



## 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**

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#### **Pastoral Council Members**

Chairperson: Chris Conard

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Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,  
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 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.

#### **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.



**BAPTISM**  
*of the*  
**LORD**

# The Baptism of the Lord — January 12, 2020

## JANUARY 13-19, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 13-19, 2020

**MON - 1/13 - St. Hillary**

7:30AM - Jean Keenan by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dineen

**TUES - 1/14 - Weekday**

7:30AM— NO MASS

**WED - 1/15 - Weekday**

5:30PM - Rev. Richard Vickery and Josef Krynski

**THURS - 1/16 - Weekday**

7:30AM - Intentions of Dan Nelson by his mother, Joyce

**FRI - 1/17 - St. Anthony**

7:30AM - NO MASS

**SAT - 1/18 - Vigil of the 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME**

4:00PM - Allen Hendrickson by the family

**SUN - 1/19 - The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00AM - Jack Leonard by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Donnelly

8:45AM - Courtney Turgeon by Mr. & Mrs. Emile Duchemin

10:45AM - Members of the parish

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study  
 Tues: 6:00PM—Reconciliation mtg for parents (SPC)  
 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)  
 7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)  
 Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group (C/H)  
 7:00PM—Choir (Church)  
 7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)  
 Sat: 7:30PM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)  
 10:00AM—Reconciliation Meeting for Parents (C/H)  
 Sun: Coffee & donuts (CH)  
 6:00PM—Youth Ministry Grades 6-8 (C/H)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF

#### January 18-19, 2020

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Timothy B., John M.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura D., Pauline N., Linda V.  
**Lector:** Scott B.  
**Greeters:** Gary M., Bert D., Pauline N., Dianne H.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Roman B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike & Ann G., John O.  
**Lector:** Kathleen J.P.  
**Greeters:** Skip G., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Willa A., Stephen W.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sr. Juanita, Diane B., Joe R.  
**Lector:** Will M.  
**Greeters:** Steve S., The Bells

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T., Claire B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anthony V., Joyce N., MaryGrace D.  
**Lector:** Pamela T.  
**Greeters:** Mark H., Mary L., Weedlenson J.

### **Readings: 1-19-2020**

Is: 49:3, 5-6  
 1 Cor: 1:1-3  
 Jn: 1:29-34



### **Weekend of December 29, 2019, 2020**

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(136) Envelopes		\$3,465
Loose Offerings		<u>\$2,611</u>
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$6,076</b>	<b>\$6,076</b>
Mary Mother Of God:	\$2,552	
Monthly Vanco e-giving	\$5,963	

### **Weekend of January 5, 2020**

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(196) Envelopes		\$6,352
Loose Offerings		<u>\$3,117</u>
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,599</b>	<b>\$9,469</b>

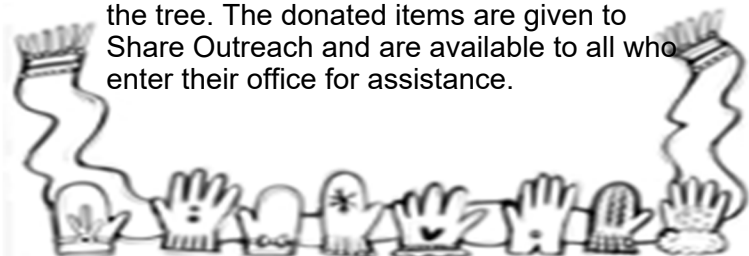
E-giving is available to all parishioners. This is a safe and easy way to give to the parish. Go to our website [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) under NEWS & EVENTS and scroll to "giving" then follow the instructions. This is very helpful for parishioners who want to give on a regular basis.

**GIVE+ONLINE**



### **Hat & Mitten Tree**

With coldest months upon us the Health Ministry Team is again sponsoring our Hat & Mitten Tree. The tree will remain in the vestibule through February 2. Donations of hand-made or purchased mittens, gloves, hats and scarves (for all ages) can be hung on the tree. 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, February 9  
Sunday, March 1  
Sunday, April 5  
Sunday, May 3

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

#### **GRADES K-5**

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

Tuesday, February 11  
Tuesday, March 3  
Tuesday, April 7  
Tuesday, May 5

### **Youth Ministry Classes**

#### **GRADES 6-10**

Sunday evening classes  
from 6-7:30pm

January 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](http://www.saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) and register
- Follow the directions given on the front page – this is a free gift for you!
- Suggestions for this week

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

- Watch, [God's Doorkeeper](#) (the story of St. André Bessette, known as a miraculous healer, and his devotion to St. Joseph as reflected by the incredible Montreal Shrine, St. Joseph's Oratory)
- Study, [YDisciple \(Teens\): Living the Creed, Session 1: Baptism and Confirmation](#)
- Read, [Sacraments in Scripture](#)
- Listen, [Stealing Home](#) (former Kansas City Royals' three time player of the year)

### **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

On Tuesday, January 14 from 6-8pm in the 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**

On Tuesday, January 21 from 6-8pm in the Church Hall  
Who is required to attend: Parents and Sponsors  
Call the Faith Formation office with questions

## **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 center starting Jan 28. [Please sign up soon](#) by calling Faith Formation at 673-4797 or emailing [perry8777@comcast.net](mailto:perry8777@comcast.net).

