



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

Fr. Dennis, Facilitator

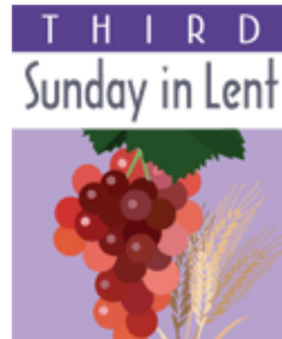
All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;

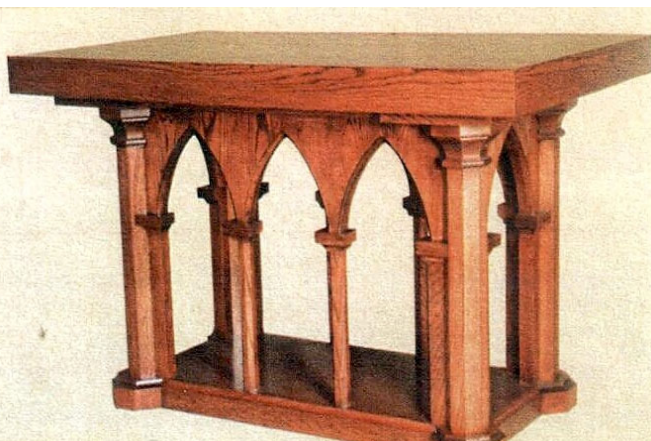
No matter your family or marital status;

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

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2020

MARCH 16-22, 2020

MON - 3/16– Lenten Weekday

7:30AM - All Souls

TUES - 3/17–St. Patrick

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED - 3/18– St. Cyril of Jerusalem

5:30PM—All Souls

THURS - 3/19 - St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM - All Souls

FRI - 3/20 – Lenten Weekday (Abstinence)

7:30AM - George Whelton by the breakfast group

SAT - 3/21 - Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00PM - Kathy Nowicki-Arcieri by Jane Cosmo

SUN - 3/22— 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Members of the Parish

8:45AM - George M. Emrich by his mother, Mary

10:45AM - Robert Coty by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Coty
10th anniversary

Readings: 3-22-2020

1 Sm: 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Eph: 5: 8-14
Jn: 9:1-41



Weekend of March 8, 2020

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(179) Envelopes		\$6,586
Loose Offerings		\$2,228
Total Sunday	\$6,350	\$8,814

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



Mar 16-22, 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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)
6:30PM—RCIA (SPC)
7:00PM—Choir rehearsal (Church)
7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)

Thur: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council (SPC)

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

Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group (C/H)

Sun: Coffee & Donuts after all Masses (C/H)
Noon—Choir (scholia) rehearsal (Church)
2:00PM—Deanery Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception in Nashua

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF March 21-22, 2020

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda V., MaryGrace D., Laura D.
Lector: Chris J.
Greeters: Gary M., Bert D., Dianne H.

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

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Erin & Morgan P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Marcelle, Diane B., Joe R.
Lector: Michael C.
Greeters: Steve S., The Bells

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Claire B., Willa A.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce N., Henry A., Kathy M.
Lector: Will M.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Ron V., Bernie Q.

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 6:00pm

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!

Third Sunday of Lent

Watch: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?
Listen: The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin

Saint Patrick

Watch: In the Footsteps of Saint Patrick
Listen: The Trials of Saint Patrick

Saint Joseph

Watch: Joseph of Nazareth/Jose de Nazaret
Listen: St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church.
Listen: Parenting for Purity by Jason Evert



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.



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



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 673-1311 or email Patti at pattih2015@comcast.net.

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



Pastoral Council Members

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



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (3-15-2020)

Moses' life is traditionally divided into three 40 year segments. What are they, and how do they fit with the Biblical motif of "testing/preparing"?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (3-8-2020)

According to Genesis 7, God told Noah and his family to enter the Ark 7 days before the flood began. The rain continued for "forty days and forty nights." But then "the water prevailed upon the earth for 150 days." And then the waters receded gradually over the course of several months. And then, comes the releasing of the birds: Genesis 8 details another 40 days plus a week of waiting for dry land, and then another month for God to tell them to leave the Ark. All told, the Noah family and the animals spent 372 days in the Ark (truly a test of patience and faith)!



REMEMBER in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

Brendhan Zubricki, 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.



Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti

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

Lent: faith and mission

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 about our own call to faith.

