



Saint Patrick

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MILFORD, NH 03055

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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.
(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).

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.



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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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 21, 2018

JANUARY 22-28, 2018

- MON. - 1/22** - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 7:30AM - William Willis by John Milan
- TUES. - 1/23** - Ss Marianne Cope & Vincent
 7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED. - 1/24** - St. Francis de Sales
 5:30PM - All Souls
- THURS. - 1/25** - The Conversion of St. Paul
 7:30AM - Rena Vanni by Barbara Perras
- FRI. - 1/26** - Ss Timothy & Titus
 7:30AM - Pauline Woods by Jane Provins
- SAT. - 1/207** - Vigil of 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM - Rev. Donald Jacques by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hendrickson
- SUN. - 1/28** - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00AM - Bob Provins by his wife, Jane
 8:45AM - Members of the parish
 10:45AM - All Souls

JANUARY 22-28, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Class for adults—C/H
 5:30PM—Teachers' Meeting—SPC
- Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation classes
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
 7:00PM—RCIA—SPC
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation—Church
- Sun: Knights of Columbus breakfast—C/H
 8:35 & 10:35AM- Faith Formation classes—SPC
 Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church
 6:00PM—Confirmation 1 & 2 classes—SPC



Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

Readings: 1/28/2018

Dt: 18:15-20
 1 Cor: 7:32-35
 Mk: 1:21-28



The Knights of Columbus

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on January 28th after the 7:00, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. Masses. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, coffee/juice. All proceeds will be donated to help revamp the church kitchen. A donation of \$5. per person would be appreciated.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Parish Community depends upon the participation of all our parishioners so that we may continue the mission of our parish and pay our expenses. The total weekly operating expense in our current budget totals 8,000.00 per week. Your regular weekly contribution to meet the budget is greatly appreciated.

WEEKEND OF: Jan. 14, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(158) Envelopes		\$4,669
Loose Offerings		\$2,407
Total Sunday	\$7,372	\$7,076
Ongoing repairs of buildings		
From Envelopes (116)		\$1,739
Loose:		\$ 508
Total:		\$2,247

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Jan 28 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am

Jan 29 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm

Jan 23, 30 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

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

NO CLASSES MONDAY, JANUARY 22.

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. Come find out about the process. Contact Sue at 673-4797 or re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

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 is 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 given to SHARE for those who may need them during this coldest months of the year.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th from 5:30pm—8:00pm

Students grades 6 and up come and enjoy a night out. Invite a friend.
Register early.



More info in next weekend's bulletin.

Laundry Basket Drive for Birthright.

The Knight of Columbus are again sponsoring a Laundry Basket Drive for the 18 Pregnancy Care Centers in New Hampshire. Baskets will be located in Vestibule and marked for the drive.

Donation items most needed are as follows:

Warm Clothing 3-3T, Girls Clothing, 9mos; 12 mos; 2T, Boys Clothing - 18 Months, Premie Clothes, Hooded Towels, Maternity Clothing, Sleepers, Onesies, Sweaters, Receiving Blankets, Bibs, Burp Cloths, Baby lotion, Diaper Rash ointment, Baby Wash, Similac and Boots – 18 mos – 3T





FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS

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

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:

Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Camille Long, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Ron Lockwood, Gladys Fino, Rob Erickson, Jenny 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, 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.

Discipleship: hear, change, follow

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings ask us to reflect on stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings encourage every RCIA participant and everyone in the entire believing community to examine his or her own call to discipleship.

In today's gospel, Mark introduces Jesus' teaching and his call to discipleship.

Jesus' teaching. Jesus' teaching has three parts. First, "the proper time has been fulfilled." Through the Baptizer's *preparatory preaching* (Mk 1:4-8), Jesus' *baptism* (Mk 1:10-11), and Jesus' *testing* (Mk 1:12-13), Jesus is ready to proclaim the good news and the people are ready to hear it. Second, "God's reign (or kingdom) is nearby." The Greek word translated here as "nearby" means both "near in time" and "near physically." In Jesus' *physical presence* God's kingdom is within reach; in Jesus' *preaching about God's kingdom*, the kingdom is close to being implemented in time (although not yet fully arrived, not until the *parousia*). Third, "Change your hearts/minds and believe in the good news." The *metanoia* Jesus calls for, and which his words and actions demonstrate, is the heart of Mark's gospel. The *believing* Jesus calls for is not a simple intellectual assertion, but trust and personal commitment, often when facing a threatening or uncertain future.

