



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.

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

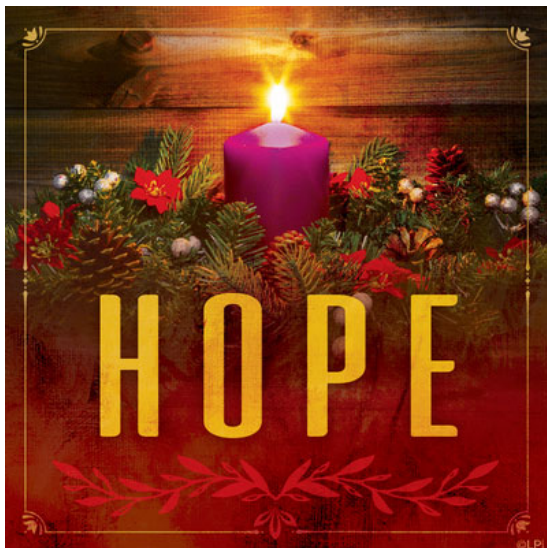
All are Welcome

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.



Eucharistic



Adoration

On Friday December 6th we will continue with our intentional hour of prayer during first Friday Eucharistic adoration. This will take place between the hour of 7:00-

8:00pm. Each month, we pray for a specific intention that affects our universal church. Our goal is to use this most holy time of prayer to call on God's involvement and blessing in these specific areas of need in our Church. There will be special prayers offered during this hour and we ask you to prayerfully consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of first Friday adoration which runs from 6pm – 8pm the first Friday of every month. On Friday December 6th we will be praying for Family, Youth and Unborn.

First Sunday of Advent — December 1, 2019

Dec 2-8, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2-8, 2019

- MON - 12/2 - Advent weekday**
7:30AM - Ron Hug by the Knights of Columbus
- TUES - 12/3 - St. Francis Xavier**
7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED - 12/4 - St. John Damascene**
5:30PM - Joanne Coughlin by Patti Hendrickson
- THURS - 12/5 - Advent Weekday**
7:30AM - Intentions of Dan Nelson by his mom, Joyce
- FRI - 12/6 - St. Nicholas**
7:30AM - Kathy Horn by John & Beth Milan
5:30PM - All souls
- SAT - 12/7 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent**
4:00PM - Raoul St. Cyr by the St. Cyr & Kluz families
- SUN - 12/8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**
7:00AM - Members of the Parish
8:45AM - Deceased family members of the Bergeron & Larose families
10:45AM - Laurette Coté by Ida Caveney and Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley

- Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (SPC)
Tues: 4:30PM—Family Faith Formation (Church & SPC)
Wed: 5:15PM—Evening Prayer (Church)
6:05PM—Women's Prayer group (SPC)
6:30PM—RCIA
7:00PM—Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Fri: 6:00PM—Adoration following the 5:30PM Mass
Sat: 7:30PM—Men's Prayer Group (SPC)
9:00AM-2:00PM **CHRISTMAS FAIR** (C/H)
Sun:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 7-8, 2019

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Timothy B., John M.
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura D., Pauline N., Dianne H
Lector: Scott B.
Greeters: Gary M., Bert D., Pauline N., Dianne H.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Kathy S.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sally W., Kathie N., John O.
Lector: Jeanne D.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C., Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Juanita, Diane B. Joe R.
Lector: Mike C.
Greeters: Steve S., the Bells
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jane N., Anthony V., Bridget C.
Lector: Michelle V.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Bernie Q., Mary L.

Readings: 12-8-2019

Is: 11:1-10
Rom: 15:4-9
Mt: 3:1-12



WEEKEND OF: NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Because the bulletin had to be sent to the publisher this past Friday. The weekend offering will be in the bulletin of December 8th.

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



Join us for Advent Evening Prayer

We will be celebrating Advent Evening Prayer on the Wednesday's of Advent at 5:15PM in the church.
Dec. 4: 5:15 PM —Advent Evening Prayer followed by Mass at 5:30 PM
Dec. 11: 5:15 PM —Advent Evening Prayer followed by Mass at 5:30PM
Dec. 18: 5:15 PM —Advent Evening Prayer followed by Mass at 5:30 PM



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

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

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

The Bible Timeline, the Story of Salvation

Ty Perry and Sally Wilkins will be leading a 24 week bible study on The Great Adventure: The Bible Timeline, the story of the 14 narrative books of the Bible. We will be meeting on Tuesday nights 6:30-8:00 starting January 28.

The program is encompassing in scope, eye-opening as Jeff Cavins leads you through the story of God's Salvation, but is not overly academic or scholarly. Easily accessible for participants with beginner levels of biblical knowledge, and equally rewarding for those with fuller knowledge. You may find out more at Ascension Press <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/the-great-adventure> Each participant will need to purchase a course workbook which has charts, commentary, and questions to answer. Or perhaps one workbook per couple if you wish to share. The cost will be \$37.95 per workbook when ordering in bulk. Please do not order yet or send us money - we will let you know when we reach a minimum participant threshold and then ask for the money to order the books together. Please sign up soon by calling Faith Formation at 673-4797 or emailing perry8777@comcast.net.

FORMED

First, go to our website

www.saintpatrickmilfordnh.org and register

Follow the directions given on the front page – this is a free gift for you!

