



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.



A PARISHIONERS' PRAYER

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

It will be holy if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to so many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

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Event for October

TRUNK OR TREAT

A parish celebration of Halloween will take place in the Saint Patrick church parking lot starting at 7pm. on October 30, 2021. Please call the office if you would like to participate with a decorated trunk and give out candy to the children. More information in the coming weeks.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. **Sunday:** 8:00 A.M.; 10:30A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M. Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass, unless otherwise indicated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 5:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 4-10, 2021

MON - 10/4— St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM: All souls

TUES - 10/5— Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos- NO MASS

WED - 10/6— St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

5:30PM: Robert Kilgore by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly

THURS - 10/7— Our Lady for the Rosary

7:30AM: Louise & Florence Philbrook by Jane Provins

FRI - 10/8 Weekday

7:30AM: John, Anna, Bob & Jack Philbrick by Vesta

SAT - 10/9- Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Richard Duquette by Charlene Parker

SUN - 10/10— 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Robert Champagne by Kathy Duchesne & Robert Champagne, Jr.

Crawford & Leslie Peters by Vesta Philbrick

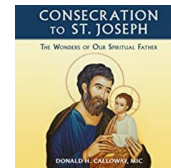
10:30AM: Members of the parish

Ministry schedule will be updated on the website under the calendar of events every Friday.

READINGS 10-10-2021

Wis: 7:7-11
Heb: 4:12-13
Mk: 10:17-30

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



**Consecration to St. Joseph
Preparation meetings led by
Fr. Dennis
On Saturday mornings
from 7:30-9:00am
October 9, 16, 23**

Consecration to St. Joseph will be on November 1 @ 5:30pm Mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Registrations are available at the office, at the entrance of the Church, in the Church Hall and on our website. Registration is necessary for Faith Formation Classes and Sacrament Preparation.

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 September 26, 2021: \$4,232
Summer make-up: \$2,849

GIVE+ONLINE



**Weekly Calendar of Events
Oct 4-10**

*Coming
This Week*

- **Mon:** 4:30pm—Adult Faith Formation Class with Fr. Dennis "Pivotal Players" - C/H
- **Tues:** 5:00pm—Faith Formation grades K-5
- **Wed:** 6:00pm—Faith Formation grades K-5
7:00pm—Choir rehearsal —Church
7:15pm—Scout BSA troop1794—C/H
- **Thur:** 9:30am—Adult Bible Study with Sally—C/H
- **Sat:** 7:30am—Consecration to St. Joseph Course—C/H



Max a 10 year old boy,
Mary Ann Carmichael-Magee,
Beverly Balfour,

A 7 year old girl, Mary Emrich, Bernie Quinn, Julie & David Spokane, Rev. Jack Roche, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Jean Moro, Lucille Farwell, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Baby Owen, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Jen, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Conrad Bergeron, Tiffany Brown, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Sean, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorrio, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Rob Erickson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Helen R, 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, 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, September 30, from 9:30-11:00am, in the Church Hall, our daytime adult Bible Study with Sally Wilkins resume with a six-week study of Sin and Grace, Forgiveness and Redemption. This study just began before the shutdown but we have decided to start over from week one, so this is a great opportunity to join in, whether you've come before or if you're brand new to the study of Scripture in a Catholic context. Sally will lead us through the Biblical texts behind and beneath these central teachings of the Church and the Good News of the Gospel.

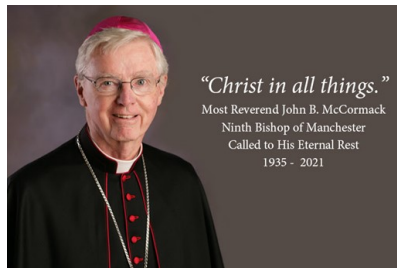
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes

CLOTHING BARN

Kids sleepwear, NEW underwear for Men, Women, Children all sizes are needed.

These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you.



The Most Reverend John B. McCormack, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, was called to his rest and to the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord. Bishop McCormack

was 86 and served as the ninth Bishop of Manchester from September 22, 1998 until his retirement on September 19, 2011. His Episcopal Motto, "*Christ in all things*" epitomizes his lifelong commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

Bishop McCormack was born on August 12, 1935 in Winthrop, Massachusetts, the son of the late Cornelius P. and Eleanor B. (Noonan) McCormack. He was predeceased by his brother Maurice F. McCormack, his sister-in-law Ilia McCormack, and his sister, Sr. Barbara McCormack, S.N.D. He is survived by three nieces, one nephew, and many great nieces and nephews.

Bishop McCormack attended St. Mary's Grammar School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Boston College High School. He prepared for the priesthood at Cardinal O'Connell Seminary College and St. John's Seminary in Boston. He was ordained by Richard Cardinal Cushing for the Archdiocese of Boston at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on February 2, 1960. He pursued graduate studies at Boston College, earning a master's degree in social work in 1969.

Following his ordination, Bishop McCormack served as associate pastor at St. James Parish, Salem, Massachusetts and later was appointed executive director of North Shore Catholic Charities Center in Peabody, Massachusetts, where he served from 1967 through 1981. From there, Bishop McCormack served as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Malden-Medford, Massachusetts until 1984 when he was appointed Secretary for Ministerial Personnel in the Archdiocese of Boston. He was appointed by Pope John Paul II as an Auxiliary Bishop of Boston and was ordained as bishop on December 27, 1995. On July 21, 1998, Pope John Paul II appointed him the ninth Bishop of Manchester, a ministry that he retired from upon reaching the age of 75 in 2011. Upon his retirement, Bishop McCormack remained actively engaged in parish ministry at St. Joseph Cathedral, and he continued to celebrate the sacraments of the Church in the Diocese of Manchester. He supported many charitable causes and in particular, served as a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services.

