



## 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**

**Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)**

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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 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).

#### **Lenten Adult Faith Formation Opportunity.**

**Classes will be from 4:30 until 5:45PM on Mondays:  
February 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
in the Church Hall.**

**Fr. Dennis, Facilitator**

#### **Pastoral Council Members**

Chairperson: Chris Conard  
Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,  
Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,  
Steve Santinelli.

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.

#### **Prayer Line call**

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

# Presence™

## THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST



AUGUSTINE  
INSTITUTE

These sessions have been carefully designed to help participants discover the powerful way that God is present to us in the Eucharist, inviting us into an intimate union with himself. We will examine the effects of the sacrament and its setting in the Mass, explore the scriptural foundation of the sacrament, and discover the beauty of Holy Communion and the transformative power of the grace God offers us in this sacrament. The Presence series utilizes session videos and group reflection with the use of a Study Guide to communicate its message.

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2020

### Feb. 17-23, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 17-23, 2020

**MON - 2/17- The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
**OFFICES CLOSED**

**7:30AM - NO MASS**

**TUES - 2/18- Weekday**

**7:30AM - NO MASS**

**WED - 2/19- Weekday**

**5:30PM - NO MASS**

**THURS - 2/20 - Weekday**

**7:30AM - NO MASS**

**FRI - 2/21- St. Peter Damian**

**7:30AM - George Whelton by the Knights of Columbus**

**SAT - 2/22 - Vigil of the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00PM - David Hebert by his wife, Gloria**  
 4th anniversary and  
 Enriqueta Gumbrecht by Michelle Hill

**SUN - 2/23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00AM - All Souls**

**8:45AM - Courtney Turgeon by Sean Duchemin & family**

**10:45AM - Members of the Parish**

Tues: 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)  
 Thurs: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council (SPC)  
 Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)  
 Sun: Knights of Columbus Breakfast



**ALL OFFICES  
 WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF February 22-23, 2020

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** John M. Steven A.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bernie K., Carol H., Laura D.  
**Lector:** MaryGrace D.  
**Greeters:** Gary M., Bert D., Pauline N.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Roman B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** John O., Eric J., Jeanne D.  
**Lector:** Michael C.  
**Greeters:** Skip G., Joe Z

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C., Willa A.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane B., Sr. Marcelle, Sue P.  
**Lector:** Suzanne P.  
**Greeters:** Steve S., Lisa M., Pat K.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Caitlin & Jacob B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joyce N., Mary Jane N., Kathy M.  
**Lector:** Teresa M.  
**Greeters:** The Hohenadels, Bernie Q., Ron V.

### **Readings: 2-23-2020**

Sir: 15:15-20  
 1 Cor: 2: 6-10  
 Mt: 5:17-37



The sanctuary will burn this week in memory of David Hebert by his wife, Gloria



### **Weekend of February 9, 2020**

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(165) Envelopes		\$5,438
Loose Offerings		\$5,207
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$6,382</b>	<b>\$10,645</b>

**Facilities Repairs: \$2,410**

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**



### **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.

## **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, March 1  
Sunday, April 5

**GRADES K-5**  
Tuesday Classes are  
4:30pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 3  
Tuesday, April 7

### **Youth Ministry Classes**

**GRADES 6-10**  
Sunday evening classes  
from 6-7:30pm

February 16  
March 1 - 15  
April 5 - 19

**GRADES 11 & 12**  
Sunday evening classes  
6-7:30pm

February 16  
March 15  
April 19

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

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!

#### **Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto**

Study: Diving Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, Episode 6 – Fatima  
Listen: Our Lady of Fatima

#### **The Chair of Peter the Apostle**

Study: Lectio: Peter – The Primacy of the Church  
Study: Lectio Salvation  
Watch: Keys of the Kingdom – Understanding the Papacy  
Watch: Francis: The People's Pope

## **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**

**Thanks  
for Your  
Help!**

The Community Service committee would like to thank John Ordemann and Bob Wezalis of the Knights of Columbus for cooking a spaghetti dinner for close to 90 people for the Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST) on Saturday, February 8. This dinner served children, mentors and their caregiver families in honor of two years of hosting the Children's Resiliency Retreats at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley. Resiliency Retreats are designed for children who are affected by a loved one's substance abuse disorder - giving them a safe place where they can learn. If anyone is interested in finding out more about these retreats, which occur bi-weekly at the club, please contact Monica Gallant, Director of Prevention Services ([mgallant@svbg.org](mailto:mgallant@svbg.org)).



**NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS**

**Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (2-16-2020)**

Jesus called two sets of brothers as some of his earliest disciples. Who were they? What profession did they share?

**Answer to Last Week's Question: (2/9/2020)**

Jesus first public miracle was turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana. This was a sign of Jesus' identity as the Messiah because abundant wine was one of the promises of the Messianic age.



## 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 are 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.

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



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

"The Knights of Columbus will be cooking a traditional Irish Dinner on Saturday March 14.

We will serve just after the 5pm mass. Food will consist of traditional corned beef with all

fixings and home-made desserts. We will enjoy Irish music and games. There are a limited number of seats, so please buy your tickets early. Cost is \$15/person or \$60 maximum per family. Please seek out Knights of Columbus after mass or visit the Church Office to purchase tickets. Net proceeds will be donated to Saint Patrick Parish"

### Discipleship: revealing God through faithful fulfillment

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings ask us to consider how our discipleship fulfills God's Law.

