

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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MILFORD, NH 03055



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.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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).

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Lent is an appropriate & excellent time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

WEDNESDAYS 4:30 - 5:15 PM Prior to the Late afternoon Mass at 5:30 PM

SATURDAYS 3:00 -3:45 PM Prior to the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM
The sacrament **will not be** available on Holy Saturday, March 31.

SUNDAY - MARCH 18, 2018

Annual Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Service with the deanery priests available for individual confessions at **St. Joseph the Worker**, 1 Gilson Rd, Nashua at 2:00PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - MARCH 26, 2018

Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation where every Catholic Church in New Hampshire will have confessors available during these times.

11:00AM-1:00PM and 5:00-7:00 PM

5th Sunday of Lent — March 18, 2018

MARCH 19-25, 2018

- MON. - 3/19** - St. Joseph
7:30AM - All Souls
- TUES. - 3/20** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 3/21** - Lenten Weekday
5:30PM - Lillian Cullinan by Betty Barnard
- THURS. - 3/22** - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM - Albert Pelchat by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly
- FRI. - 3/23** - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
7:30AM - Edna Hug by John Milan
- SAT. - 3/24** - Vigil of Palm Sunday
4:00PM - Lorraine Amlaw by Joanne Ouellette
- SUN. - 3/25** - Palm Sunday
7:00AM - Mary Clare Milan by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly
8:45AM - Laura Goci by John Milan
10:45AM - Members of the parish

Readings: 3/25/2018

Is: 50: 4-7
Phil: 2: 6-11
Mk: 14: 1—15:47



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: March 11, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(182) Envelopes		\$4,942
Loose Offerings		\$3,249
Total Sunday	\$7,393	\$8,190

Bishop Overseas Relief: \$1,862

MARCH 19-25, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM— Adults Class With Fr. Dennis—C/H
Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation Classes
7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 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: 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
8:35 & 10:35 AM—Faith Formation classes
Noon—Choir rehearsal—Church

OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to church on the weekend of Palm Sunday. We will have boxes at the entrance of the church for them. We burn our old palms each year for use on the following year’s Ash Wednesday.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for a special intention by Bernie Kallfelz

Congratulations are extended to

- Kyle and Amanda Coffey who had their son, Benjamin Francis baptized on March 10, 2018
and
Andrew and Kalee Gwarjanski who had their daughter, Penelope Faith baptized on March 11, 2018.



Our deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to family and friends of:

Rosario Locicero, Laura Goci and Frank Sipos

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

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

Mar 26 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm

NO CLASSES MARCH 19

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

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

March 18 Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation for grades 9 & 10 will be celebrated on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:00pm, the presider will be Bishop Libasci.



FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

Starting this Sunday, until they receive 1st Communion, all 2nd grade students will be attending Mass with their parent(s) followed by a 15 minutes class in the Parish Center with their teachers.

If your child was not baptized at St. Patrick's, we will need an original certificate with the raised seal.

If your child was baptized at St. Patrick we still need you to fill out the registration form before May 5th.

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.



We are still 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.

Pastoral Council Members

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

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



Our last Lenten Meal, will be at 6:00 PM, on Friday, March 23 in the Church Hall followed by The Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 PM.



MASS INTENTIONS

Having a Mass celebrated for someone is a very special gift. Many people have a Mass said when a friend or a loved one passes on. But a Mass can be celebrated for the intention of someone living as a birthday present, an anniversary. Stop by the office to make arrangements.



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 bathing suit and beach towels.**



Prayers
FOR HEALTH

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

Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Frank Albano & his father, 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, 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.

Knowing God by heart

During Lent the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested and transfigured, and as he foretells his coming glory. For RCIA participants, Lent's rites and prayers prepare them for the Easter Vigil sacraments. As we draw closer to Easter, today's readings describe God's promise of a new covenant.

John's gospel has two parts: the *sign* of the gentiles' request to see Jesus, and Jesus' *discourse* on his death and glorification.

We want to see Jesus. John uses "the Greeks" to represent all gentiles (non-Jews). The Greeks, asking to see Jesus, use the Greek verb εἶδω (EYE-doh), which means both "to see" and "to know." Today's first reading uses the same verb to describe how, in the new covenant, *all people will see/know God*. The gentiles' request to know him signals to Jesus that his ministry is complete, and the hour has arrived.

Now the hour has come. After announcing the time of his glorification has come, Jesus explains what the hour will mean to him, to his disciples, and to those who reject him.

