



## *Saint Patrick Catholic Church*

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Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick Church,

The months from March 2020 to this very moment have been an unprecedented storm for most and a catastrophe for many. Some have experienced the pain of illness and/or of losing a loved one. Others lost a job or are dealing with a major economic setback. Both these have threatened the livelihood of many families.

Day after day, the Covid Virus thrust us into a general sense of abnormality and fear after the loss of so many of the things we took for granted. Families were challenged by living 24/7 in close quarters with spouses and children you love. For many “familiarity did breed contempt”!

And with regard to our Church life, we were all distanced for a time away from Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. For some of you, that sting was obvious. For others, it was more subtle. Maybe you didn’t even notice it until now, as you read this letter.

And now, we come to this moment. It’s clear that we are not totally “out of the woods” with the Covid Virus. At the writing of this letter, new strains of the virus are threatening the whole country and the world! While vaccines are widely being administered here in New Hampshire, businesses, schools and hospitals are attempting to return into a new rhythm. It will take more time to return to a new normal, but we know the day is coming.

And I want you to know that **our parish will be ready**. We’ll be here to welcome you – and all your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners – with open arms.

As your Pastor, I have spent many days reflecting on this pandemic, and how it has impacted our Church and community. And, as the pain of these dark months subsides, I find myself focused like never before and excited for everything that lies ahead of us this fall and beyond. God has done so many good things in the last year. I see his hand at work – especially now!

Here's what I know today:

1. We are coming back from this, and our parish will be stronger because of it.
2. We are planning many events to gather socially, educationally, and prayerfully, Stay tuned for more details.
3. As things return to a new normal, we will cherish every moment of community and fellowship and take nothing for granted.

I hope you know that I never take you for granted either. Your support of our parish means the world to me, and I appreciate all that you do.

You and your family are in my prayers, and I hope that I am in yours.

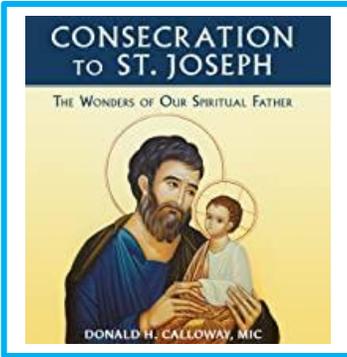
Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Dennis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

*"The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always". He says this to you, and he says it to me."*

Pope Francis

Rome, St. John Lateran, May 31, 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Consecration to St Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

by Fr Donald Calloway, MIC

Preparation group meetings led by Fr. Dennis – 7:30 to 9:00 AM  
– Saturdays September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23 – **Consecration will take place on All Saints Day, November 1 at 5:30 PM Mass Pope Francis declared**

**The Year of St Joseph December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021**

The group will prepare for the Consecration to St Joseph with daily reading (two pages), prayer and participation in the weekly group meetings. Meetings will last 90 minutes, join for as long as you can. This group preparation is scheduled so that you can make your Consecration to St Joseph on **All Saints Day, November 1 at 5:30 PM Mass**. All are invited to attend. **Pre-registration is required.**

From Fr Donald Calloway, MIC: *“Now is the time of St Joseph!” I have already totally consecrated myself to Mary, can I consecrate myself to St Joseph also? “Yes!” God wants you committed to a spiritual mother and father.*

### What do I have to do to participate?

Purchase Fr Donald Calloway’s book, available in paperback, Audible, or Kindle on Amazon.

Pre-register by sending an email to: [parnoldy\\_2006@yahoo.com](mailto:parnoldy_2006@yahoo.com).

Begin reading, praying on September 30

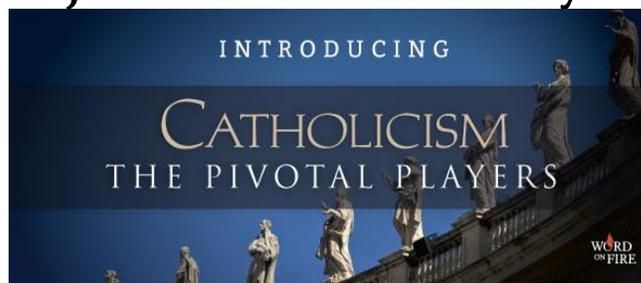
Attend group meetings Saturdays September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23

Attend the consecration on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:30 PM Mass,

Activities: Prayer, Reading, Group Meetings, and Discussions

For additional information and to pre-register contact: [parnoldy\\_2006@yahoo.com](mailto:parnoldy_2006@yahoo.com).

### Join Fr. Dennis on 8 Mondays



***Discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world!***

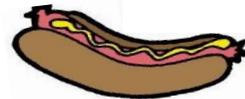
**DATES:** September 20, 27, October 4, 25, November 8, 15, December 6, 20

**PLACE and TIME:** Parish Hall 4:30-6:00 pm

Bishop Robert Barron's *CATHOLICISM* series took people around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith. The series has been seen by millions. But there is still more of the story to tell. Bishop Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. *CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players* is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of *saints, artists, mystics, and scholars* who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.



We invite you to the St. Patrick Welcome Back Social on Saturday, September 11 at 5:00 pm (after the 4:00 Mass). The event will be held outdoors in the driveway between the Parish Hall and Parish offices. Ice cream, hot dogs, and chips as well as water and lemonade will be served. No cost. It is a good way, for those who are comfortable, to say hello to fellow parishioners who may have been hiding under a mask for the last 18 months. The rain date is September 18. Feel free to contact the Parish office if you have any questions.



## *Adult Faith Formation with Sally Wilkins*

We will pick up our Great Adventure Bible Timeline course on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8 pm. This is the popular program produced by Ascension Press, with weekly presentations from Jeff Cavins via DVD, and group discussion of at home study questions. Before COVID we had finished the first six weeks of this 26-week course. As we restart, we will do two review lessons, Unit 1 (lessons 2 and 3) October 12 and Unit 2 (lessons 4 and 5) on October 19. Anyone who was not registered in 2020 but would like to join us, contact the parish office to register and you can order your books. For more information see

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/the-greatadventure>



The daytime Adult Bible Study will also start up again in the fall, tentatively on Thursday mornings. No registration or previous Bible knowledge is necessary. First meeting will be Thursday September 23 at 9:30 in the Church Hall, that day, we will decide on the theme for our first unit and determine the best meeting day for the group.

## *From the Desk of the Director of Music*



It's that time of year again where I want to invite all current and former adult choir members to return to the choir loft for the start of the new season. I would like to take this opportunity, as well, to extend an invitation to any member of the congregation not involved in the music program and who loves to sing to consider offering your time and talent to the choir. We have a dedicated bunch of choir members who will heartily welcome you to the ranks as we gather to learn new music and work to lead our congregation in song during our liturgy.

*“When you sing, you pray twice,” said St. Augustine.*

Good choral music has always been a source of inspiration in the church and this is something we continue to strive for. Here at Saint Patrick, we are working to develop our abilities as we contribute to this choral music legacy and its tradition of pure, beautiful, and meaningful music. Our Adult Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, which begins promptly at 7:00PM. We look forward to welcoming you to the Choir Loft.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Director of Music, Christopher Maynard after any of the weekend masses or call the church office (603)673-1311 or email [music.saintpatricksmilford@gmail.com](mailto:music.saintpatricksmilford@gmail.com)



Yours in Christ through Music,  
Christopher Maynard