



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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Chairperson: Chris Conard

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Steve Santinelli.

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).

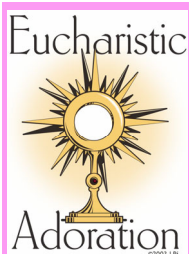
All are Welcome

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.



On Friday, January 3rd 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, January 3rd we will be praying for Peace in the World for 2020.

Happy New Year

The Holy Family — December 29, 2019

Dec 30-Jan 5, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 5, 2020

MON - 12/30 - Weekday

7:30AM - Rev. Richard Vickery

TUES - 12/31—The Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

5:30PM—All Souls

WED - 1/1— Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

OFFICES CLOSED

10:00AM - Members of the Parish

THURS - 1/2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:30AM - Intentions of Dan Nelson by his mother, Joyce
William Morisson by the Knights of Columbus

FRI - 1/3— Holy Name of Jesus

7:30AM - Loretta Krymwiede by the Bilik family

5:30PM—Raymond Hattoy by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Frost

SAT - 1/4 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00PM - Jane Pratt by the Mace family

SUN - 1/5— The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM - Jack Leonard by Jerry & Amy Guthrie

Lloyd Adams by Mr. & Mrs. Eric Jensen

8:45AM - Members of the Parish

10:45AM - Joanne Coughlin by Bernie Quinn

Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley

Mon: 9:30AM—NO Bible Study UNTIL JANUARY 6, 2020
Tues: 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
Wed: **OFFICES CLOSED**
Fri: Adoration following the 5:30pm Mass until 8pm
Sat: 7:30PM—Women & Men morning of reflection (C/H)
5:00PM—Christmas Play rehearsal (C/H)
Sun: Coffee & donuts (C/H)
10:00AM—Christmas Play (C/H)
12:15PM—Faith Formation (C/H)
6:00PM—Youth Ministry (C/H)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR December 31-January 1, 2020

5:30PM **Altar Servers:** Stephen A., Roman B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne O., Laura D.,
Dianne H.
Lector: Jeanne D.
Greeters: Gary M., Diane H., Joanne O.

10:00AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C.
Eucharistic Ministers: John O., Joe R.,
Mary Jane N.
Lector: Chris J.
Greeters: Gary M., Pat K., Jude L.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF January 4-5, 2020

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** John M., Stephen A.
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda V., Pauline N., Dianne H.
Lector: Chris J.
Greeters: Gary M., Pauline N., Diane H., Bert D.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Roman B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathie N., Jerry G. John O.
Lector: Amy G.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Willa A., Stiles C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Ann G., MaryGrace D.
Lector: Michael C.
Greeters: The Santinellis

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Henry A., Kathy M., Bridget C
Lector: Teresa M.

Hat & Mitten Tree

With coldest months upon us the Health Ministry Team is again sponsoring our Hat & Mitten Tree. Beginning December 29th and continuing through February =2, donations of handmade or purchased mittens, gloves, hats and scarves (for all ages) can be hung on the tree in the vestibule. The donated items are given to Share Outreach and are available to all who enter their office for assistance.

Readings: 1-5-2020

Is: 60:1-6
Eph: 3:2-3a. 5-6
Mt: 2:1-12



The Sunday Offerings for the weekend of December 22nd and Christmas will be in the bulletin of January 5th

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

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

Family Faith Formation Classes

GRADES K-5

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

Sunday, January 5
Sunday, February 9
Sunday, March 1
Sunday, April 5

GRADES K-5

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

Tuesday, January 7
Tuesday, January 11
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, April 7

All adult parishioners are welcomed to join us
in the Church Hall.

Youth Ministry Classes

GRADES 6-10

Sunday evening classes
from 6-7:30pm

January 5 - 19
February 9 - 16
March 1 - 15
April 5 - 19
May 3 - 17

GRADES 11 & 12

Sunday evening classes
6-7:30pm

January 19
February 16
March 15
April 19
May 3

If classes are cancelled they will be held the following week.
For weather related cancellations check with **WMUR, OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL.**

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!

Holy Family

- *Study: Beloved: Mystery and Meaning of Marriage - God's Design for Life and Love
- *Watch: Mary of Nazareth, Joseph of Nazareth
- *Kids: Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost
- Treasure: Holiness is Always in Season



The Christmas Play
Sunday, January 5, 2020
at 10:00AM
in the Church Hall

Rehearsal dates are:
Dec. 27th 6-7pm,
Dec 29th 1-2pm,
Jan 4th 5-6pm

for more information contact Jude Lorman at
judelorman@gmail.com



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (12-29-2019)

The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas is always the Feast of the Holy Family. What's an Octave?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (12/22/2019)

In Scripture, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the feast of the Dedication ("Chanukah" in Hebrew) in John 10:22-39.) The Feast celebrates the re-consecration of the Temple after it was desecrated by the Greeks, who slaughtered a pig on the altar. The Jews retook the city of Jerusalem and purified the Temple after the triumphant revolt of the Maccabees (the book of 2 Maccabees is a summary of events leading up to and during the Maccabean revolt). First Maccabees 4 details the purification and rededication of the Temple. The miracle of the oil, a single cruet of which kept the lamps of the Menorah burning for eight days, is not reported in Maccabees but comes from the Talmud.

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.



REMEMBER in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

Connie Gonzalves, Amanda Alcox, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, 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, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Brenda Lamarre, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, 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

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.

