



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:
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.**



**ON
SATURDAY
NIGHT
MARCH 7th**

1st Sunday in Lent– March 1, 2020

Mar 2-8, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2-8, 2020

MON - 3/2– Lenten Weekday

7:30AM - George Whelton by Josef Zund

TUES - 3/3–St. Katharine Drexel

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED - 3/4– St. Casimir

5:30PM—All Souls

THURS - 3/5 - Lenten Weekday

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

FRI - 3/6 – Lenten Weekday

7:30AM - Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by
John

5:30PM—All Souls

SAT - 3/7 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM - Intentions of Bernie Kallfelz

SUN - 3/8 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Charles J. Woods, Jr. by Jane Provins
Courtney Turgeon by her sister, Sidney

8:45AM - Members of the Parish

10:45AM - Robert Swallow by his wife, Clara

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (C/H)
4:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis (C/H)

Tues: 4:30PM—Family Faith Formation grades K-5 (C/H)
6:30PM—Bible Timeline– The Story of Salvation class (SPC)
7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)

Wed: 4:00PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
4:15PM—Reconciliation (Church)
6:30PM—RCIA (SPC)
7:00PM—Choir (Church)
7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)

Fri: 5:30PM—Mass
6:00PM—Lenten Meal (C/H)
7:00PM—Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group (C/H)
8:30AM—Faith Formation Reconciliation Retreat (C/H)

Sun: Coffee & Donuts after all Masses (C/H)
Noon—Choir rehearsal (Church)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF March 7-8, 2020

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: David & Joanne C., Laura D.
Lector: MaryGrace D.
Greeters: Gary M., Bert D.,

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Kathy S.
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy G., Mary St.P., Kathie N.
Lector: Jeanne D.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Willa A., Stiles C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie K., Mark Q., Ron C.
Lector: Will McG.
Greeters: The Santinellis

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Victoria & Andrew R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Anthony V., Karen R.,
Cynthia E.
Lector: Pam T.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Ron V., Bernie Q.

Readings: 3-8-2020

Gn: 12:1-4a
2 Tm 1: 8b-10
Mt: 17:1-9



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for the intentions of Bernie Kallfelz

Weekend of February 23, 2020

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(151) Envelopes		\$4,550
Loose Offerings		\$2,486
Total Sunday	\$6,142	\$7,036



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.



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, 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 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.**

OPERATION RICE BOWL

You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.

This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet this weekend on the tables at the entrance of the church and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.



HOLY THURSDAY washing of the feet

If you would like to participate on Holy Thursday (April 9th at 7PM). The Mass of the Lord's Supper by having your foot washed, please call 6734-1311 or email Patti at pattih2015@comcast.net.



"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.

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 (3-1-2020)



As we move into the forty days of Lent, two questions:

- 1) Why is Lent 40 days long?
- 2) Why are there 46 days in Lent?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (2/23/2020)

Matthew is presenting Jesus as "the prophet like Moses" promised in Deuteronomy 15. As Moses brought the teachings of the Covenant to the people at Sinai, Jesus declares the teachings of the New Covenant from a mountain.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Milford Knights of Columbus will once again award two \$1,000 scholarships to college-bound graduating high-school seniors who are members of St. Patrick's Church in Milford. Both scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, community service and Catholic involvement. Applications are available on line at the parish website. Go to <https://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org/knights-of-columbus> and click on the Scholarship Application form link at the bottom of the page. Please print out and mail the completed form to Knights of Columbus PO box 176, Amherst, NH 03031 in time to be received by May 18, 2020.



REMEMBER in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

Rita LaJeunesse, 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, 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

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni

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.



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

March 6 led by: Patti
March 13 led by: Knights of Columbus
March 20 led by: Men's Prayer Group
March 27 led by: Knights of Columbus
April 3 led by: Youth Ministry

Lent: testing the Son of God

During Lent the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested, transfigured, teaches, performs miracles, and arrives in Jerusalem. This week's readings ask us to consider how we are tested as disciples, and what we choose.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus, the Son of God, is tested in the wilderness, just as the people of Israel, also sons of God, were tested in their forty year wandering in the wilderness. Jesus succeeds where other sons of God (Adam, the people of Israel) failed:

Feed on God's word, not human bread. In the wilderness, the people of Israel's *belief in God's promises* were tested by hunger (Num 11:5-20). They rebelled against God and failed to follow God's instructions. The tester tempts Jesus to feed his own hunger. Jesus declines, quoting from Dt 8:3, and passes the test by choosing the *true source of life*.

Trust God, don't test God. In the wilderness, the people of Israel's *trust in God* was tested by thirst at Massah (Ex 17:1-7). They doubted and tested God, and failed to trust. The tester tempts Jesus to test God by asking for a show of God's power. Jesus declines, quoting from Dt 6:16, and passes the test by choosing *not to test God*.

Worship God, not false gods. In the wilderness, the people of Israel's *faith* was tested at Sinai (Ex 32:1-6). They created and worshiped a golden calf, and failed to serve God. The tester tempts Jesus to serve his own interests, rather than his mission of salvation. Jesus declines, quoting from Dt 6:13, and passes the test choosing *worship and service of God*.

The Lenten Lectionary readings call us to walk with Jesus as he prepares for his transformative death. Today's readings ask how our discipleship tests us every day. Baptism grants us the status of daughters and sons of God, but our status isn't an automatic pass to the eschatological banquet. The world challenges and tests us to live up to this status. Do we hear and live God's word, or hunger after the world's story? Do we trust in God's care, or always demand something more? Do we serve God, or blindly worship power, greed, and money?

Terence Sherlock

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



Lent Begins this Wednesday Beginning My Lenten Practice

(continued from last week's bulletin)



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.

Second Step: Praying Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling that I want to do this day, more away that I am a child of God. It may take share in: change the schedule and give myself some time alone to read the readings for the day: choose to go to Mass each day during Lent: get to church 15 minutes earlier, so I can reflect a bit.

Third Step: Fasting (not just from food!) Lent is a great time to being more alert. The monks in the desert, centuries ago, discovered that fasting - simply not eating - caused a tremendous boost to their consciousness. Not only did their bodies go on "alert," but their whole person seemed to be in a more heightened state of attention. The whole purpose of fasting was to aid prayer - to make it easier to listen to God more openly, especially in times of need. Also, powerful things happen in me, when I think about those people in the world who have so much less than I do. And, it's a great cure for self-pity.

Fourth Step: Almsgiving/Generosity Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

Fifth Step: Penance Penance/Confession is a remedy, a medicine, a spiritual therapy for the healing I desire. The Lord always forgives us. We are forgiven without condition. But complete healing takes time. Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. For example, if the Lord is shining a light into the darkness of a bad pattern in my life, I can choose to "stop doing it." But, I have to work on a "change of heart" and to look concretely at what circumstances, attitudes, and other behaviors contribute to the pattern. If I'm self-indulgent with food, sex, attention-seeking behaviors and don't ask "what's missing for me, that I need to fill it with this?" then simply choosing to stop the pattern won't last long. Lasting healing needs the practice of penance.

Putting It All Together - *O Lord, our Lord, you have created us for yourself
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.*

Fr. Dennis

Lent is the most appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament of God's merciful healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Every Wednesday during Lent from 4:15-5:15pm
Saturdays from 2:45-3:45pm