



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).

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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2020

FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 1, 2020

MON - 2/24- Weekday

7:30AM - George Whelton by Josef Zund

TUES - 2/25-Weekday

7:30AM - **NO MASS**

WED - 2/26- Ash Wednesday

7:30AM - Dorothy (Darby) Lorden & Carl & Kathleen Halberg by Jane Provins



12:10PM—All Souls

5:30PM—Members of the Parish

THURS - 2/27 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM - Gene Randich by Mr. & Mrs. George Rollend

FRI - 2/28- Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM - Ralph Pappa by John Milan

SAT - 2/29 - Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00PM - All Souls

SUN - 3/1 - 1st Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Yvonne Rines by Jane Provins

8:45AM - Members of the Parish

10:45AM - All Souls

Readings: 3-1-2020

Gn: 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Rom: 5: 12-19
Mt: 4:1-11



Weekend of February 16, 2020



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(159) Envelopes		\$3,969
Loose Offerings		\$2,745
Total Sunday	\$6,823	\$6,714

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



Feb. 24-Mar 1, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon: 4:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis (C/H)
Tues: 6:30PM—Bible Timeline— The Story of Salvation class (SPC)
7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)
Wed: Masses at 7:30am, 12:10 & 5:30PM
6:30PM—RCIA (SPC)
7:00PM—Choir (Church)
Thurs: 7:00PM—K of C Planning mtg (C/H)
Fri: 6:00PM—Lenten Meal (C/H)
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross (Church)
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)
Sun: Noon—Choir rehearsal (Church)
12:15PM—Family Faith Formation grades K-5 (C/H)
6:00PM—Youth Ministry grades 6-8 (C/H)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF February 29-March 1, 2020

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

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

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Morgan & Erin P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Ann G., Joe R.
Lector: Chris Janson
Greeters: Steve S., The Bells

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ronin & Jonas L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle V., Henry A., Jude L.
Lector: Paul D.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Mary L..

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.

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
Sunday, May 3

GRADES K-5

Tuesday Classes are
4:30pm to 6:00p
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, May 5

Youth Ministry Classes

GRADES 6-10

Sunday evening classes
from 6-7:30pm
March 1 - 15
April 5 - 19
May 3 - 17

GRADES 11 & 12

Sunday evening classes
6-7:30pm
March 15
April 19
May 3



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 and register
- Follow the directions given on the front page – this is a free gift for you!
- The Chair of Peter the Apostle**
- Study: Lectio: Peter – The Primacy of the Church
- Watch: Keys of the Kingdom – Understanding the Papacy
- Ash Wednesday**
- Watch: Ready Reasons: What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday
- Read: Meditations for Lent



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

We will serve just after the **4pm 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.

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**

Knights of Columbus Baking Contest at the Corn Beef Dinner

Saturday March 14th
(drop off Friday 9-12 or Saturday)
Prizes will be awarded
1st: \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

CAKE is the theme, layer cake, cupcakes, cheesecake, coffee cake, etc
Participants must sign up

One entry per person. No need to be present to enter
Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com . Press on the magnifying glass in the right hand corner.

Enter our email stpatssignup@gmail.com to see our list. Or you can contact lisamigneault47@gmail.com



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (2-23-2020)

In Matthew's Gospel, we read a collection of Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. What is the significance of the setting?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (2/16/2020)

Andrew was the brother of Simon (whose name Jesus changed to Peter). And John was the brother of James. They were all fishermen and may have been in business together.



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, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, Maureen Yergeau, Stephen Swallow, 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, 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, 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, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

Please call the parish office when someone can be taken off the prayer list.



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

Lenten Friday Meals

As a parish community, each Friday evening during Lent at 6:00 PM we will share a simple meal, consisting of chowder or meatless soup, bread and water.

We need volunteers to make a crock pot of meatless soup on one or more Fridays during Lent. We ask that you please call the office (673-1311) if you are interested in providing a crock pot of meatless soup. There is a sign-up sheet in the church hall for soup-makers. There is no charge for this meal, however donations will greatly be accepted.

These are the dates: **Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3.**



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

Perfect discipleship

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

Matthew's gospel continues Jesus' teachings from the *Sermon on the Mount*. Jesus gives additional examples of how a disciple must go beyond mere conformity to the Law.

Rejecting retaliation. Ancient peoples created the law of *talion* (retaliation) to *prevent escalating violence*: punishment must be proportional to the crime. Under Jewish law, a person had a legal right to retribution. Jesus tells his disciples to *give up this legal right and break the retaliation cycle*. In three examples (an insulting slap, an insulting lawsuit, demeaning service), Jesus asks disciples to do more than the Torah or legal system requires to fulfill its intention and meaning.

Rejecting hate. In the ancient Jewish world, hating evil persons was considered *just*, especially when these persons are *state enemies or religious enemies*. Jesus tells his disciples they must *love enemies and pray for persecutors*. In two examples of loving acts by "disreputable" people (tax collectors, non-Jews), Jesus asks disciples to do more than the Torah requires. They must act to *reveal God* and come to God's *deeper intention and meaning*.

Becoming as perfect as the Father. Jesus teaches that the Father, who cares and loves all (the "just and unjust"), is the model for disciples. Hebrew scripture calls the Jewish people "to be holy, because God is holy." Jesus tells his disciples to be *perfect* "as your heavenly Father is perfect." Disciples imitate the Father by *living the beatitudes and in the six antitheses*: replace anger with love and forgiveness; replace selfish desire with love; replace honor/shame with forgiveness and love; replace deceit with plain-spoken truth, replace retaliation with generosity, replace hate with love.

This week's readings ask us to think about discipleship, perfection, and holiness. Leviticus calls the chosen people to emulate God's holiness. Paul tells the Corinthians they are holy because God's Spirit dwells within their community. Jesus invites disciples to become as perfect as the Father. Do we care for the selfish? Do we minister to the ungrateful? Do we serve our oppressors? Do we love those whom we consider unholy?

Terence Sherlock

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



Lent Begins this Wednesday Beginning My Lenten Practice



"Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, expecting different results." This saying reveals a real wisdom. It can be a good beginning reflection as we examine the choices we will make in the days ahead. It is very simple. Our Lord is calling us to a "change of heart." And, we know from experience, that nothing will change, unless we change our patterns. To expect different results is insanity.

So, what needs changing? We start to come to know that by asking for help. *"Lord, help me to know what needs changing."* It is often said, "Be careful about what you ask for." This is one of those requests that God must surely want to answer.

Then, we have to listen. With a little bit of reflection, most of us will just begin to "name" things that make up our ordinary habits and ways of being who we are, that we aren't very proud of. Things we do and things we never get around to doing. We can "feel" the call to change our attitudes, our self-absorption, or our way of interacting with others. Perhaps a spouse, a loved one, a friend, a family member, a co-worker has told me something about myself that gets in the way of communication, that makes relating to them difficult. Maybe I don't take God very seriously. I go to Church on Sunday, and contribute my share, but I don't really take time to deal with my relationship with God. Perhaps I've let my mind and fantasy get cluttered with escapist litter. I might begin to name a number of self-indulgent habits. I may realize I rarely, if ever, hear the cry of the poor, and can't remember when I've answered that cry. It could be that dishonesty on all kinds of levels has become a way of life. One of the roadblocks in my relationship with God and others may be deep wounds or resentments from the past, things I continue to hold against others or myself. You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins. **Wash me clean from all of my sin and guilt.** - Psalm 51

First Step: Begin

Something all of us can do is commit ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. It just means that I'm going to make a point of being more observant, more aware of what I'm experiencing - paying more attention to what is "automatic" behavior. And, I then start paying attention to my desires. We have all kinds of desires. During Lent, I can reflect upon the desires I currently have and which of them need to be purified, which may need to be abandoned, and which are wonderful desires that are there, but I haven't acted upon them. Naming our deepest desires will guide the choices we make to establish new patterns for Lent.

To be continued NEXT WEEK!

Fr. Dennis

**February 26 is Ash Wednesday
a day of fast & abstinence
Mass with distribution of ashes will be at:
7:30AM, 12:10PM, 5:30PM**

On Ash Wednesday the will be to aid the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians. Your donations help restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please give generously to the collection.



**During Lent,
the Stations of the Cross
are on Friday night
at 7:00 PM.**