6-7:30pm

September 15  
October 20  
November 17  
December 1  
January 19  
February 16  
March 15  
April 19  
May 3

These calendars can be found on our website under Faith Formation calendar.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Our weekday Adult Scripture Study is back! Moving to Monday (because of Sally's kid schedule). We're going to take a new, grown-up look at some **Bible Stories we First Learned as Children**. This will be a ten-week study but will run from September 16 to December 9 (Monday holidays, etc.) in the Church Hall from 9:30-11:00am. Each Monday will be a standalone lesson, so feel free to drop in when you are available.



### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 20, 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 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

### **NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS**

#### **Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9-1-2019)**

Last week we looked at the Feast of Passover. Observant Jews celebrate "Passover" for seven days (eight outside of Israel). This combines what were, in ancient Judaism, two related but distinct feasts: the Passover sacrifice, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for which the Passover was day 1 of 7. The unleavened bread of this feast has both historical and spiritual symbolism. What are they?

#### **Answer to Last Week's Question: (8-25-2019)**

For Passover each family was supposed to choose an unblemished lamb and keep it (rather like a pet) for a week before the day of the sacrifice. This lamb was then eaten at the Seder, a meal at which the story of the Exodus was retold.

Did you know? The parish Facebook page usually contains more detailed answers to these questions. Check it out!





## REMEMBER *in your prayers*

### Please remember in your prayers:

Joanne Coughlin, Ron Hug, Michael Donnelly, Thomas Martel, Donna Thomas, Skip Gauthier, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Michael Strong, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Brenda Lamarre, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Jack & Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Ronald Rood, Connor Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Marie Roccio, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Tiffany Brown, 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, Dan Nelson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Marc Belanger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Jack Long, Barbara Powers, Scott Dickinson, 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, 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.**

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### SHARE Summer Challenge

Did you know summer is the busiest time for food pantries? Many children eat both breakfast and lunch at school, but summer break brings on food insecurity. We have gone over our goal of 1,000 items for our SHARE Summer Challenge it would be nice if we could raise another 1,000 before the end of the summer. Please keep on giving.



### **NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY**

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.

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### Guests and guest lists: how to act, whom to invite

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings invite us to examine how God's kingdom overturns conventional wisdom about how guests and hosts should act.

Luke's gospel continues Jesus' teaching on the road to Jerusalem. A leading Pharisee invites Jesus to a sabbath lunch, giving Jesus an opportunity to teach about how God's kingdom reverses this world's expectations and rules.

**Guests at a worldly dinner vs guests at God's messianic feast.** In Mediterranean cultures, honor requires that people stay a step below their rightful status. As the parable suggests, shame, the opposite of honor, is a strong motivation for action. (Jesus notes elsewhere that the Pharisees were known for grabbing the best seats [Mt 23:6].) At first, Jesus' parable sounds like good social advice, but his parabolic conclusion that "the humble will be exalted" confounds his hearers. Jesus teaches that *God alone decides who is honorable*, by exalting or humbling. Human opinions about honor are unreliable.

**A worldly host's guest list vs God's guest list for the messianic feast.** In Mediterranean cultures, accepting an invitation obligates a guest to return the favor. Inviting people who could not host you in return was social suicide. To invite such people dishonored the host and his other guests. Jesus' instruction and example of inviting all teaches his host about *God's invitation to the end-time banquet*. Jesus teaches that *God determines true honor*, rewarding and honoring a host who is gracious to those unable to reciprocate an invitation. God's invitation to the messianic feast depends on *how inclusive our guest lists are now*.

This week's readings invite us to think about God's end-time feast and who is invited. While Sirach advises that humility is the starting point for right relationships, Jesus parodies the world's "good advice," subverting it with the kingdom's more radical demands. Jesus announces the good news freely to the blind, lame, poor, and outcast. God's hospitality, not human hospitality, is the standard. Are we honorable before God? Do we exalt ourselves at the cost of others? Is our hospitality free or reciprocal? Are we on God's guest list?

-Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: [LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com](http://LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com)

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:28, 33)

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2011, 1998, 1970 CCC)

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Discipleship is a lifelong process, often called a journey. We learn things along the way, likely starting out resolutely as Jesus does on his own journey to Je-rusalem. During this lifelong process we encounter different ways of looking at reality, new insights, challenging statements, and more. The metaphor of a journey is especially apt as we never stay still, nor does our environment or the people around us. We are all growing in knowledge, understanding, and experi-ence with former ways of understanding giving way to the new.

Developmentally, human beings tend to grow from a place of literalism to understanding the broader picture. Children can be told not to touch the stove, but as they mature they internalize the lesson and take care around a hot stove. Discipleship follows a similar path. We tend to be

more literal in the early stages of a relationship with Christ, but as we mature we see the deeper meaning of his injunctions and exhortations. Let us continue on this path to an adult relationship with Christ.

Today's gospel challenges us to be faithful disciples of Jesus. This is the second time in Luke's gospel that Jesus has told his would-be followers that if they wish to be his disciples they must take up their crosses and follow him. We, who wear crosses around our necks and place them in prominent places in our churches and homes, are probably not shocked by this statement. How might Jesus' original audience have felt when these words came out of his mouth? In Jesus' day the cross was a tool of torture and execution used by the Roman Empire to punish and make examples of those who would dare to defy its might. To carry your cross would be to constantly bear the weight of that which would ultimately kill you. And this is just what Jesus does. Knowing that his current path is leading him to Jerusalem and the crucifixion, he takes it anyway.

What does this saying mean for us today? Fortunately, many of us will never face mar-tyrdom for our beliefs. However, there are many ways of pouring out our lives for others. In *The Sound of Music*, the Mother Superior, in that most beautiful song: *Climb Every Mountain*, counsels Maria, the wayward postulant, to discern which path in life, marriage or sisterhood, "will need / all the love you can give / every day of your life / for as long as you live."

For us today, the cross is not so much a symbol of violence or brutality, but of the complete and total gift of self that Jesus completes on Calvary. On the cross, just as he did with every moment of his life, Jesus pours out all the love he can give. He invites us to do the same, "Take up your cross and follow me."

Fr. Dennis



TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF  
*COURTNEY TURGEON*  
YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS



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.