



Saint Patrick Church

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent — February 25 2018

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4, 2018

- MON. - 2/26** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - All Souls
- TUES. - 2/27** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 2/28** - Lenten Weekday
5:30PM - Yvonne Rines by Jane Provins
- THURS. - 3/1** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - Jim Roccio by his wife, Marie
- FRI. - 3/2** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John
- SAT. - 3/3** - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent
4:00PM - Rev. Donald Jacques by Eunice Welch & family and
 Desiree White by Mr. & Mrs. Darin White
- SUN. - 3/4** - Third Sunday of Lent
7:00AM - Rev. Donald Jacques by John Milan
8:45AM - Sr. Jacqueline Delage by the family
10:45AM - Members of the parish

Readings: 3/4/2018

Ex: 20:1-17
 1 Cor: 1:22-25
 Jn: 2:13-25



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of George M. Emrich by the family.

Reconciliation Service



Lent is the most appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament of God's merciful healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

Sunday, March 4 @ 3:00pm

Saint Patrick Parish in Milford will be holding a Reconciliation Service. With multiple priest available to hear your confession.

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—**NO** Faith Formation Classes—SPC
 Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— **NO** Faith Formation Classes
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
 Wed: 10:00AM—Altar Servers' training—Church
 4:00PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 4:30PM—Reconciliation—Church
 5:30PM—Mass
 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
 7:00PM— RCIA—SPC
 Fri: 8:00AM—First Friday Exposition
 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
 Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H
 8:35 & 10:35 AM—Faith Formation classes
 Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church
 3:00PM— Lenten Reconciliation Service—Church
 6:00PM—Confirmation Classes—SPC



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 18, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(163) Envelopes		\$4,893
Loose Offerings		\$2,758
Total Sunday	\$8,379	\$7,651

Ash Wednesday collection: **\$2,282**

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 Grades K-1-2 @ 8:35 or 10:35am

Mar 5, 12, 26 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm

NO CLASSES MARCH 19

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

March 4, 18 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm



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: **3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23**



On March 5, 2017 at 7pm in the Church Hall Mary Ellen Fise from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University will be here to give us an explanation and answer any questions that you might have on the Cara Survey taken during a weekend of Oct 14-15.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Pastoral Council Members

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



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



In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the parish will be hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 17 @ 5:30pm. The cost is \$8 per adult and \$3 for children age 5-12. The last day to pick up your ticket is Wednesday, March 14. There is a limit of 60 people. **No** tickets will be sold at the door.



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



The Knights of Columbus have formed a Community Needs Committee and are accepting applications for potential projects. If you or someone you know has an idea about how the Knights can support those who are less fortunate in our community, we'd love to hear it. Please pick up an application in the back of the Church or in the Parish office. After completing the application please mail to Mike Goci at the address listed on the form.



FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni

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:

Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Frank Albano & his father, Joanne Pcolar, Sophia Larmarche, 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, 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.

Fathers and sons, sacrifice and service

During Lent the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested and transfigured, and as he foretells his coming glory. For RCIA participants, Lent is a time of rites and prayers that prepare them for the sacraments they will experience at the Easter Vigil. Today's readings, centering on the Transfiguration, ask us to consider discipleship's service and sacrifice.

Mark's gospel recounts Jesus revealing his divine glory to Peter, James, and John. Jesus' transfiguration confronts his disciples and Mark's readers with the mystery of God's kingdom and the place of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection within it. God the Father speaks only a few words in Christian scripture; when the Father speaks in today's reading, we should listen:

My beloved son. The voice from the cloud identifies Jesus as *God's son*. God first announces Jesus' sonship at his baptism, the start of Jesus' Galilean ministry (Mk 1:11). Today God reiterates Jesus' sonship at the Transfiguration, the start of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem (Mk 9:7). At Jesus' death on the cross, a Roman centurion witnesses Jesus' sonship a third time (Mk 15:39).

Listen to him. The Greek verb ἀκούω (ah-KOO-oh) means "to heed" or "to hear and understand." God's message to the disciples recalls Moses' promise that God will raise up another prophet, and they must *listen to him* (Dt 18:15). Today God tells Peter, James, and John that Jesus is more than a prophet. The Son of God is the Word of God; *Jesus' teachings are God's own teachings*. Jesus teaches *what kind of messiah he is* (Mk 8:31) and *how disciples should act* (Mk 8:34).

This week RCIA candidates and the believing community hear about fathers and sons, and sacrifice and service. Abraham struggles with fatherhood and faithfulness. Paul envisions a Father who is so for us that he gives his Son to save us. The Father tells us to listen and understand the Son, whose words and actions teach discipleship. Are we like Peter, babbling at the thought of suffering? Are we like James and John, terrified of taking up our own crosses? Can we hear that the Father sent the Son to destroy every obstacle that we might ever face? Are we listening to him?

Terence Sherlock

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Pastor's Message for Lent

A LENTEN "EXERCISE" REALIGNING OUR PRIORITIES

All of us have, at one time or another, named certain things as our "priorities." From time to time, when we become aware of our not doing something that is really important, we say, "I have to make that a priority." Lent is an important time to do a top-to-bottom review of what we value and what we actually do, in our everyday lives. Whenever we do this, we always discover that something needs re-aligning. We discover that there are values we hold, commitments we've made, growth we desire, that simply don't make it on the list of our "actual priorities" - that is, the things that take the "first place" in our lives. For example, I might say, "My family is my first priority!" My family might say otherwise. I might say, "My faith is among my top priorities." But, an honest self-examination may show otherwise. I may say, I hear the words of Jesus that we will be judged really on only one thing: how we care for "the least" of his sisters and brothers. I may only occasionally even notice that feeding, clothing, caring for or defending the marginalized or alienated never makes it to my priority list.

A thorough review of what is most important to us, and what seems to be important to us by virtue of what we actually do, is prime Lenten exercise. If what we are hoping to do during Lent is to grow in personal freedom, based upon our growing sense of God's love for us, and our clearer vision of who we are, and our deepening desire to be more closely aligned with the heart of Jesus, then we will want to do this personal review very carefully. How else might we ever hope to get to a heroic, courageous, self-sacrificing service of others? What chance will care of the poor ever have of making it into our priorities? How will we ever be able to break old self-defeating habits and secure the establishment of new ones that help us be who we want to actually be?

Getting Started I can start a variety of ways, but it would be wonderful if we could start with prayer. We can ask God - in our own words, and with desire - **for the grace to do this review with real honesty, and with a real desire to grow in freedom and integrity.**

Who am I? What is my purpose? Then, I might want to spend a few days reflecting upon - in the background all day long - who I am, and what my purpose is. Then, I might spend a few more days reflecting upon who I say Jesus is, and what this means for me. It doesn't make sense to start with a review of what I really value, if I haven't first examined if my values "fit" the truth of who I am and who I am called to be.

Naming my values Then, I can name what is most important to me. A piece of paper would be very helpful, so that I can put it into words and keep "editing" or refining the words as I go along. I will try to be as explicit as possible. Instead of saying, "My kids." I might spell out the values that are important to me in my saying that my kids are a value, e.g., "It is extremely important to me that I be there for and with my kids when they are encountering key growth moments in their lives, in so many areas - homework time, for reflection time, in relationship struggles, in wins and losses, in relaxing and having fun." We want to "open up" our values, as we name them. What does it mean to say I value "my faith" or "my relationship with God" or "service to others"?

Fr. Dennis

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK