



## 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**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

**Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)**

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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.

#### 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 God).

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.

#### **Pastoral Council Members**

Chairperson: Chris Conard

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,

Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

### *Thanksgiving Table Blessing*

We come to our table to welcome this feast of Thanksgiving with joy and with gladness. We have prepared this feast with good food and drink. We have gathered together and come around this table to feast and to celebrate the many things for which we are grateful. Let us pray.

Lord of all blessings, from You has come a full harvest of gifts to us. With our uplifted hearts, we come today around this table to give thanks to You.

We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and forgiveness that we have shared.

On this Thanksgiving and this day of giving thanks, we thank you for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by actions of hospitality, by kindness to others and by concern for each other.

We thank You for the presence of *(name guests)* who, by their being here in our home, have added to this feast of joy and celebration.

We are most grateful, today, for the way You, our unseen God, has become visible to us in one another, both in our families and our friends in countless daily gifts and in the marvels of creation itself.

Come, Lord of Gifts, Bless our table and all the food of this feast. Let us thank the Lord today and all our days. Amen!

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe— November 24, 2019

## Nov 25-Dec 1, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1, 2019

#### **MON - 11/25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria**

**7:30AM** - Ron Hug by John Milan & Rev. Richard Vickery

#### **TUES - 11/26 - Weekday**

**7:30AM** - NO MASS

#### **WED - 11/27- Weekday**

**5:30PM** - Special Intentions by Jane Provins

#### **THURS - 11/28 - Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00AM** - Members of the Parish

#### **FRI - 11/29- Weekday**

**7:30AM** - NO MASS

#### **SAT - 11/30- Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent**

**4:00PM** - Brandon Kluz by the Kluz & St. Cyr families & Martha Coughlin by the family

#### **SUN - 12/1- 1st Sunday of Advent**

**7:00AM** - Members of the Parish

**8:45AM** - Courtney Turgeon by Kevin Duchemin & family

**10:45AM** - Maureen Wischerth by Ida Caveney & Paul Pfeifer by the family

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (SPC)  
Wed: 6:05PM—**NO** Women's Prayer group (SPC)  
7:00PM—Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
Thur: 9:00AM—Thanksgiving Mass  
Sat: 7:30PM—Men's Prayer Group (SPC)  
Sun: 12:15PM—Family Faith Formation grades K-5(C/H &SPC)  
6:00PM—Youth Ministry grades 6-10 (SPC & C/H)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THANKSGIVING

9:00AM **Altar Server:** Jacob & Caitlin B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane H., Laura D. MaryGrace  
**Lector:** Mike C.  
**Greeters:** Pauline N., Dianne H., MaryGrace D.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF November 30-December 1, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R..  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joanne O., Linda V., Carlo H.  
**Lector:** Chris Janson  
**Greeters:** Gary M., Bert D., Joanne O.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Kathy S.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally W., Amy G., Jeanne D.  
**Lector:** Kathleen J-P.  
**Greeters:** Skip G., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Willa A., Stephen A.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Ann G., Sue P>  
**Lector:** Suzanne P.  
**Greeters:** The Santinellis

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T., Claire B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Henry A., MaryGrace D.,  
**Lector:** Kathy M.  
**Greeters:** The Hohenadels, Ron V., Weedlenson J.

### Readings: 12-1-2019

Is: 2:1-5  
Rom: 13:11-14  
Mt: 24: 37-44



### WEEKEND OF: NOVEMBER 17, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(183) Envelopes		<b>\$5,337</b>
Loose Offerings		<u>\$2,244</u>
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,556</b>	<b>\$7,581</b>

**Facilities Repair: \$2,871**

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**



### **FORMED**

Please accept this gift from your church community

**To get started: Register**

Go to our parish website, [www.saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://www.saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

Click – FORMED (found on the front page)

Click – Sign Up

Click – I Belong to a Parish or Organization

Enter in our zip code – 03055

Enter your name and email – and you're in!

**Then any time you want to use FORMED** – go to our website click FORMED, click Sign-In found at the top of the page and You're in!

Discover over 4,000 titles of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies.

