



Saint Patrick

34 AMHERST STREET
MILFORD, NH 03055

Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:00 A.M.; 8:45 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.
(Choir).

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).

**OUR
PASTOR
will be away**

From: Jan. 11th

To: Jan. 16th



The weekend of Jan. 13-14th a priest from Food For The Poor will be celebrating all Masses.



Parish Office: 673-1311

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5 p.m.

Friday: 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.

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 Epiphany of the Lord — January 7, 2018

JANUARY 8-14, 2018

MON. - 1/8	- <u><i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></u>
7:30AM	- Special Intentions of the Stollenborg family by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee
TUES. - 1/9	- <u><i>Weekday</i></u>
7:30AM	- NO MASS
WED. - 1/10	- <u><i>Weekday</i></u>
5:30PM	- Harold & Mary Pratt by their daughter, Elaine
THURS. - 1/11	- <u><i>Weekday</i></u>
7:30AM	- NO MASS
FRI. - 1/12	- <u><i>Weekday</i></u>
7:30AM	- NO MASS
SAT. - 1/13	- <u><i>Vigil of 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></u>
4:00PM	- Theresa Charette by Joanne Ouellette
SUN. - 1/14	- <u><i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></u>
7:00AM	- Members of the Parish
8:45AM	- Cecilia Gregg by the Marini family
10:45AM	- Jack & Jane Mullaney by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Weiske and also Adam Rakiey by the family

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

Readings: 1/14/2018

1Sm: 3:3b-10,19
1 Cor: 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn: 1:35-42

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Inclement Weather and Weekday Masses

Parishioners are now to be aware that if there is a weather-related **cancellation** or **2 hour delay** announced by the **Milford School System**, there will be no Mass that morning. Official announcements of cancellations and delays will be made on the schools cancellations ribbon on WMUR -TV CHANNEL 9. This policy is for the safety of parishioners and those who are responsible for snow removal.

JANUARY 8-14, 2018

Mon: 4:30PM—Faith Formation classes—SPC
Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM—Faith Formation Classes SPC
7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
7:00PM—RCIA—SPC
Thurs: 6:30PM—Knights of Columbus—SPC
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
3:00PM—Reconciliation-Church
Sun: Coffee & Donuts
8:35 & 10:35AM **NO** Faith Formation classes—SPC
Noon—Choir rehearsal—



WEEKEND OF: Dec 24, 2017

	This Year	Budget
Parish Offering		
From(161) Envelopes	\$4,453	
Loose Offerings	<u>\$1,008</u>	
Total Sunday	\$5,461	\$8,000

Heating & AC

Grand Total for the weekend: \$3,962

CHRISTMAS, Dec 25, 2017

From (185) Envelopes	\$8,711
Loose Offerings	<u>\$4,256</u>
Total Christmas	\$12,967

Facilities Repairs

Grand Total for Christmas \$2,145
\$15,112

WEEKEND OF: Dec 31, 2017

	This Year
Parish Offering	
From(152) Envelopes	\$4,437
Loose Offerings	<u>\$1,670</u>
Total Sunday	\$6,107

More donation envelopes

Christmas	\$1,273
Heat & AC	\$437
Facilities Repairs	<u>\$404</u>
Grand total for Dec 31st	\$8,376

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

From (54) Envelopes	\$1,215
Loose Offerings	<u>\$220</u>
Total	\$1,435

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Jan 7, 21, 28 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am
Jan 8, 29 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm
Jan 9, 23, 30 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

Jan 7, 21, 28 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm



*Congratulations
and
Best Wishes to
Chad & Christina LaDue
who were married on
December 29, 2017*



Thank you to all who donated the stamps for the Rachel Ray Bakeware. We now have collected 2 sets for our next Christmas Fair.

Infant Jesus is accepting new students.

Christian blessings to you and yours from Infant Jesus School in Nashua NH. We are continuing to accept new students. Please call 603-889-2649 for a personal tour or come visit us at our Open House on January 11, 2018. Come see what a catholic school has to offer.

Pastoral Council Members

Peter Arnoldy, Chris Conard ,
MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,
Teresa McGinley, Jude Lorman,
Randy Lowenberg, Will McGrath
Irene Prunier, Tony Varga.



Hat & Mitten Tree for the Homeless

The hat & mitten tree will remain in the vestibule through the end of January. The Health Ministry Team are sponsoring a Hat & Mitten Tree. Please bring new or homemade hats, mittens and scarves for adults and children to the vestibule of the church and hang them on the tree. These garments will be distributed to area homeless shelters for those who may need them during this coldest month of the year.



Very Important Parent Meeting held Jan. 27 from 9-10:30am with a snow date of Feb. 3 Or Jan. 29 from 7-8:30pm with a snow date of Feb. 12 in the Church Hall

As directed by Bishop Libasci, the Diocese of Manchester is restoring the sacraments of initiation to their original order. The sacraments of Confirmation & 1st Eucharist will be celebrated together in grade 3.

If your child is in grade 3 through 9 in 2017-18, the restored order will affect you.

Register no later than Jan. 7th for this **mandatory** meeting. Come find out about the process.

Contact Sue at 673-4797 or re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org



We are now collecting these for the school system. If you do not have children in the school system and you buy products with this emblem on them could you please save them and bring them to the office and we will give them to the school and they will be redeemed for supplies. Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Cereal boxes

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 children's Large pajamas.



