



Saint Patrick

34 AMHERST STREET
MILFORD, NH 03055

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).

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5 p.m.
Friday: 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.

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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.

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time —February 11, 2018

FEBRUARY 12-18, 2018

- MON. - 2/12** - Weekday
7:30AM - Albert Pelchat by Josef Zund
- TUES. - 2/13** - Weekday
7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 2/14** - Ash Wednesday
7:30AM - Rev. Donald Jacques by his sister
- 12:10PM** - Members of the Parish
- 5:30PM** - All souls
- THURS. - 2/15** - Thursday after Ash Wednesday
7:30AM - Victor Schmid by Josef Zund and also Enrikueta Gumbricht by Mr. & Mrs. Josh Hill
- FRI. - 2/16** - Friday after Ash Wednesday
7:30AM - Marjorie Larpenter by Jane Provins
- SAT. - 2/17** - Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
4:00PM - David Hebert by his wife, Gloria
- SUN. - 2/18** - First Sunday of Lent
7:00AM - Members of the parish
- 8:45AM** - John & Noreen Esposito by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Esposito
- 10:45AM** - George M. Emrich by the family 5th anniversary



Readings: 2/18/2018

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

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Rev. Donald Jacques by Eunice Welch and family

Parents of First Communion Children

If your child was not baptized at St. Patrick's, we will need an original certificate with the raised seal. Even if your child was baptized at St. Patrick we still need you to fill out the registration form before May 5th. Please be sure to request one from the parish where your child was baptized if you don't have it in your possession. If your child is going to a catholic school please come to the office to get a registration form.

1st Communion Retreat for parents & child(ren) is:

Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 to Noon.

1st Communion Date is:

Saturday, May 12th @ 11am.



FEBRUARY 12-18, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Classes—SPC
- Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation Classes—SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 7:30AM—Mass
 12:10PM—Mass
 4:15PM—Reconciliation—Church
 5:30PM—Mass
 7:00PM—NO RCIA—SPC
- Thur: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council—SPC
- Fri: 6:00PM—Lenten Meal—C/H
 7:00PM—Stations of the Cross—Church
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 3:00PM—Reconciliation—Church
 5:30PM—TNO (bowling at Lefty Lane)
- Sun: Blood Pressure screening after all Mass—Church
 Coffee & Donuts—C/H
 8:35 & 10:35AM- Faith Formation classes—SPC
 Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church



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: Feb 4, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(213) Envelopes		\$6,133
Loose Offerings		\$2,440
Total Sunday	\$7,713	\$8,573

Catholic School Collection

From Envelopes (96)	\$1,397
Loose:	\$ 869
Total:	\$2,266

Vanco online payments

January 2018 **\$3,859**

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Feb 18 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am
Feb 12, 19 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm
Feb 13, 20 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

Feb 11 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm

Pastoral Council Members

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



Lenten Friday Meals

As a parish community, each Friday evening during Lent at 6:00 PM we will share a simple meal, consisting of chowder or meatless soup, bread and water.

We need volunteers to make a crock pot of meatless soup on one or more Fridays during Lent. We ask that you please call the office (673-1311) if you are interested in providing a crock pot of meatless soup. There is a sign-up sheet in the church hall for soup-makers. There is no charge for this meal, however donations will greatly be accepted.

These are the dates: **2/16, 2/23 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23**



**The Stations of the Cross
will follow the meal in the
Church
at 7:00 PM.**



Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet

If you would like to participate on Holy Thursday (3/20 at 7PM), the Mass of the Lord's Supper by having your foot washed, please call 673-1311 or email Patti at pattih2015@comcast.net

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.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO THE 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:

Joanne Pcolar, Sophia Lamarche, Janice, 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, Denise 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, 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.

Who may join the believing community?

During Ordinary time, the Lectionary readings invite us to reflect on stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. Today's readings ask the believing community and RCIA participants to think about *separation* and *healing*.

In Mark's gospel, a man with a serious skin condition seeks Jesus out and is healed.

The man's request. The man comes to Jesus. As we learn from the first reading, the man violates Mosaic law by coming into a village and not calling out "Unclean!" In his words ("begging") and actions ("kneeling") he shows his faith in Jesus. He says, "If you *want* to cleanse me, you have the *power*." The Greek verb δύνανται (DOO-nah-mah-ee), meaning "to have power," is the root of the English word *dynamite*. This word reminds us that the Baptizer's promised "one more powerful is coming" (Mk 1:7).