There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

If you need assistance call the church office at 673-1311 or

[diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com](mailto:diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com)

## **Faith Formation Ministry**

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

### **GRADES K-5**

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

Sunday, December 1  
Sunday, January 5  
Sunday, February 9  
Sunday, March 1  
Sunday, April 5  
Sunday, May 3

All are welcomed to the adult teaching in the Church.

### **GRADES K-5**

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

Tuesday, December 3  
Tuesday, January 7  
Tuesday, January 11  
Tuesday, March 3  
Tuesday, April 7  
Tuesday, May 5

### **GRADES 6-10**

Sunday evening classes  
from 6-7:30pm

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

December 1  
January 19  
February 16  
March 15  
April 19  
May 3

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

On Thursday, November 28, we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. Please join our parish Community as we gather around the table of the Lord in grateful thanksgiving and praise of God's presence in our lives as we celebrate the Eucharist, our greatest prayer of thanksgiving. Every one is invited to come and give thanks.

**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THURSDAY, NOV 28 & FRIDAY NOV 29.**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
FROM FR. DENNIS & THE STAFF**



### **NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS**

**Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (11-24-2019)**

This week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, always the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, who expressed hope that by proclaiming the sovereignty of Jesus over all the world, the Church might help rebuild civil society. At Jesus' trial, Pilate asked Him "Are you the king of the Jews?" What was Jesus' response?

**Answer to Last Week's Question: (11/17/2019)**

As Catholics we believe in guardian angels, individual angels who are appointed to accompany each human throughout our lives and into the afterlife. This belief grows from the understanding of the Jews of Jesus' time that there were countless angels who served God by "ruling" the various nations as well as the physical phenomena of Creation. In particular, the Catholic understanding of the guardian angel draws upon Jesus' words when He calls a little child into the group as He is teaching about humility: "See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 18:10), seeming to confirm that each individual child is connected with a particular angel.



### **CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

The Boy Scouts of Milford Troop 4 will once again sell wreaths outside the church after Masses during the weekend of Nov 30 - Dec 1st. If you would like to order your wreath in advance, go to St. Patrick Website ([saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) under Resources/Boys Scouts Sale **there are 2 different order**



Our Christmas Fair is on December 7th. At this time we are collecting bake goods items for the bake table. If you pick a cutout from the poster in the vestibule, please bring in the bake goods on Friday, December 6th between 9 & 5pm in the Church Hall.





## REMEMBER *in your prayers*

### Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Loscocco, Janet Porter, David Pfeifer, Maureen Yergeau, Stephen Swallow, Irene Hendrickson, Pamela Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Janine Hartwell, Hope Kelly, Thomas Martel, Donna Thomas, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Michael Strong, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Brenda Lamarre, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Ronald Rood, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, 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, 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.



### NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola 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 MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S NEW UNDERWEAR

#### Kings and kingdoms past, present, and to come

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Lectionary presents images of kings and kingship, and ask us to reflect on our place in the kingdom or reign of God.

Luke's gospel presents part of the passion story, specifically three views of Jesus as a religious messiah, political king, and sacramental embodiment of God.

**Jesus' "failed" messiahship.** The religious leaders judged Jesus according to their own expectations of the "chosen one" or the "messiah/Christ of God." They challenged him to "save himself," but their understanding of salvation is limited to *physical survival in a physical messianic kingdom*. The religious leaders are incapable of being saved because *they reject the redemptive value* of Jesus saving act.

**Jesus' "failed" political kingship.** The soldiers (standing in for all temporal powers) judged Jesus according to their own expectations of a "king of the Jews." They challenged him to "save himself," but their understanding of salvation is limited to *political liberation from physical rulers or enemy kings*. The rulers and their minions are incapable of being saved because *they reject the spiritual liberation from sin* Jesus offers.

**Jesus' sacramental embodiment of God's salvation.** Only Luke's "good thief" recognizes Jesus' true kingship. He "fears God," a sign of *metanoia* (change of mind/heart). He asks Jesus to "remember him when Jesus comes into his kingdom." Jesus, the saving messiah and forgiving king, promises a place in God's kingdom "today" to a *sinner who responds in faith*.