John's gospel recounts Jesus' encounter of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. This encounter includes many ideas: coming to faith; moving beyond personal prejudices; misunderstanding; true seeing, knowing, and understanding. Here are two thoughts:

Invitation to faith. *Jesus invites the Samaritan woman into conversation* with a simple request: "Give me a drink." This statement leads to a *dialogue* about the differences between Samaritans and Jews, physical and spiritual thirst, Jesus' identity, the woman's personal life, how and where to worship, and finally Jesus as the one who makes known the living God. Jesus invites the woman to faith by *challenging what she thinks she knows and offering her deeper truths*.

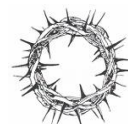
Mission of discipleship. *Jesus invites his disciples into a dialogue about food:* "I have food you do not know." This statement leads to a teaching about Jesus' own mission, to *do the will of the one who sent him*. Jesus tells the disciples that the time is *urgent*. Disciples must *preach the gospel and gather the Father's harvest*. Disciples reap the labor of the patriarchs and prophets, as well as labor (baptisms) of the Baptizer and Jesus, who have gone before them. Disciples *prepare everyone* to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. What Jesus has done for the Samaritan woman, disciples must do for the *whole world*.

The Lenten Lectionary readings call us to walk with Jesus as he prepares for his transformative death. Today's readings ask how we understand God. The Israelites doubted God would meet their basic needs in the wilderness. Paul reminds the Romans that God saved them before they had faith. The gospel shows Jesus remaining in dialogue with the Samaritan woman no matter how many times she misunderstands him or changes the subject. Jesus directs those who have come to faith to now take up his mission of doing the Father's will. How do we approach our own mission of discipleship? Do we strive against God while God offers to meet our needs? Do we focus only on our failings, forgetting the Spirit is already poured out in us? Do we put off doing the Father's will because we have all the time in the world?

Terence Sherlock

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

3rd Sunday of Lent (A)



Today we accompany Jesus as he meets the woman at the well. The setting is the Samaritan town of Shechem, noteworthy because of its association with the patriarch Jacob, though the Old Testament never mentions the well of Jacob. Samaritans were not considered by Judeans to be truly Jewish, as they worshipped not at the temple (which was in Judea) but at Shechem (“on this mountain”). Jesus tells the woman that there will come a time “when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.” No longer will it matter whether one is at a particular place for worship.

The woman recognizes that Jesus is a prophet, and Jesus himself eventually reveals to her that he is the Messiah, the Christ. Even so, she does not initially refer to him with that title herself. Instead, she goes back to her townspeople claiming that she met someone who could be the Christ. Because of her word, many of the townspeople believed in him. After Jesus stayed with them for some time, many more came to believe in him, hearing him for themselves. They then claim to know that “he is the savior of the world.” Though this is a common term in Luke and Paul, this is the only instance of Jesus being called “Savior” during his public ministry in the Gospel of John.

Thus, we have a gradual coming to faith in the encounter at the well. The woman recognizes Jesus as a prophet and senses he could even be the Christ. She immediately evangelizes, spreads the good news to her townspeople. Some come to believe on her word alone, but more come to believe upon hearing Jesus for themselves. Such an encounter leads them to proclaim him as “Savior.” Certainly, much more could be said about this multivalent reading, but for the scrutiny Sundays, it seems appropriate to focus on the experience of coming to faith in Jesus.

Each of us came to faith through someone else. Each of us can recall hearing about Christ from another person who likely meant something to us. The woman at the well shared her experience with the townspeople. Many believed upon hearing, and many more heard for themselves and believed. Even the process of believing or, rather, coming to faith is gradual. Terms like “prophet” give way to “Christ” and ultimately to “Savior.” Later in the Gospel of John still more titles will be used. Jesus cannot be encapsulated by one title or in one encounter. The initial experience leaves the woman and the townspeople wanting more. Such is the life of faith. We do not have a once-and-for-all encounter. But a relationship with Jesus unfolds over time, ever deepening, ever revealing, until we encounter the cross and the exaltation. These mysteries we will ponder throughout our lives and share them with others, who will also ponder the same. The life of faith is shared reflection on the paschal mystery.

Fr. Dennis

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

WEDNESDAYS 4:15 - 5:15 PM Prior to the Late afternoon Mass at 5:30 PM

SATURDAYS 2:45—3:45 PM Prior to the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM
The sacrament will not be available on Holy Saturday, April 11.

SUNDAY - MARCH 22, 2020 at 2:00PM

Annual Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service with the deanery priests available for individual confessions at Immaculate Conception, 216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua

SUNDAY—MARCH 29, 2020 AT 2PM

Confession with multiple priests here at St. Patrick

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - April 6, 2020

Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation where every Catholic Church in New Hampshire will have confessors available during these times.

11:00AM—1:00PM and 5:00—7:00 PM