Jesus' response. Jesus responds with compassion: "Of course I want to! Let your healing be done," and touches the man. The man's healing is immediate. Jesus, following the law, instructs the man to present himself to a priest so the man could be *fully restored to community life*.

The theology within the story. Through his compassionate, healing gesture of touching the man, Jesus makes himself ritually unclean. In some way, Jesus and the man trade places. Mark tells us that, because of the man's proclamations, Jesus is *unable to enter the town* and has to *stay outside in the empty places* (v 45).

The readings invite RCIA participants and the believing community to consider inclusion and exclusion. To protect the community's holiness, the Jewish priests had the authority to exclude those whose outward appearance indicated spiritual illness. The man in today's gospel seeks wholeness. He knows Jesus has the power to heal him, if Jesus wishes. Of course Jesus wants to! What about us? We have the power to exclude those who look or act differently. We also have the power to heal by including those who ask to join us. Whom do we exclude or separate? When have we been included and healed? Who remains in the empty places, waiting?

Terence Sherlock

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



Pastor's Message for Lent

BEGINNING MY LENTEN PATTERNS (Continued from last week!)

Something all of us can do is commit ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. It just means that I'm going to make a point of being more observant, more aware of what I'm experiencing - paying more attention to what is "automatic" behavior. And, I then start paying attention to my desires. We have all kinds of desires. During Lent, I can reflect upon the desires I currently have and which of them need to be purified, which may need to be abandoned, and which are wonderful desires that are there, but I haven't acted upon them. Naming our deepest desires will guide the choices we make to establish new patterns for Lent.

Praying Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling that I want to do this day, more away that I am a child of God. I may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give myself some time alone to read the readings for the day. I may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. I may choose to get to church on Sunday, just 15 minutes earlier, so I can reflect a bit. Lent may be a time I would want to choose to start to journal the day to day reflections that are coming, the desires I'm naming and asking for, the graces I am being given.

Fasting Lent is a for fasting! Among Catholics, only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are named as days of fast we all do together. (And that fast is simply to eat only one full meal in the day, with the other two meals combined, not equal to the one.) On the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, we may want to try to fast more intentionally. Of course, always conscious of our health and individual nutrition needs, we may want to try to eat very little, except some juices, or perhaps a small amount of beans and rice. We will experience how powerfully open and alert we feel and how much easier it is to pray and to name deeper desires. Not only will I feel less sluggish and tired, I will feel simply freer and more energized.

The other powerful advantage of fasting is that it can be a very simple gesture that places me in greater solidarity with the poor of the earth, who often have very little more than a little rice and beans each day. Powerful things happen in me, when I think about those people in the world who have so much less than I do. And, it's a great cure for self-pity.

Almsgiving has always been an important part of Lent. Lent begins with the powerful Isai-ah 58, on the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It is important to give ourselves the experience of fasting from being un-generous. Generosity is not simply giving my excess clothes to a place where poor people might purchase them. It's not even writing a "generous" check at the time a collection is taken up for a cause that benefits the poor. These are wonderful practices. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much I have, all that I have is gift, and given to me to be shared. It means that sharing with others in need is one of my personal priorities. That is quite different from assessing all of my needs first, and then giving away what is left over. A spirit of self-less giving means that one of my needs is to share what I have with others. Lent is a wonderful time to practice self-less giving, because it takes practice. This kind of self-sacrificing generosity is a religious experience. It places us in solidarity with the poor who share with each other, without having any excess. It also joins us with Jesus, who gave himself completely, for us. Establishing new patterns of giving will give real life and joy to Lent.

Practicing Penance – Consider Making a Good Confession! Penance is a remedy, a medicine, a spiritual therapy for the healing I desire. The Lord always forgives us. Lent is a wonderful time to name what sinful, unhealthy, self-centered patterns need changing and to act against them by coming up with a strategy. For example, if the Lord is shining a light into the darkness of a bad pattern in my life, I can choose to "stop doing it." Lasting healing needs the practice of penance.

Fr. Dennis