### **NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS**

#### **Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (1-12-2020)**

How old was Jesus when Mary and Joseph discovered that He had not left Jerusalem with them after the Feast?  
What was the Feast?  
What is the significance of Jesus' age at the time?

#### **Answer to Last Week's Question: (1/5/2020)**

The other two "Epiphany" events are the Baptism of Jesus by John, who saw the Holy Spirit descend and heard the Father declare Jesus "my beloved Son;" and the Miracle of the Wine at the Wedding of Cana, when Jesus' divine power was first revealed to His disciples. In the Western Church the Feast of Jesus' Baptism is the next Sunday after the Epiphany.





## REMEMBER in your prayers

### Please remember in your prayers:

Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, 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 Sil-lowy, 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 worshiping 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](http://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.

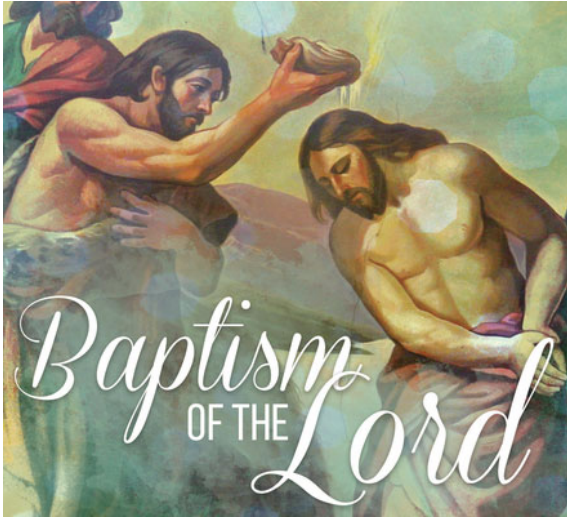
Parents are encouraged to initiate preparation for baptism prior to the child's birth. Call the Parish Office at 673-1311 for information and pre-baptism instruction.

**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 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.

## **Baptism of the Lord 2020**



Have you ever heard a story and then retold it to make it “better”? Maybe it was a question of timing, or introductions, or clarifying motivation. There are many ways stories are told and retold, and often they do get better in the retelling. This is what happens in today’s gospel when we hear Matthew’s version of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The story Matthew had at hand was from Mark’s Gospel. There, John the Baptist is said to have preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. So, one question naturally arises: Why would (sinless) Jesus undergo baptism for the forgiveness of sins? Also, Matthew

has Joseph and Mary aware of his identity, something entirely absent from Mark’s version. Thus, in Mark, the heavenly voice says, “You are my beloved son” (addressed to Jesus). Not so in Matthew, where the heavenly voice says, “This is my beloved son.” In Matthew, the voice is not for Jesus’ sake but for the crowds. In these and in many other ways Matthew has improved the story—made it “better.”

Matthew’s Gospel includes the exchange between these Jesus and John the Baptist. John protests and recognizes that he is the one who should be baptized by Jesus. Jesus does not match the vision John has been preaching. Instead, Jesus is mixing with sinners, those truly in need of baptism. In short, John objects to this state of affairs. But Jesus holds his ground and proposes that they proceed to fulfill “righteousness,” which means something like fulfilling what has been prophesied. The salvific intent of God has been foretold in the Scriptures. Each now is to play a designated part.

Ultimately, the gospel passage we read today is not so much about the baptism of Jesus as it is about the revelation of Jesus’ identity to John and to the world. As with so many episodes in the gospel, we would do well to focus on the theological insights conveyed by the author.

Let’s also remember that Baptism is an ancient practice with some roots in the Essene community and in the ministry of John. Many of those ancient Jewish people who felt a need to repent of sin and experience forgiveness were baptized by John in the Jordan. How strange then that Jesus, too, went to John to be baptized. This has been a theological quandary ever since. Each evangelist handles the matter in a slightly different way, with the Gospel of John skipping the baptism altogether, so that John simply testifies to Jesus as the Lamb of God! Baptism will be the way new members, too, are welcomed into the Church, in imitation of Jesus himself. At the conclusion of Matthew’s gospel, Jesus commands the 11 Apostles to go out to all nations and make disciples by baptizing them.

We see baptism then as a dying to a former way of life and living now for God. Once baptized we are welcomed into the family of God, living a life in the spirit, the same spirit that animated the ministry of Jesus. On this feast of the baptism, let us recall the meaning of our own baptism and live lives worthy of that call.

*Fr. Dennis*