This week's readings ask us to think about the meaning of Jesus' kingship and our response. David's popular kingship prefigures Jesus' shepherding his people. The Colossian "Christ hymn" proclaims Jesus as reigning supreme over all creation. Luke corrects limited religious and political ideas of Jesus' kingship and kingdom. How do we understand Jesus' kingship? Do we see his messiahship and kingdom far off in the future, or here today? Do we see his servant kingship as a model, or as irrelevant to leaders today? How do we respond to his offer of forgiveness and salvation today?

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

#### 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.

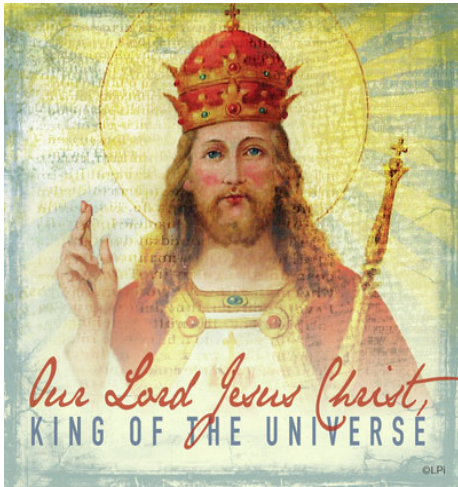
**Marriage:** Weddings are a special time of joy and promise for a bride and a groom. Engaged couples are invited to contact the pastor personally (preferably 6-12 months) prior to the desired wedding date to begin their preparation. Couples should not make any commitment with a reception venue prior 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.

**The Church Hall will be closed from October 7th until the ceiling and lights are redone. People will be able to use the restroom during Mass times.**

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



Though we repeat it at church often without thinking, it can be odd to call Jesus, “King.” There are not many kings or queens today and those that do exist are usually figureheads. Jesus has many titles in Scripture, one of which is Christ (Messiah, the Anointed), others are Lamb of God, the Alpha and the Omega, Lion of David, Savior, Lord, Son of God, Son of Man, and King. Of course, today’s reading tells us that he was given the title “King” by Pontius Pilate, or at least by the Romans who crucified him, as they were the ones who would have had the authority and responsibility for placing any sign above the cross.

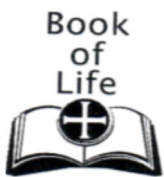
What is a Christian response to the Romans calling him “king” in such a mocking, degrading way? Christians embraced it and said he was king in a way unlike earthly kings, for his kingdom was not of this world. Even the two thieves crucified alongside him encouraged him to save himself if he really is the Messiah. But again, his kingdom is not of this world. What he does have he offers the repentant thief, “*Today you will be with me in Paradise.*” The true king of a kingdom not of this world offers repentance, forgiveness, and paradise to those who seek it. The suffering encountered in this world will be reversed and overcome in the next. The one dying on a cross is destined for paradise. The authorities of this world are putting to death the king of the kingdom of God. But this king will upend the ways of the world.

We proclaim Jesus as king, but he is no mere figurehead. He rules the kingdom of God where justice reigns, the lowly are raised up, and the mighty brought low. Those who hunger and thirst are satisfied whereas the rich are sent away empty. Is this our king? Are we subjects in this kingdom? Or are we more content being subjects of the kingdoms of this age? Jesus is our king, the crucified, humiliated one whose destiny is paradise. Let us align ourselves with him and all the poor and lowly in the world.

The two thieves on either side of Jesus have remarkably different attitudes toward Jesus. One disrespected Jesus, prodding him into saving himself and them. The mockery from the bystanders wasn’t enough. Jesus faced mockery from one of his fellow condemned criminals. The other repentant thief placed faith in Jesus with a simple request to “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Not only will Jesus remember him, but he promises to be with him in paradise that day. There seems to be no “descent into hell” in Luke’s understanding. That very day Jesus and the thief will be in paradise.

Our call is to recognize Jesus’ kingship as well, though knowing it is a kingdom not of this world. The paschal mystery gives us hope that death leads to new life. And Jesus will bring others with him as they too experience the paschal mystery. *We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory ... Lord God, heavenly King!*

Fr. Dennis



November is traditionally the month in which we remember all our deceased loved ones. The “Book of Life” will be available in the Sanctuary for the entire month. Sheets are available on the tables in the back of the church for you to post those you wish to be remembered. Please fill them out and place them in the Book of Life.