

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 14, 2021



Saint Patrick Catholic Church
34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon & 1-5pm & Friday 9-Noon

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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Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply.

For anyone who would like to stop in for private prayers. These are the times when the Church is opened.

Monday - Friday: 9-5pm

Saturday: 9-3pm

Sunday: **Closes at Noon**

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Mass and distribution of Ashes at
7:30AM & 5:30PM

12:10-12:30PM Distribution of Ashes **Only**

4:15-5:15PM Reconciliation

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Laura Ilsley, Jerry Guthrie,
Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli



Presidents' Day

**Offices will be closed on Monday
NO 7:30AM MASS**

FEBRUARY 15 -21, 2021

MON - 2/15- Weekday (OFFICES CLOSED— President's Day)

7:30AM: NO MASS

TUES - 2/16- Weekday—NO MASS

WED - 2/17- ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast & Abstinence)

7:30AM: Members of the Parish

12:10PM to 12:30PM: distribution of ashes only

4:15-5:15PM - Reconciliation

5:30PM: Martha Anderes by the Gavert family

THURS - 2/18- Lenten weekday

7:30AM: Special intentions by Lucille Farwell

FRI - 2/19 - Lenten weekday(Abstinence)

7:30AM: Francis (Frank) Brown by Jane Provins

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross (led by Patti)

SAT - 2/20 - Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent

**4:00PM: Benny Beebe by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hunsader and
Barbara McMahon by Janet Herlihy**

SUN - 2/21- 1st Sunday of Lent—

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Benny Beebe by the Bergeron Family and

Robert Champagne by Robert, Jr. and Kathy Duchesne

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**



READINGS 2/21/2021

**Gn: 9:8-15
1 Pt: 3:18-22
Mk: 1:12-15**



Pope Francis' Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen!



If you would like to receive
HOLY COMMUNION ONLY,
it is offered every Sunday from
11:30 - 11:45 AM.

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.

Your weekly donation can be dropped off in the mail slot near the glass door or 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.

Weekend of February 7, 2021: \$7,395.

Catholic School: \$785.

GIVE+ONLINE



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (2/14/2021)

Prudence is the first and guiding of the natural, or human, virtues. It comes, intriguingly, from the Greek word for "looking ahead." What does it mean to be "prudent" (in common English)? How does "prudence" lead to righteous living?

Answer to last week's question (2/7/2021)

The four cardinal virtues according to Catholic doctrine are (in ranked order) Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. We'll look at each over the next few weeks.

"Cardinal" in this context refers to the 4 points of the compass. The Cardinal virtues, like compass points, guide and direct human beings toward the goal of righteousness, and so encourage the formation of other virtues that support and strengthen them. In practice, all the virtues are inter-related and balance one another.



The sanctuary will burn this week for the deceased members of the Côté & Caveney families by Ida Caveney

Discipleship: a call to serve the excluded

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on serving all, even the weakest.

Mark's gospel continues with another story from Jesus' early ministry: the cure of a leper.

The power to cleanse. As today's first reading shows, "leprosy" was a sign of impurity. Only God could heal a leper. When the afflicted man says, "If you *will it*, you have the *power* to cleanse me," he acknowledges that Jesus embodies God's *power* and *will*. Mark shows the leper's trust that Jesus is the *stronger one* who embodies God's power (Mk 1:7).

Being cleansed. Jesus' answer, "I *do* will it!" emphasizes that he *does wish* the leper to be healed. Jesus then commands, "Let you be made clean!" Jesus uses a passive verb form, which scripture scholars call the "divine passive," to indicate that *God is performing the action*. Mark shows that Jesus *embodies God's power* and that *God's kingdom has come near* (Mk 1:15).

This week's readings ask us to think about our ministry as disciples. Leviticus warns the Israelites about recognizing and acting on impurity. Paul asks the Corinthians to model their discipleship on his service to all and on Christ's service to the weakest. Mark shows Jesus as the stronger one who brings God's kingdom near in healing words and actions. How do we, as disciples, continue Jesus' healing ministry? Do we welcome those whom the powerful label "unclean," or does our passivity keep them living outside our society? Do we advocate for others, even the weakest, or do we advocate for ourselves only, siding with the powerful? Do we embody God's power to heal all who ask, or do we embody fear, afraid to answer all who call for our help?

