



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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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.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Inclement Weather and Weekday Masses

Parishioners are now to be aware that if there is a weather-related **cancellation** or **2 hour delay** announced by the **Milford School System**, there will be no Mass that morning. Official announcements of cancellations and delays will be made on the schools cancellations ribbon on WMUR -TV CHANNEL 9. This policy is for the safety of parishioners and those who are responsible for snow removal.



The Epiphany of the Lord — January 5, 2020

JANUARY 6-12, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 6-12, 2020

MON - 1/6 - St. André Bessette
7:30AM - Rev. Richard Vickery

TUES - 1/7 - St. Raymond of Penafort
NO MASS

WED - 1/8 - Christmas weekday
5:30PM - Phoebe Hodge by Jane Provins

THURS - 1/9 - Christmas weekday
7:30AM - Joanne Coughlin by the Bergerons

FRI - 1/10 - Christmas weekday
7:30AM - Loretta Krumwiede by the Bilik family

SAT - 1/11 - Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
4:00PM - Melodie Charbonneau by the family
 7th anniversary and
 The intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Clement
 Lamarre by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee

SUN - 1/12 - The Baptism of the Lord
7:00AM - George Macinko by Jane Provins
8:45AM - Members of the Parish
10:45AM - William Morisson by the Bergerons

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study
 Tues: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Class (C/H & SPC)
 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
 7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)
 Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group (C/H)
 6:30PM—RCIA (SPC)
 7:00PM—Choir (Church)
 7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)
 Thur: 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree followed
 by 3rd degree (C/H)
 Sat: 7:30PM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF January 11-12, 2020

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Bernie K., Carol H., Joanne O.
Lector: Eric J.
Greeters: Gary M., Bert D., Joanne O.

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

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Morgan & Erin P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle L., Sue P., Ron C.
Lector: Suzanne P.,
Greeters: Steve S., Lisa M., Pat K.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Victoria & Andrew R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen R., Mary Jane N., Jude L.
Lector: Paul D.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Ron V., Bernie W.

Readings: 1-12-2020

Is: 42:1-4. 6-7
 Acts: 10:34. 3
 Mt: 3:13-17



The sanctuary will burn this week in memory of Mary Pratt by her daughter, Elaine



Weekend of December 22nd

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(166) Envelopes		\$4,437
Loose Offerings		\$1,735
Total Sunday	\$7,344	\$6,172

Facilities Repair \$11,060
Christmas: \$23,041

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

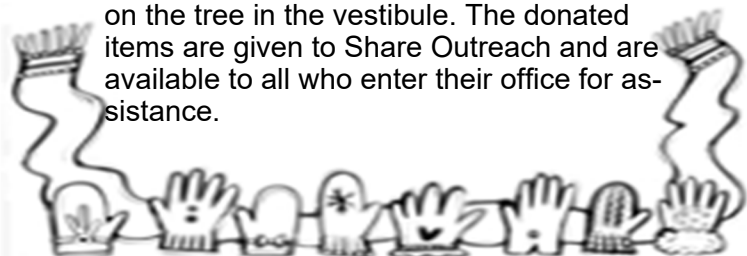


Christmas:



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.



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

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

GRADES K-5

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

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

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 Faith Formation 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!

Suggestions for this week

Mary, Mother of God

- Watch: Ready Reasons: Is Mary the Mother of God?
- Kids: Cat.Chat: Episode 1- Celebrating Mary
- Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

Epiphany of the Lord

- Watch: Ready Reasons: Were the Magi at Jesus' Birth?
- Kids: Cat.Chat: Episode 2 – Learning about Jesus
- Listen: God Made Man

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Date: January 14
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Place: Parish Center room 301-302
Who is required to attend: Parents
Contact the Faith Formation office for questions

SNOW DATE: Jan. 18 from 10am to 12noon

Confirmation/First Communion Parent and Sponsor Meeting

Date: January 21
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Place: Church Hall
Who is required to attend: Parents and Sponsors
Call the Faith Formation office with questions

SNOW DATE: January 25 from 10am to 12pm



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (1-5-2020)

Epiphany comes from the Greek word for "Appearance," of a deity. In the western Church this celebration focuses on the pilgrimage of the Magi, who represent the Gentile nations, to honor the Incarnate Lord. In the East, two other events from Jesus' life are also included in this celebration. What are they?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (12/29/2019)

You'll remember that on the 8th we looked at the rankings of the Church's celebrations. Solemnities, the highest-ranking type of celebration, begin on the evening before the Feast, with a vigil Mass (as do all Sundays). But two greatest Feasts of the Church, the Nativity and Resurrection, are so marvelous that even an extra 12 hours is not enough to contain them. These two feasts continue for a full eight days, or Octave. So remember, Christmas isn't over yet!

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 in the parish hall starting January 28.