* For Jesus, his hour means that *his death and resurrection* will make eternal remaining-in-relationship with God possible for everyone. This is the meaning of the parable of the grain of wheat.

* For disciples, his hour means that those who follow Jesus must *imitate his service* in their own lives. They must be willing to lose their lives to gain eternal remaining-in-relationship with God.

* For those who oppose and reject Jesus, his hour means their *time of judgement*. They have aligned themselves with the ruler of this world. Jesus' glorification will break the ruler's hold on humans, and the ruler, *along with his supporters*, will be *thrown out of God's kingdom*.

Today's readings remind RCIA participants and the believing community that we are living in a new covenant or relationship with God. Jesus' words and actions reveal God's covenant of love, written in every human heart. At every moment, in every choice we make, our hour has come. Do we choose to serve one another or do we serve only ourselves? Do we choose to follow the ruler of this world, accepting only what this world can offer? Or do we follow the glorified one, letting go of this world's empty promises to gain what is real and lasting?

Terence Sherlock

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Unlock the Stations of the Cross, Examen-Style by Gary Jansen

Monday through Friday I ride the Long Island Railroad from my home in Rockville Centre to my job in mid-town Manhattan. Often I take the express train, which zips me into the city rather quickly (about 45 minutes when there are no delays). After work I have to take the local, which includes numerous other station stops. That means a longer commute. Not fun when you're packed in a rail car with tired, grumpy, and sometimes smelly passengers who all want to get home. (This does not include coughers or those kind folks who sneeze into the air without even attempting to cover their faces. *Nice.*

Really, nice.)

On my ride home I am often reminded of the Stations of the Cross, an age-old devotion that forces me to slow down and pay attention to a very particular and tumultuous time in Jesus' life. I know I've been guilty of zipping through the stories in the Gospels—there's Christmas (presents!) and then, bam, we're into Easter (chocolate bunnies). But the Stations say: "Wait! Pay particular attention to these moments in Jesus' life!" Like the stations on the Babylon branch of the Long Island Rail Road, each Station of the Cross has its own tale to tell with lessons to be learned. For instance, consider the Station when Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. It's a visually dramatic moment, but also one that demonstrates how acting compassionately, as Veronica does toward Jesus, leaves us with the face of Christ before us. It's a story and scene that asks us if we've been compassionate in our lives. *Have we seen the face of Jesus in our actions toward others?*

In the last year I've wanted to get to know Jesus more deeply by focusing on the many trials he experienced at the end of his life. So I began applying a variation of the Examen—a reflective devotional exercise described in St. Ignatius's *Spiritual Exercises*—to the Stations of the Cross. I make it a 15-day exercise (I always add the Resurrection to the 14 Stations), focusing on just one Station a day on my commute home, Monday through Friday. This adds up to a three-week exercise, and it has helped me not only to decompress on the way home but to engage in my relationship with Jesus in new ways. Oh, and to make sure I remember to do this exercise, I set an alarm on my phone as a reminder!

I invite you to do the same. You can approach this reflection at any time in your day, before or after work or dropping off the kids, wherever you are in your life's journey. Here are five simple steps, derived from the Examen, to help you unlock the Stations of the Cross in a practical, contemplative, and reflective way.

Step 1: Choose a Station. Let's say we're focusing on Jesus taking up his Cross. You can read a passage from the Bible that correlates to that scene or simply picture an image in your mind. Then take a few deep breaths and ask God to help you quiet your head and open your heart. Often we only try to focus on getting rid of all the mental chatter inside of us, but it's also important to place our attention on the waves of emotions and feelings inside us. Something in you might resist focusing—you may feel tired, nervous, or angry, but that's okay. Allow yourself to find a level of openness that is true to you.

Step 2: Remind yourself that God is all around you. He's inside you and outside you and his heart beats in yours. Try to feel that reality as best as you can. Then take the picture of Jesus carrying his Cross, and imagine placing the image inside you. Let it take root in you.

Step 3: Ask the Holy Spirit to rise up inside you and give you the wisdom to acknowledge God in your life. Ask the Spirit to help you meditate on the scene inside you. How do you think Jesus felt when this was happening? What was he thinking? What is your cross to bear? How heavy is it? How does it affect your relationship with God?

Step 4: Review your day. Where did your cross feel the heaviest today? Where did you encounter the cross on the shoulders of others at work, on the news, or in the streets? Where is God in these encounters? Ask God to make you more aware and compassionate of others and yourself.

Step 5: Give thanks to God for the opportunity to know Jesus better, and ask God to help you to become more aware of the crosses that everyone carries in life.