From the Book of Wisdom: "**The souls of the just are in the hands of the Lord**". Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High!

FORMED

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Watch: [Therese](#)

Watch: [Lukas Storyteller: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus](#)

Listen: [Therese: The Story of a Soul \(10/1 St. Therese\)](#)

Watch: [Best Parenting Advice: Guardian Angels \(10/2\)](#)

Watch: [The Birth of the Franciscans \(St. Francis 10/4\)](#)

Audio: [The Second Greatest Story Ever Told \(St. Faustina 10/5\)](#)

Movie: [The Traditional Catholic Rosary \(Our Lady of the Rosary 10/7\)](#)



FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES K-5

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:30pm — October 5

Wednesday: 6:00 - 7:30pm — October 6

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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-12

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — October 17

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (10/3/2021)

Baltimore Catechism, from Lesson 2:

13. Q. What is God?

14. Q. Had God a beginning?

15. Q. Where is God?

16. Q. If God is everywhere, why do we not see Him?

17. Q. Does God see us?

Answer to question 9/26/2021

6 A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in heaven.

9 A. To save our souls, we must worship God by faith, hope, and charity; that is, we must believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him with all our heart.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. This year, we are focusing on St. Joseph, defender of life. His unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects life from conception to natural death. Please visit <https://www.respectlife.org/> for more information. The following Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life is taken from this website.

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life -- especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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.



“THE TWO WILL
BECOME
one flesh.”
MARK 10:8, NIV

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

Some Pharisees come to Jesus to confront him over his interpretation of Scripture and, specifically, how he understood the matter of divorce. Jesus throws the question back to them by asking what the law of Moses commanded. The Pharisees reply that a man is permitted to give his wife a bill of divorce and send her away. Jesus shifts the discussion away from this law. He goes beyond the question “*Is it lawful?*” and beyond legalistic arguments to the plan of God for relationships between men and women. The focus then becomes marriage, not divorce.

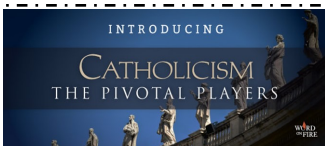
The prophet Malachi had denounced divorce, appealing to the creation story that we have heard in the first reading. Jesus also takes a prophetic stance, and refers to this same text of the Torah. This encounter with the Pharisees comes in the section of Mark’s gospel where the focus is on the cost of discipleship, as proclaimed the last three Sundays, and fidelity in marriage is never a cheap grace. Jesus refers to Moses’ concession about divorce as something that was allowed because of “hardness of . . . heart.” The same words are used to describe their ancestors’ wilderness rebellion in Psalm 95. In the divine plan for whole and healthy human relations in marriage, God did not intend divorce, says Jesus.

“In the house” with his disciples, Jesus expands his teaching to strengthen the marriage commitment in the Christian communities in the Greek and Roman world where divorce was common, and women could also divorce their husbands. Jesus’s message is a subtle judgment on the double standard that allows one course of action for men but denies the same for women. Not only does a woman who has been divorced by her husband and marries another man commit adultery; the reverse is also true, says Jesus. This would have offended patriarchal honor! But both the man and the woman have equal rights and responsibilities to God’s plan for their unity in “one flesh.”

Jesus’s teaching on marriage and divorce flows directly into the description of his blessing of the young children, and once again we see the stubbornness of the disciples. Their selective memory has forgotten the words and action of Jesus when he placed and embraced a little child in their midst as a sign of their responsibility to and love of the insignificant and unimportant ones. They “rebuke” the people, presumably the children’s parents, and most likely their mothers, just as Peter had “rebuked” Jesus, had tried to exorcise him of his ideas about suffering and death. Once again, Jesus turns the rebuke back on the disciples in an attempt to rid them of their preoccupation with power and status. The disciples’ glib words to the people bringing the children to Jesus contrast with Jesus’s words of gentle encouragement to those who want him to touch their children, to have contact with Jesus’s own holy person and have him call down on them the blessing of God. Jesus again embraces the children, embracing those who are helpless and dependent.

We should not hear this gospel as religious sentimentality or idealizing of children, but as an embrace of Jesus for all those who have no status, no claims to make, no power, and so are receptive to the great gift that is offered—the kingdom of God. With what have we been touched: with temptation of the disciples for power, or with willingness to be “little ones” who are open to and receptive of the reigning presence of God?

Fr. Dennis



CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS is a multi-part film series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

October 4 - TIME and PLACE: Parish Hall 4:30-6:00 PM

ST. FRANCIS The life of St. Francis demonstrates that Christ intends the foundations of true and lasting reform to be built on the solid rock that is the witness of the saints. Rebuild my Church! Christ’s mission to St. Francis of Assisi is the perennial task of the Church in every age. But how is that reform and renewal accomplished? The radical simplicity of St. Francis’ life demonstrates how the foundation of true and lasting reform is built on the solid rock that is the witness of the saints.

In this episode, travel to Italy to visit all of the locations that played a significant role in the formation and vocation of Francis, which in turn reformed the life of the Church. Francis realized that the commission given to him was not simply about restoring church buildings, but building up the life of the Church itself.