



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 9, 16, 23, 30 in the Church Hall.**

Fr. Dennis, Facilitator



All are Welcome

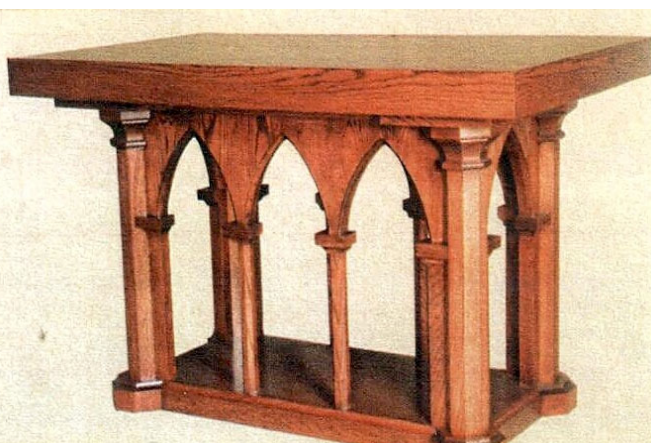
No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;

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.

NEW MAIN ALTAR



On August 15, 2020 of this year, our church building will be 125 years old (1895). This church building and this community have celebrated many uplifting and memorable religious services and countless Masses to give glory honor and praise to our Lord.

With this in mind, I would propose that we do something to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of our church. My proposal is to replace the main altar of the church with a brand new altar of sacrifice. Our current altar is worn and splintered in many places. I think this would be a wonderful time to replace it. In this week's bulletin, there is a picture of the altar I would propose which harmonizes very well with the architecture of our church. The cost of the altar is \$6700.00.

If any of you are interested in making a donation to make this 125th anniversary memorial possible, please contact me personally. Thanks!

Fr Dennis

2nd Sunday in Lent– March 8, 2020

Mar 9-16, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 9-15, 2020

MON - 3/9– St. Frances of Rome

7:30AM - Intentions of John Coleman by
John Milan

TUES - 3/10–Lenten Weekday

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED - 3/11– Lenten Weekday

5:30PM—All Souls

THURS - 3/12 - Lenten Weekday

7:30AM - Tess Lischke by Vesta Philbrick

FRI - 3/13 – Lenten Weekday (Abstinence)

7:30AM - All Souls

SAT - 3/14 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM - Craford & Lessie Peters by
Vesta Philbrick

SUN - 3/15— 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Dudley

8:45AM - Robert Philbrick, Sr., by his wife, Vesta

10:45AM - Members of the Parish

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (C/H)
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: 4:00PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
4:15PM—Reconciliation (Church)
7:00PM—Choir (Church)
7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)

Thur: 6:15PM—K of C 4th degree followed by 3rd degree (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)
10:00AM—1st Reconciliation (Church)
5:00PM—Corned Beef & Cabbage meal (C/H)

Sun: Coffee & Donuts after all Masses (C/H)
Noon—Choir rehearsal (Church)
12:15PM—Family Faith Formation (C/H)
6:00PM—Youth Ministry grades 6-12 (C/H & SPC)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF March 14-15, 2020

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

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Jerry G.
Eucharistic Ministers: John O., Sally W., Amy G.
Lector: Kathleen P.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Steven A., Ron Calo
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Juanita, Diane B., Susan P.
Lector: Suzanne P.
Greeters: Steve S., Lisa M., Pat K.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P., Kobe T.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jude L., Mary Jane N., Bridget C.
Lector: Eric J.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Mary L.

Readings: 3-15-2020

Ex: 17:3-7
Rom: 5: 1-2; 5-8
Jn: 4:5-42



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Robert Swallow by his wife, Clara



Weekend of March 1, 2020

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(179) Envelopes		\$5,535
Loose Offerings		\$3,722
Total Sunday	\$6,350	\$9,257
Ash Wednesday: \$2,083		
Easter Flowers \$2,098		
Vanco month of February: \$5,476		

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



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, 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 5-19
May 3- 17

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!

Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Watch: The Passion of Saint Perpetua

Kids: The Story of Saint Perpetua

Second Sunday of Lent

Watch: Ready Reasons: Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

Listen: My Beloved Son

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis

Watch: Francis: Pope of the Renewal

Listen: The Pope by Dr. Scott Hahn

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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (3-8-2020)

The first (and probably best-known) of the Biblical "40s" is in the story of Noah, when it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. This was undoubtedly a time of trial! But – the rain was only part of the story of the flood. How long were Noah and his family in the ark?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (3-1-2020)

In Scripture, the number 40 is associated with times of testing and trials of faith, most notably Jesus time in the desert after His Baptism and preparation for His public ministry. During Lent our questions will look at other "40s" in Scripture.

Lent is more than forty calendar days because Sundays, even in Lent, are celebrations of the Resurrection and cannot be fast days.



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.

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

"OUR PLACE"

The people of our parish have again out-done themselves with 38 baskets of much needed items for "Our Place" in

Pastoral Council Members

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



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.