Please remember in your prayers those who have asked for our prayers:

Coralee Smart, Camille Long, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Ron Lockwood, Mark Fino, Rob Erickson, Jeny Ciotti, Maureen Corron, Dan Nelson, Jean Bergeron, Alice Creighton, Liz Richer, Nancy Salisbury, Patricia Kazkis, Luke LaVallee, MaryAnn Molinari, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Bettina Mace, Joanne Coughlin, Marc Belanger, Alice Denecker, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Jack Long, Beth Powers, Scott Dickinson, Nenad Opijac, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek, Bobby Holland, Lillie & Damien, Ronald Aveni, Walter Kane, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, Esther Duffy, Donatella Tuguzza, Jeffrey Yorio, Lisa Yorio, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Lorraine Williams, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Susan Yorio, Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, Frank Williams, Jeffrey Bryant, Crystal Heaney, Leah Stigliano, Philip McPhee, Stephanie Hammond, William Thompson, Sammy Tinaglia, Ed Gartland, Joseph Sherlock, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, Mary & Dick Almy, Steven Perez, Elda Paduano, Meaghan Pezze, Dennis Frye, 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.

Epiphany: the Gift is made present to all

Today the believing community celebrates the Epiphany. *Epiphany*, which means “shining upon” or “manifestation,” is also called “little Christmas” or “Three King’s day,” and, in many places, is the day Christians exchange gifts. Traditionally, Orthodox and Roman churches celebrate Epiphany on 6 January as the *twelfth day of Christmas*. The feast commemorates the magi’s (or “wise men”) visit to Jesus.

Matthew’s gospel recounts the magi’s visit, which further reveals Jesus’ identity:

King of the Jews. The magi are astrologers (early astronomers) who discern Jesus’ title based on *naturally occurring celestial events* (the star). They ask Herod, who wrangled his title “King of Jews” from his Roman overlords, “where can we find the King of the Judeans?” (Matthew lets the magi’s question hang in the air as Herod spins conspiracy theories about a potential rival.) Herod calls his Jewish priests and scribes and asks “What do you know about this?” They search *Hebrew scripture* and find the prophet Micah’s prophecy that the messiah will be born in Bethlehem. Matthew shows that both *nature* and *scripture* reveal Jesus’ identity to all who seek him.

Worthy of homage. The magi come to “do him homage.” Here and throughout this passage, Matthew uses the Greek word προσκυνέω (“prohs-koo-NEH-oh”) which means “to prostrate before” or “to worship.” Matthew shows that the gentile magi recognize that Jesus is worthy not only of human honor, but of *divine worship*.

Jesus’ destiny revealed in the magi’s gifts: The magi give Jesus not only honor and worship, they also give him symbolic gifts. Gold is an appropriate gift for a human ruler. Incense is a gift offered (burned) to honor a divinity. Myrrh is spice used as a salve and for embalming. Matthew shows that the gentile magi recognize Jesus’ *kingship*, his *divinity*, and his *mission to suffer and die*.

Marking the Christmas season’s end, Epiphany calls RCIA participants and the believing community to reflect on the incarnation’s meaning. God’s gift of God-made-flesh and God-with-us is given to us without any possibility of our repayment. The incarnation, like all sacraments, is God’s superabundant presence. Epiphany—*manifestation*—tells us that God is found everywhere (God’s kingdom is already here, open to all), God is worthy of our worship, and God’s giving-ness fuels us to give our own lives in service. What star do we follow? What king do we seek? What treasure do we offer?

Terence Sherlock

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The Epiphany of the Lord 2018



likely that they were kings either, but rather priest-scholars from Persia ... more like the "Wisemen" as they were also called by some.

They traveled a distance of roughly a thousand miles, most likely by camelback, and when they reached Jerusalem were undoubtedly in sore need of a bath. But the story seems to indicate that the Magi had no time for that anyway. They were on a mission to find the person foretold in the stars and in the Jewish Scriptures, which they were probably familiar with. So, they stopped briefly in Jerusalem to confer with King Herod and Jewish scholars, who pointed them toward Bethlehem.

By this time, Joseph and Mary seem to have left the stable and found temporary lodging because Matthew records them as entering the house. They had their fill of strange events, and here came another one. Who were these strange people who wanted to see their baby? What were their intentions? Could they be trusted? Mary and Joseph did trust, not so much the Magi but God. Over and over, they had to face being uprooted physically and psychologically. They were yanked out of the little comfort they had to deal with.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh were not random items that the Magi happened to have in their bags. In Matthew's story, they are prophetic statements. Gold, a gift given to royalty, says, "This child is a king." Incense, used in prayer, says, "This child is divine." Myrrh, a burial spice, says in the words of the old spiritual, "I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die." At the time, Jesus certainly did not look royal, divine or on his way to death. Nor did he look that way for most of his life. We, who have heard and read the story, know with faith that he was. We're lucky. So very lucky.

If someone were to write your infancy narrative, what would the Magi — or visitors to the maternity wing — bring with them? What gifts would say who you are? Meditating on **who you are** was a practice the great modern-day mystic and Trappist monk Thomas Merton recommended to the young monks he was training. The closer we come to discovering our true selves, the more accurately we see the picture God has of us — and has had for, well, forever. **What would the Magi have brought when you were born?** To think about that just might bring an interesting meditation!

Fr. Dennis