THE CLOTHING BARN IS IN NEED OF MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S NEW UNDERWEAR

Christmastime: the challenges of family

During the Christmas season, the Lectionary presents us with the events of Jesus' early life. The first Sunday after Christmas celebrates the feast of the *Holy Family*. The readings ask us to consider the challenges that family members face.

Matthew's gospel tells the familiar story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and return to Nazareth. Once again, Matthew makes Joseph the central figure in these stories of dreams and actions.

Dreams. Throughout Matthew's infancy narratives, an *angel appears in a dream* to communicate *divine plans*. In dreams Joseph receives instructions about Mary's pregnancy, their marriage, the danger to Jesus, and when to return to Israel. In addition, the words "Joseph," "dream," and "Egypt" connect Mary's husband Joseph to the Hebrew scripture *patriarch Joseph*, who had and interpreted dreams while in Egypt.

Actions. Matthew tells us that Joseph is "righteous" and "follows the Lord's commands." Joseph's actions *help fulfill the Hebrew scripture prophecies* about the messiah: by marrying Mary, Joseph passes his Davidic descent to Jesus; by emigrating to Egypt, Joseph enables Jesus to relive the Exodus experience of Israel; by returning to Israel and Nazareth, Joseph allows Jesus to "be called a Nazorean." Like the Hebrew scripture patriarch, Joseph's attention to God's word and Joseph's faithful his actions preserve his family and fulfill God's promised salvation.

This week's readings, and all Christmas season readings, ask us to consider the revelations about Jesus' human and divine natures. Sirach and the author of Colossians place family at the center of the believing community. Matthew highlights Joseph's role of listening and acting to fulfill God's plan. God asked Joseph to do difficult things: accept Mary's unexplainable pregnancy, leave his country and extended family and become a refugee, return and settle in a new place. In our own families, do we honor each member's difficulties with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience? As parents, do we bear with each other and forgive each other? As children, do we appreciate parents' and grandparents' dreams and actions to preserve their families?

Terence Sherlock

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

Envelope offering donations.

If you are not using the offering envelopes and would like to, call the Parish office at 673-1311 and we will be happy to send you some.

SACRAMENTS:

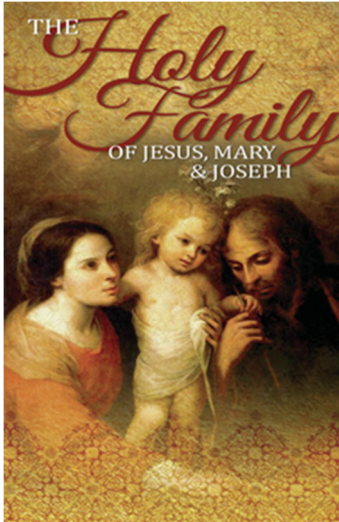
Baptisms: We rejoice with parents at the birth of a new child.

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.



Holy Family Sunday 2019

In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph and Mary had a home in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The magi eventually found their way to the home to find the child Jesus (not the infant). And now, Joseph takes the child and his mother into Egypt. Only after Herod had died did Joseph have the courage to return home. Inspired by an angel in a dream, he did not return to Bethlehem, but instead made his way to Nazareth.

Matthew's story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt is essentially a story of refugees. Matthew states clearly that Joseph was afraid. He feared the authorities and what might happen if he and his family were apprehended. The fears were real, and the danger proximate. The Holy Family crossed boundaries into Egypt to escape the authorities. Upon Herod's death, the coast was not clear, only clear enough to leave Egypt and settle somewhere else. So that is precisely what they did. Joseph, Mary, and the child left Egypt. Instead of settling in Bethlehem, their home, they made a home in Nazareth. The shifting, perhaps chaotic early years of Jesus' life, speaks to a reality that millions unfortunately face today, and have faced throughout human history.

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In our modern world, we are witnessing a magnitude of migration of peoples not seen since World War II. As Christians we might ask ourselves how do we treat these people? Can we see the Holy Family in their plight? Or are they merely scofflaws, evading the authorities? It can be one thing to look with pity on the Holy Family and their flight into Egypt. But what of the lived reality of this biblical story in the lives of so many in our world today? May we as followers of this child refugee, this migrant Holy Family, recognize that same presence today and, in so doing, act on their behalf.

As we live the paschal mystery, we are called to allow God's word to speak to the realities we face today. Let us, as disciples, identify with the outcast, marginalized, and afflicted, for that is how the Holy Family lived. In so doing, we will suffer and die in this struggle only to be raised to new life.

It's difficult to read or hear these stories fresh or in a new way when we are so familiar with them. But with today's gospel we are reminded of the reality that Joseph, Mary, and the child Jesus were political refugees. They feared for their lives, as Herod had massacred the innocents. The Holy Family found safety and refuge in a foreign country. Though Jesus was Emmanuel, danger was present and must have seemed a specter shadowing the Holy Family. We know that Jesus will ultimately lose his life on the Cross ... judged as a criminal at the hands of the state. Is it any wonder that the gospel message is so popular with the outcast and marginalized?

Blessings for a Happy New Year! Fr Dennis



On Saturday morning January 4th from 8-10am we will be having our next "Morning of Reflection" gathering. In this two hours, Fr Dennis will make a presentation on our Baptismal call to share our faith and religion with others followed by small group 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.