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-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

Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti

Lent: the calling that transfigures

During Lent the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested, transfigured, gives living water, heals a blind man, raises a dead man, and arrives in Jerusalem. This week's readings ask us to hear God's call and prepare ourselves for what is to come.

Matthew's gospel is the Transfiguration story. As they make their way to Jerusalem, the disciples are granted a vision of *who Jesus really is* and *what he will be* in God's kingdom. Matthew interprets this experience as a "vision" and links it symbolically with other apocalyptic visions.

Jesus' metamorphosis. Matthew's detail about Jesus' face "shining like the sun" parallels Moses' encounter with God (Ex 34:29-35). Jesus' transfiguration is a *visible anticipation of his eschatological glory*. Jesus transfiguration reveals to his disciples *who he is* and encourages them as they hear his passion predictions and see the Jewish leaders' growing opposition.

Jesus' talking partners. Matthew's detail about Jesus "talking together" with Moses and Elijah suggests that *Jesus is in conversation with and completing* the Law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah). Matthew may also be thinking that these two were taken up into directly heaven (Dt 34:6, 2 Kgs 2:11). In Matthew's believing community, this detail highlights the harmony between Jesus' teaching and Hebrew scripture.

The voice's approval. Matthew repeats the message heard at Jesus' baptism (Mt 3:17). The message combines allusions to the *messiah* ("my son", from Ps 2:7), the *"beloved"* (Gn 22:2), and the servant who *"pleases" God* (Is 42:1, Is 44:2). The command to "listen" recalls Moses' promise that God would raise up "a prophet like me" (Dt 18:15). Like the vision, these words are for the disciples' benefit, to strengthen them for Jesus' coming passion and death.

The Lenten Lectionary readings call us to walk with Jesus as he prepares for his transformative death. Today's readings ask how we are responding to God's call and preparing for what happens next. Abram's call reflects our own call to discipleship; we respond to God in faith without knowing all the details. Timothy's ambiguity is our own; we trust in God's plan, not our actions. The Transfiguration is a vision of what awaits us in the kingdom; it's silent on what will happen on the way there. Discipleship is a call to transfiguration. Will we let the works of Lent change us? Will we use the scriptures to plot our way? Will we hear the voice that comforts our suffering and acclaims our coming resurrection?

Terence Sherlock

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

2nd Sunday of Lent (A)



The church gives us Matthew's story of the transfiguration on this Second Sun-day of Lent. We are reminded of our faith, which proclaims resurrection from the dead. The Lenten season will culminate with Triduum and then Easter Sun-day. The transfiguration gives the disciples and us a foretaste of the kingdom, and a reminder of Jesus' divine glory. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets. These two majestic figures in Israelite history each received a revelation from God on Mount Horeb (Sinai). Together they stand as pillars of Judaism, which Jesus himself fulfills.

Peter, as spokesperson for the group, expresses a desire to build three tents, "if you wish." This nod to Jesus is a Matthean addition, absent in Mark. By placing this conditional phrase on the lips of Peter, his boldness is subtly subdued. Before Peter can finish, the divine pres-ence is made manifest in the cloud and the heavenly voice. The disciples hear the words that accompanied Jesus at his own baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Only now, the im-perative phrase "listen to him" is added. The disciples react with fear, falling prostrate and worshiping. Only by the touch of Jesus are they raised up again, to find that they are alone with him. The vision is no more.

This remarkable event surely emboldened the disciples in their faith, while it also seized them with fear. This mountaintop experience meant even more after the resurrection when the words of Jesus became clear. The gospel today reminds us of our ultimate end, which is to be with Jesus in the heavenly realm. With such knowledge, cares of the world may wash away. Even a desire to commemorate such an event, as Peter desired to build three tents, are as nothing when compared to the experience itself. We have a foreshadowing of eternal glory. Let us continue to follow Jesus down the moun-tain, learning from him the entire way, knowing that the ultimate resurrection requires undergoing death itself.

Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. This statement of faith is represented by the vision in today's gospel where Jesus is present with Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets). The story comes from Mark, which Matthew has changed slightly. Matthew clearly refers to this as a "vision," a term which is absent in Mark. This vision shows Jesus in his heavenly, divine glory. This is why Peter offers to make three tents, a term that recalls the abode of the divine.

The disciples are warned not to say anything of this vision "until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." For the Gospel of Matthew, like later theo-logians, there is a link between understanding and believing, and conversely between believing and understanding. The vision was a foretaste of the heav-enly kingdom, where Jesus will reign with God forever and ever. But before that point is reached, Jesus must be raised from the dead, a statement which presup-poses his death. There can be no eternal life with God without death. Such is the paschal mystery.

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



Lenten Meal, 6:00 PM, Friday
March 13, 20, 27, April 3 in the Church
Hall followed by The Stations of the
Cross in the Church at 7:00 PM.

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