Matthew's gospel continues Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus describes his relationship to the Law and righteousness, and gives examples of how a disciple must go beyond mere conformity to the law.

**Jesus and the Law.** The "Law and the prophets" is Hebrew scripture's *revelation of God*: the divine Word itself *revealed in the Law and interpreted by the prophets*. As God's son, Jesus *reveals God's fullness* through his teaching (words) and his own life (actions).

**Jesus and righteousness.** "Righteousness" means *fidelity to God's law*. Jesus criticizes the scribes and Pharisees not because they seek to *follow the law*, but because they often focus on the Law's *proscription rather than its intent*. The scribes and Pharisees study and follow the Law to make *themselves* righteous before God. Jesus' disciples must *seek God first*, then live the Law.

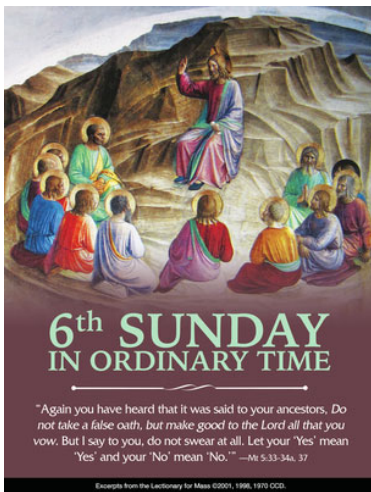
**Antitheses and examples.** An *antithesis* is a rhetorical device in which a statement pair compares or contradicts each other. Through his antithetical statements, Jesus urges his followers to *seek the Law's deeper purpose or meaning*. Taking Jesus' antitheses out of context, Christians often think Jesus' teachings oppose Hebrew scripture. Jesus states that he comes *to fulfill the law, not to abolish it*. Jesus' antitheses teach what that fulfillment means. Jesus interprets the Torah in such a way that leads to the Torah's goal (to reveal God) and its fullness (deeper observance).

This week's readings ask us to think about our calling as disciples. Sirach presents discipleship as a binary choice: Law or self, life or death. Jesus challenges disciples to a higher righteousness: not simply right actions, but right inner motives. God demands a disciple's total obedience. Those who say that what Jesus asks is impossible are correct: disciples can advance to absolute obedience only through God's unmerited grace. Do we treat the Law as a minimum to be met or a revelation of God? Do we obey commandments to prove our own righteousness or to seek God's will? Do we consider the Law unachievable or as an opportunity for grace?

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: [LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com](http://LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com)





## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The child was asked to clean his room before he could go out to play. He replied, “What’s the least I have to do?” He wondered if making the bed would count, or if the floor had to be clean too. Do his clean clothes need to be put away, or only left in the laundry bin and tucked away in his closet? What about under his bed? Would that be checked, and would it have to be clean? The exasperated father wondered when the child would want a clean room for his own sake and not simply because the father had asked. Such an attitude on the part of the child is similar to what’s on display in today’s gospel.

To those people who want to be right with God, but wonder what is the minimum required to achieve that relationship, Jesus has an answer. Jesus takes certain aspects of the law of Moses and expands them. Rather than a command not to kill, Jesus says, do not grow angry. Rather than a command not to commit adultery, Jesus says not to look at another with lust. In other words, the Mosaic Law is not simply the bare minimum we need to do to be right with God. Instead, we need to go above and beyond the letter of the law if we are to be followers of Christ. Merely fulfilling the minimum is not enough.

When Jesus responds in this way, we may crave a return to the minimum! How can I keep myself from growing angry, which is a natural human response to perceived injustice? The standard Jesus sets may seem impossible to realize. The statement about plucking out one’s eye is certainly hyperbole, and recognized as such by the early church. The standard established by Jesus fulfills the law rather than abolishing it. Jesus’ teaching goes to the heart of the matter. His advice to let “*yes*” mean “*yes*” and “*no*” mean “*no*” is a clear statement to that effect. Disciples of Jesus speak the truth without equivocation.

So, when we want to ask, “What’s the least I have to do?” we may need to reconsider the question. When we desire a relationship with Christ for its own sake, and not simply because we’ve been somehow coerced, a life of faith flows naturally. We no longer count the minimum but instead live in a relationship of trust, fidelity, and love.

Living our lives as disciples of Jesus means that we follow a standard different from the world’s standard. Jesus’ instruction not to look on another with lust, or with anger, is a prime indication of that. In the ancient world (and even in our world), it can seem easier to cover up a temptation so as not to deal with it. If looking on another causes lust, let’s cover up the other or remove the other! But Jesus’ response goes to the heart of a person. His response is not to cover up the temptation, but to challenge the person not to look on another with lust. Jesus places the responsibility on the individual, not on the object of temptation or anger. In this world there are things that will cause us anger. As disciples, we are not to harbor anger; we are not to harbor lust. Simply acting on these Christian precepts to avoid anger and lust will mark us as disciples, for we will be following a standard not of the world.

*Fr. Dennis*



### **The Knights of Columbus**

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on Sunday, February 23rd after all Masses. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, pastries, coffee/juice. The proceeds will be split between St. Patrick and the Open Cupboard in Wilton.