--Terence Sherlock



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Julia Frawley, Jean Moro, Brenda Smith, Lucille Farwell, John Hoff, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Baby Owen, Christian Beck, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Tracey Lafleur, Jen, Kim Salem, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Tiffany Brown, the Staff & Residents of all Milford long term care facilities, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, 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, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Marc Belanger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Scott Dickinson, Joseph Koprek, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, 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, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

Please call the parish office at 673-1311 when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

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FORMED:

2/14 Valentine's Day;

2/17 Ash Wednesday

Listen: How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families -
Kimberly Hahn

Lenten Reflections - Sign up in Formed to receive daily meditations for Lent <https://formed.org/lent>

Watch: Ready Reasons: What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday

Watch: Ready Reasons: Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

Read: Meditations for Lent - Bishop Jacques Benigne Bossuet

Listen: Confession - Fr. Larry Richards

Listen: My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent -
Bishop Robert Barron

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — March 9, 2021
Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — March 10, 2021

**YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES 6-12**

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — March 7, 21

All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.



Knights of Columbus

**Father Don Jacques Council #3035,
Milford, NH**

St. Patrick's Helpers: Do you have a small project or a list of projects that you need completed around your house? How would you like to have "masked" Knights of Columbus take care of this for you? We are offering handy-man services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund. If you would like to learn more or if you think that you have the "perfect project" for St. Patrick Helpers, or if you are interested in helping us, please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY 20-21, 2021**

4:00PM

Lector	George Lemelin
Eucharistic Minister	Dianne Hamilton
Greeters	Gary McCartney
	Pauline Nepveu
	Dianne Hamilton

8:00AM

Lector	Mike Carter
Eucharistic Minister	John Ordemann
Greeters	Steve Santinelli
	Mary Ellen Dudley
	Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

Lector	Michelle Varga
Eucharistic Minister	Tony Varga
Greeters	Steve Dudley
	Bernie Quinn
	Patti Hendrickson

OPERATION RICE BOWL

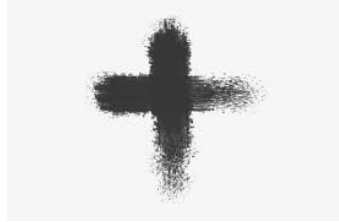
You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.

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.

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti
603-673-1311**

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diaper Wipes
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.



ASH WEDNESDAY 2021

On Ash Wednesday, we are marked with the cross of ash as we begin our annual Lenten journey. It is a day that seems to draw more people than usual, a day when even those who are irregular church attenders seem to sense that they can line up without any feeling of un-worthiness, presenting themselves to: **“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return ... Repent and believe in the Gospel”**. With all the other Christians whose spirits are dusty and grimy, we affirm our shared need to turn away from sin and believe the Good News, and are marked with this identity.

We are familiar with ashes. On our TV screens they come into our homes on the agonizing faces of victims of war and terrorism against the backdrop of their burned-out buildings, and on the irreverent tongues of those who threaten violence that reduces hope to ashes. In contrast, on the faces of heroic firefighters and emergency workers, ash has new dignity, a humble witness to self-sacrifice and love of neighbor. Since the last Ash Wednesday, something has almost certainly and personally turned to “ash” for us: when the Covid pandemic struck, when a loved one died, when friendship was betrayed, when illusions about ourselves or others were destroyed . . . so much ash.

And yet ash is also fertile and protective. After a bushfire ravages the countryside, new life springs from cracked seeds and mulched branches; to keep the embers in the hearth warm until morning, there was an old Irish ritual of *grie-shog*. The woman of the house would cover the last embers at night with a soft blanket of ash to keep them warm until morning when she would then brush away the ash and rekindle the fire with her breath.

Ash Wednesday calls us into the Lenten weeks of keeping warm the embers of our Christian discipleship through a renewed commitment to prayer, to fasting, and to almsgiving, so that the breath of the Easter Jesus may rekindle in us the fire of our baptism, and “Alleluia” may truly be our song of praise for what God has done, is doing, and will do for us in Christ. The Sundays of Lent retain their character of “Sundays,” of commemorations of the resurrection of the Lord, and so the reminder that Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter is woven like a golden thread through the season’s darker days.

Fr. Dennis

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00PM on Fridays during lent

Reconciliation will be offered every Wednesday during lent from 4:15-5:15PM