



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.

Pastoral Council Members

Chairperson: Chris Conard

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,

Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

Eucharistic



On Friday, February 7th 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, February 7th we will be praying for Vocations to the Priesthood.

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.

Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020

Feb. 3-9, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3-9, 2020

MON - 2/3 - St. Blaise

7:30AM - Jack Milan by his dad, John
12 anniversary

TUES - 2/4 - Weekday

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED - 2/5 - St. Agatha

5:30PM - Margie Larpenter by Jane Provins

THURS - 2/6 - St. Paul Miki

7:30AM - Martin Beck by Mr. & Mrs. George Rollend

FRI - 2/7 - Weekday

7:30AM - Loretta Krumwiede by the Bilik family
5:30PM - All souls

SAT - 2/8 - Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - In celebration of Tina Gaidmore 100 birthday
by Loretta Aveni

SUN - 2/9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Members of the Parish
8:45AM - John & Noreen Esposito, Demetrio & Mary
Caruso & Ernest Dubois by Mr. & Mrs. Jack
Esposito
10:45AM - Kathy Knowlton by Kathy Marchocki

Tues: 6:00PM—Teachers' mtg (grade K-5) SPC
6:30PM—Bible Timeline— The Story of Salvation class
(SPC)
7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)
Wed: 6:30PM—RCIA (SPC)
7:00PM—Choir (Church)
7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)
Sun: Coffee & donuts (CH)
12:15PM—Faith Formation K-5 (C/H & SPC)
6:00PM—Youth Ministry (C/H)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF February 8-9, 2020

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

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

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Victoria & Andrew R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Ann G., Karen R.
Lector: Joe R.
Greeters: Steve S., The Bells

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P., Willa A.
Eucharistic Ministers: Anthony V., Ron V., Kathy M..
Lector: Paul D.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Bernie Q.

Readings: 2-9-2020

Is: 58:7-18
1 Cor: 2:1-5
Mt: 5:13-16

Weekend of January 26, 2020

| Parish Offering | Prior Year | This Year |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Budget From(166) Envelopes | | \$4,213 |
| Loose Offerings | | \$3,313 |
| Total Sunday | \$11,467 | \$7,526 |



Heat & Air Conditioning: \$2,545

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



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

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

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

GRADES 11 & 12

Sunday evening classes
6-7:30pm

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!

Presentation of the Lord

Watch: Ready Reasons: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary? Read: Cradle of Redeeming Love
Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

Saint Blasé

Kids: The Book of Saints and Heroes. Listen: Holiness is Always in Season

Saint Agatha

Listen: Women Made New. Listen: Feminine Genius

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.

24/7 Connectedness to Technology and Impact on Health and Well-Being

**On Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 6:15-7:15pm
At the Parish Center, room 301-302
Hosted by St. Patrick's Health Ministry Team**

Come find out the impact of so much dependence on mobile-based technology and social media on our brains, communication and relationships.

This presentation is for adults only. To register, contact the Parish Office at 673-1311. Seating is limited.

Deadline to register is March 8



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (2-2-2020)

This Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation. It was traditionally called "Candlemas" and candles for the year were blessed on this day. What is the connection between candles and the events of the Gospel?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (1/26/2020)

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted. Satan's authority over the earth began when Adam and Eve did not resist temptation. By remaining obedient to God, Jesus passed the test that Adam failed.

Prayer Line call

**Diane or Patti at
673-1311.**



REMEMBER in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Leo Ouellette, 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 Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan 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, , Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, 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

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes.

These items 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

Basket Drive baby items for "Our Place"

Baskets located in the church, the hall.

Take-home lists of needed donation items found at each basket

Please place your donations in the baskets from now until Feb 25



OUR PLACE in Manchester is an outreach program of Catholic Charities of NH. For 35 years, the primary goal of the program has been to create safe, supportive and loving family environments for babies and young children of adolescents and young adults who are parenting their first child. This is achieved by providing pregnancy and parenting education and support, for the first three years of the child's life, in order to protect children and create strong families. One OUR PLACE client wrote to say, "I am thankful for this program because it has helped us so much. My nurse and social worker are wonderful persons who give me very helpful information and service with all of their heart."

Sponsored by the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus
Culture of Life Program

God appears in the Temple: sign, fulfillment, contradiction

This week, the *Feast of the Presentation* interrupts Ordinary time's continuous readings. The *Presentation* is the final celebration of the gospel incarnation cycle. The Lectionary readings ask us to consider Jesus as a sign of contradiction.

Luke's gospel tells the story of Jesus' presentation in the Temple. Luke presents Jesus in his religious, social, and saving contexts.