This week take a look at “FORMED Daily with Dr. Tim Gray” This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ.

More suggestions coming next week.

The Christmas Play – January 5, 2020

We are now looking for children to participate in our annual Christmas Play. For rehearsal dates and more information contact Jude Lorman at judelorman@gmail.com

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (12-1-2019)

Answer to Last Week's Question: (11/24/2019)

Jesus' answer to Pilate, according to all the Gospels, was enigmatic: “You say so.” John indicates that when Pilate pressed Him, He explained, “My Kingdom is not of this World.”

The Jews of Jesus' day had longed for a Messianic King, a descendant of King David who would re-establish the earthly Kingdom of Israel with its capital at Jerusalem. Only after the Passion and Resurrection did the Apostles understand that the eternal Kingship promised to David by God through the words of the prophet Nathan (1 Chronicles 17:11-14) was far greater than any earthly kingdom.



Please remember in your prayers:



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, 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

Advent: wake up and be ready

The First Sunday of Advent marks the start of a new liturgical year: the liturgical color changes from Ordinary time's *green* to Advent's *purple*, and the Sunday gospel readings change from Luke to Matthew. *Adventio*, a Latin verb meaning "I am coming," is the root of the English word *advent*. Advent's unfolding liturgical narrative and rituals encourage us to *look back* to Jesus' historical incarnation, to *look forward* to Jesus' *parousia*, and to *look at our readiness now* as disciples.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus uses three parables to warn his disciples to be prepared, personally ready, and constantly watching for the Son of Man's return.

Unexpected flood. Jesus warns his disciples that in Noah's time, *only a few were aware* of the coming destruction; most people didn't know about the flood until happened. Those who entered the ark were saved, those who were unaware perished. Only those who *diligently prepare according to God's instructions* will enter the kingdom.

Typical working day. Jesus warns his disciples that although people *appear to be the same, they are judged differently by God*. One will be taken into God's kingdom; the other will be left unsaved. Only those who are *personally ready* for the Son of Man's coming will enter the kingdom.

Housemaster and thief. Jesus warns his disciples that it is a thief's *unexpected appearance* that overcomes the housemaster. While planning and preparation are important, the housemaster must always be vigilant. Only those who *treat every moment as if it were the moment* of the Son of Man's coming will enter the kingdom.

This week's readings, and all Advent readings, ask us to look back to Jesus' historical incarnation, his liturgical and sacramental coming now, and his future coming. Isaiah *looks forward* to a world of peace when all obey God's instructions. Paul *looks back* to the beginning of faith, and *forward* to God's coming reign. The gospel *looks forward* to the *parousia*. We may hear someone say he or she knows when Jesus is going to return, as if that person knows the unknowable. Such predictions miss what Jesus tells us today: instead of trying to guess the day and hour, prepare for it. Jesus calls us to be awake and watchful. Are we prepared by living God's instructions daily? Are we personally ready by being in a right relationship with God? Is the gospel part of our every moment?

Terence Sherlock
Read the full reflection & subscribe at: 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 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 Advent



We enter Advent with a call to attention ... “Stay awake!” The patterns of our lives continue from one season to the next, and yet, on the first day of December and first day of Advent, we are called to pause and attune all of our senses to what really matters: Christ present in our midst and the kingdom of heaven being built here and now.

“Stay awake!” These words in the Gospel of Matthew today strike us to the core as we begin the Advent season. These words also foreshadow the disciples’ struggle during the agony in the garden. The call to stay awake presumes that we might be dozing off, idling our time away. Disciples must be ready at all times without resorting to a false sense of security.

Jesus tells his audience that as it was in the time of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Lord. In Noah’s day, human beings went steadily on their way, unaware and apparently unconcerned that something larger was at work. Yet, “the flood came and carried them all away.” Jesus tells his listeners that the Son of Man will come when we do not expect it. These words were written for Matthew’s community, which might have grown complacent during the intervening decades between Jesus’ time on earth and the writing of the gospel. But these same words are for us, even two thousand years later. Rather than expecting a phenomenal disaster like the flood of Noah, we might consider our own death, which may come when we least expect it.

Perhaps there is a reason a literary interpretation of the Bible ... also known as a fundamentalist approach to Scripture ... is referred to as “a kind of intellectual suicide” by the Pontifical Biblical Commission (The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church, 35). As Catholics, we recognize the theological truth conveyed in these gospel stories are much more profound than the way they are sometimes portrayed.

The truth being taught is WE MUST BE PREPARED for the coming of the Son of Man when we meet our own death. And with respect to that day, none of us knows when it might be. It will come as a thief in the night. Therefore, we should not grow weary, but instead “stay awake!”

Fr. Dennis

SPECIAL DATES IN DECEMBER

- First Sunday of Advent, *December 1, 2019*
- Second Sunday of Advent, *December 8, 2019*
- Third Sunday of Advent, *December 15, 2019*
- First day of winter, *December 21, 2019*
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 22, 2019*
- Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2019*
- Christmas Day, *December 25, 2019*
- New Year’s Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2019*



GIVING TREE

If you wish to pick a star and buy a gift for a less fortunate person or family for Christmas, the giving tree sponsored by SHARE is in the vestibule. Do not forget to pick up the instruction sheet on when and where to bring back the gift.