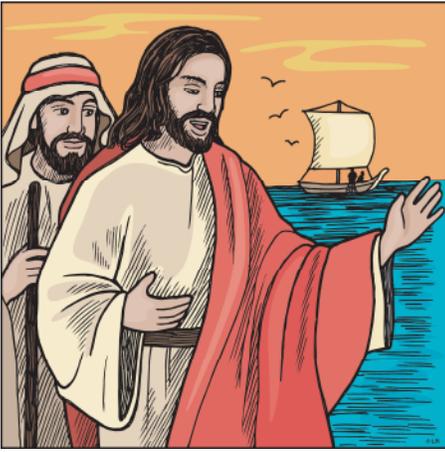
Jesus' call to follow him. After someone hears Jesus' teaching, that person is ready to be invited to "walk the road" with Jesus. Jesus *calls* each disciple by name. His invitation requires an *immediate* response. Simon, Andrew, James, and John literally *drop what they are doing* and follow. The Greek word translated here as "to follow" also means "to become a disciple."

The readings confront RCIA candidates and the believing community with the reality of discipleship: hear God's message, change our mind/heart, and immediately follow. *Metanoia* is at the heart of discipleship: we must change before we can follow. Jesus' invitation begins when we hear what God asks. God's request turns us around and changes how we see ourselves and the world. How do we respond? Do we drop everything and follow this different and unknown path? Or do we stay in our familiar boat, content to follow a safe and known way?

Terence Sherlock

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Statistic Brain Research Institute reports, “People who explicitly make resolutions are 10 times more likely to attain their goals than people who don’t explicitly make resolutions.” There is something within us as humans that desires to make a fresh start, to become resolved, and then to change. We see this played out in all three of our readings today. First, we have Jonah walking through the streets of Nineveh and proclaiming, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.” Surprisingly (especially to Jonah) this dour warning works. One hundred percent of the people, from adults to children, and even including livestock, cover themselves in sackcloth, fast from food and water, and devote their time to turning from their evil ways.

St. Paul has a similarly urgent message for the church in Corinth, “I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.” For Paul and the early Christian communities living a mere 20 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, Jesus’ return in glory was imminent. Their lives, which had been changed by the revelation of God’s kingdom in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, could be radically (and eternally) altered again at any moment when “the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). For this reason Paul tells them, “The world in its present form is passing away.” There is no time to focus on anything other than the work at hand, spreading the good news of Jesus, building up his church, and remembering him in the breaking of the bread.

And then we come to the Gospel reading where we hear the first words Jesus utters in the Gospel according to Mark, the Gospel that will accompany us throughout this liturgical year. Jesus says, “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.” What does all of this urgency mean for us, living more than 2,000 years from the time Jesus walked in the land of Israel?

Like the Ninevites, the Corinthians and the Israelites, we too, live in a time of uncertainty. We exist in a fallen world where resolutions are easily made and easily broken, where each day there is a new opportunity to “repent and believe in the Gospel.” But we also live in “the time of fulfillment.” Jesus’ message to the people of his day, his message to us now, is that the time of fulfillment is upon us. We do not need to wait for the kingdom of God to manifest in “some heaven light years away” as Marty Haugen’s hymn “Gather Us In” that we often sing reminds us. We are called to manifest the kingdom in the here and now.

In Mark’s Gospel, after proclaiming the dawning of the kingdom, Jesus begins enacting it. Those who are broken in body, mind, and spirit are healed. Sinners and outcasts are restored to God and to the community, and a few loaves and fish feed thousands. Wherever Jesus goes, the kingdom of God’s love, peace and joy breaks out. And now we, who are the body of Christ, are called to continue living into this kingdom.

The kingdom is among us, within us, around us, inviting us in each moment of each day to claim our identity as kingdom people. This is a resolution not just for the new year but for every day, to live in such a manner that the kingdom of God breaks out all around. St. Paul tells us, “*the world in its present form is passing away.*” By the work of our hands guided by the love of God, may we be the agents of this transformation. Now is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand!

Fr. Dennis