Jesus as devout Jew. Jesus' parents are devout Jews and faithful observers of the Torah. Luke describes two different Torah observances in this passage. The first is Mary's *purification*, which occurs thirty-three days after a child's birth. After childbirth a woman was considered ritually unclean until she was purified (Lv 12:1-4). The second is Jesus' *presentation* or *redemption of the first-born male child*, which occurs a month after the child's birth. This "redemption from the Lord" was a five-shekel offering for the Temple priests (Nm 15:18f). Mary, Joseph, and Jesus fulfill all the law requires.

Jesus as one of the poor. The Torah specifies that the usual purification burnt offering is a *lamb* (Lv 12:6). If the woman cannot afford a lamb, she may *substitute* a turtledove or pigeon as the burnt offering. Mary's purification offering is two turtledoves, indicating the family's poverty. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are among the *poor of the land*, the '*anawim*' ("the Lord's poor").

Jesus as savior. Thought to be an early Christian liturgical psalm, Simeon's prayer praises God for Jesus' *incarnation* and *saving act for Jews and gentiles*. Jesus' name means "*Yahweh saves*." Simeon's prayer echoes Jesus' name when he says he has "*seen God's salvation*." Jesus will be "light of revelation to the *gentiles*," and the "*glory of your people Israel*." Both phrases point back to Isaiah's *servant of the Lord* poems (Is 42:6, Is 49:6, Is 46:13). Jesus is salvation for all people.

This week's readings, like the Christmas season readings, ask us to consider the revelations about Jesus' human and divine natures. Malachi's prophecy promises God will come to the Temple. The Hebrews' author connects Jesus' incarnation with his mighty act of redemption. Luke shows how Jesus comes at a specific time and place in history to accomplish salvation for all people for all time. Simeon cautions that every prophetic word is a sign of contradiction. Accepting a prophetic word requires faith; faith in a prophetic word determines a person's rise or fall. As prophets, what word do we speak? As disciples, whose prophetic word do we believe? As believers, what are we awaiting?

Terence Sherlock

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



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

When dealing with children or even with adults(!), it's good to keep things fair. We do not want to favor one over the other, for such is the breeding ground of jealousy and resentment. It is important to make sure that there is an even or equitable distribution.

Today's gospel is from Luke, who gives us more stories about women than any other gospel. In fact, often throughout the Gospel of Luke there is a story of a man paired with a story of a woman. And, in fact, we see this pairing today with Simeon and Anna. The "longer" version of the gospel today includes the story of Anna. There are so few stories of women in the gospels that it does not seem right to read only a portion of the story, in effect clipping out Anna, shortening it so that we hear only about Simeon rather than Simeon and Anna.

Joseph and Mary are fulfilling the obligations of Mosaic Law, the precepts of their faith. Both Simeon and Anna are in the temple, and each encounters the child Jesus—Simeon having been there at the prompting of the Spirit, and Anna because she never left the temple. Both are prophets, though Luke properly uses the feminine form, "prophetess," of Anna. Not only does Anna give thanks to God, but she also speaks about the child to those in her midst. Luke sets this story in Jerusalem, in the temple, where Zechariah, the priest and father of John the Baptist, first learned that his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son. Jerusalem will also be the location where the gospel ends. Luke is geographically bookending his story as it were.

After Joseph and Mary leave the temple, having fulfilled the precepts of the law, they return to their home in Nazareth, and we never hear of Simeon and Anna again. Their respective prophecies continue themes from Luke that were sounded by Elizabeth and by Mary herself. Jesus is destined to be the rise and fall of many. The hungry will be filled and the rich will be sent away empty.

The gospel story for the presentation of the Lord is "rich" with theological significance and meaning. Luke gives us not only the perfunctory fulfillment of Mosaic Law, but also those actions accompanied by a prophet and by a prophetess. We would do well to read the story to include both Simeon and Anna, and not snub the significant role of a woman to save a few minutes during Mass. It should go without saying that women figure prominently in some of the most remembered stories about Jesus, including his birth, death, and resurrection. And here today we have the story of his presentation, accompanied by the presence of Simeon and Anna. Many other stories about Jesus feature men so prominently that it seems only right to read today's gospel in its entirety. In so doing, we are reminded of something we know well: women speak the powerful words of God just as men do. In the Old Testament and in the New, women were prophets (prophetesses). When given the opportunity, let us showcase this too often neglected aspect of our rich faith. And in our own world, in our own day and age, let's listen attentively to the prophetesses in our own midst. Luke gives equal voice to the women. We would do well to follow his example.

Fr. Dennis



The Monday Morning Bible Study, hosted by Sally Wilkins, will resume on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 from 9:30-11:00am in the Church Hall.