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:

Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, 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 Silloway, 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: seeking, worshiping, gifts, and conflict

During the Christmas season, the Lectionary presents us with the events of Jesus' early life. Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, which means "shining upon" or "manifestation." The feast commemorates the magi's visit to Jesus. The readings ask us to consider the conflicts of change.

Matthew's gospel recounts the magi's visit. This story appears only in Matthew, who includes it because his community was mostly gentile Christians. Matthew's story affirms that gentiles are also able to hear God's word and to become part of the believing community.

Seeking. The magi *initiate* their search for the "newborn king of the Jews." Without the benefit of Hebrew scripture, they use their own astrological practices to discover Jesus. In their quest, the gentiles encounter resistance from those in power who fear interference and change.

Worshiping. The magi want to *worship* the new king. Matthew uses a Greek word that can mean "to prostrate oneself before another," an eastern custom that shows respect or homage to someone of higher status, or "to worship a deity." In their quest, the gentiles move from simply paying homage to a human king to worshipping the divine Jesus.

Giving gifts. As befitting a human king, the magi *offer gifts* to Jesus as signs of respect. Only after Jesus' resurrection do the gentiles' gifts reveal Jesus in his kingship (gold), divinity (incense), and saving death (myrrh).

This week's readings, and all Christmas season readings, ask us to consider the revelations about Jesus' human and divine natures. In Isaiah, the revelation of God's inclusivity surprises those who thought of God as exclusively their own. In Ephesians, the revelation about the gentiles' equal sharing in salvation surprises those who want to limit participation in the community. In the gospel, the revelation of Jesus as messiah creates conflicts with those who seek their own power, worship, and respect from others. Whom do we seek? Whom do we include and exclude? What gifts do we offer? Whom do we worship and why?

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:

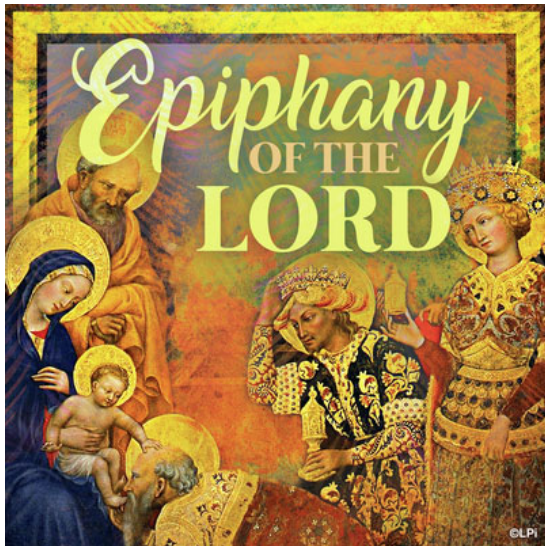
Baptisms: We rejoice with parents at the birth of a new child.

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.



Epiphany 2020

The story of the Epiphany, or the visitation of the magi, is told only in Matthew's Gospel. It's easy to read into the story, however, imagining that three kings bring the infant Jesus presents. But in reality, the number of magi is not given. We typically imagine three because of the number of gifts they brought. Also, the three are thought of as "kings," even though that word doesn't appear here either. Matthew calls them "magi," which were a class of priests from Persia (modern-day Iran). And though we likely imagine the infant Jesus, he is called a "child" here.

The gifts themselves represent royalty, and the magi represent Gentiles (non-Jews). This tells us that even Gentiles come and worship Jesus, prefiguring the conclusion of the gospel, when the risen Lord will give the commandment to go out to ALL the nations teaching them and baptizing them. Finally, the fact that the magi find the child Jesus (rather than the infant) is significant too, as Herod will order the slaughter of the male children based on when the star initially appeared.

This story gives us many points to consider. One might be the fact that Gentiles (considered "the other") come to worship Jesus. Herod needs to ask his advisors about the prophecy when those from Persia are seeking out the child on their own. We, too, might be open to the other, those who come to the truth and to the person of Jesus on their own accord or by following their own stars. We know that, by the end of the gospel, this is Jesus' intention too, that his teachings are not restricted to a few, but are open to all. This is the same gospel that will tell us that not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven. Instead, entry is only for those who do the will of the Father. And the will of the Father is that we act mercifully, much like the magi of the gospel today.

The magi in today's gospel represent all those who are not part of the "in crowd". These foreigners, who do not know Jesus, come to worship him before anyone else. They recognize in the signs of nature that something significant has happened, and they seek it out.

We can ask ourselves, too, what we might miss when signs are right in front of our eyes. What is God doing in our midst? Is it something that others—foreigners, those not part of the "in crowd"—notice, but it escapes our attention? Let us die to our preconceived notions and surety in knowing the Lord, and be open to what God has in store for us. God is doing something new. There is an epiphany (God revealing something) under way. May we have eyes to see and ears to hear what God is saying to us.

Fr. Dennis