

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET
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.

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

Individual Confession is always available by appointment by calling the parish office at 673-1311.



Palm Sunday — March 25, 2018

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- MON. - 3/26** - Monday of Holy Week
7:30AM - Joseph Mansfield by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dineen
- TUES. - 3/27** - Tuesday of Holy Week
7:30AM - Charles Lamport by Chris Conard
- WED. - 3/28** - Wednesday of Holy Week
5:30PM - Carmella Villane by her children
- THURS. - 3/29** - Holy Thursday
7:30AM - NO MORNING MASS
7:00PM - Members of the parish
9:30PM - Night Prayer in the Church Hall
- FRI. - 3/30** - Good Friday
9:00AM - Morning Prayer
7:00PM - Veneration of the Cross
- SAT. - 3/31** - Holy Saturday
7:30PM - RCIA candidates
- SUN. - 4/1** - Easter Sunday
7:00AM - Rosario Locicero by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Guthie
8:45AM - Members of the parish
10:45AM - William & Theresa Wilson by Paul Wilson

- Mon: 4:30PM— Faith Formation Classes
11:00-1:00PM— Reconciliation—Church
5:00-7:00PM—Reconciliation—Church
- 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
- Thur: 7:00PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper—Church
9:30PM—Night Prayer—C/H
- Fri: **OFFICES CLOSED**

DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

- 9:00AM—Morning Prayer
7:00PM—Good Friday Service
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group—SPC
3:00PM—**NO** Reconciliation
7:30PM—Easter Vigil
- Sun: **Easter—MASSES 7– 8:45—10:45AM**



**All Offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 23rd.
This is a day of fast & abstinence**

Readings: 1/1/2018

- Acts: 10: 34a, 37-43
- Col: 3:1-4
- Jn: 20: 1-9



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 18, 2018

| Parish Offering | Prior Year | This Year |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| From(190) Envelopes | | \$5,191 |
| Loose Offerings | | \$3,615 |
| Total Sunday | \$7,672 | \$8,806 |

DAY OF RECONCILIATION

You are invited to join other NH Catholics in a statewide day of reconciliation. This is an opportunity for you to open your heart and allow the Lord to fill it with His grace through confession. St. Patrick and all parishes will open their doors to welcome you on Monday of Holy Week, March 26th, Fr. Dennis will be available in the church from 11am-1pm and 5pm-7pm.

Faith formation

CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

Mar 25 Grades K-1 @ 8:35 or 10:35am
Mar 26 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm
Mar 27 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

CLASSES LAST 1 1/2 HOUR

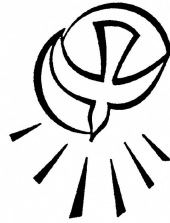
April 8, Confirmation I & II @ 6:00pm with your sponsor

Pastoral Council Members

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

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

From now until the students receive 1st Communion, all 2nd grade 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.



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

George S. Markwell and Adam Marcinuk

Upcoming Special Collections

Operation Rice Bowl offers Catholics in the United States a way to connect with our brothers and sisters overseas. We believe that through solidarity the world can be transformed. Over the past 34 years, \$167 million has been collected through Operation Rice Bowl to support CRS' development projects that improve peoples' ability to access food, overseas and in local diocesan communities in the United States. Each Lent, more than 13,500 faith communities across the United States participate in Operation Rice Bowl as a way to respect human dignity and foster solidarity with the poor around the world. **RICE BOWL ARE COLLECTED AT THE HOLY THURSDAY MASS AND PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR GIFT TO THE ALTAR AT THE OFFERTORY TIME.**

Good Friday – The Holy Land The Church throughout the world shares its treasures with religious institutions responsible for the maintenance of the Holy Places throughout the Holy Land.

Congratulations are extended to

Mark & Julia Fretwell who had their daughter, Elise Victoria baptized on March 3, 2018



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.



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.

Palm Sunday's songs and stories

At the start of Holy Week, the believing community follows Jesus from triumph; through an intimate meal with friends; and into betrayal, suffering, and his saving and transformative death. RCIA participants experience the *Triduum* feasts, concluding with the Easter Vigil's sacraments of initiation. Today's readings trace Jesus' arc of triumph, suffering, and death.

In the processional reading from Mark, Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph. Jesus' entry is *prophecy-in-action*: Jesus, who has downplayed his messiahship to this point, now reveals his identity through a full range of Hebrew scripture prophetic references. The colt (Zech 9:9), the cloaks (2 Kgs 9:13), and the leafy branches (1 Mac 13:51) all echo kings' and warriors' victorious entrances into Jerusalem.

The gospel tells Mark's version of Jesus' passion and death. While we understand Jesus' suffering and death as a *historical* event (something that actually happened), Mark's account includes both *scriptural* and *liturgical* elements:

Scriptural elements. Mark is careful to show how Jesus' words and actions, as well as the words and actions of the Jewish leaders and Pilate, fulfill Hebrew scripture. For example:

Jesus is Suffering Servant of Isaiah: Jesus is silent before Pilate; the Servant "did not open his mouth" (Is 53:7). Pilate says Jesus has done nothing wrong; the Servant had done no violence, there was no deceit in his mouth" (Is 53:9). The soldiers spit on and insult Jesus; the Servant "did not hide his face from insult and spitting" (Is 50:6).

Jesus is the king of the Jews: The Jewish leaders tell Pilate that Jesus claims to be "king of the Jews," a gentile-ready translation of the Jewish religious term "messiah." The "king" title forces Pilate to treat Jesus as a seditionist or revolutionary. In Mark's story, Jesus' kingship is ironic. The soldiers mock Jesus' kingship; they post "King of the Jews" on his cross; and the priests and scribes jeer at Jesus' kingship. Jesus' resurrection will show that he is, in fact, the *messiah* and therefore "king of the Jews."

Liturgical elements. Before Mark wrote his gospel, Mark's community remembered and commemorated Jesus' saving and transformative life, death, and resurrection in liturgical words and actions. On the cross, Jesus quotes Psalm 22 (v 2), a liturgical lamentation psalm. Mark incorporates elements of Ps 22 in his narrative: "My God, why have you abandoned me?", "All who see me mock me, they shake their heads," "If [the Lord] loves him, let him save him," "They have pierced my hands and feet," "They divide my garments among them." Mark uses this psalm as a template within his passion story to frame Jesus' suffering, despair, prayer, vindication, and deliverance.

The Palm Sunday readings inscribe the arc of Jesus' life and mission. Jesus enters Jerusalem amid songs about the royal son of David. Isaiah sings about a suffering servant who is beaten and spit on but who believes in a God who will vindicate him. Paul sings of a divine son who chooses to become human, who accepts death, and whose death God transforms into life for all. Mark describes the last hours of Jesus earthly life. Palm Sunday previews the stories, songs, and mysteries of the *Triduum*. Our Lenten preparations should ready us to sing Easter alleluias. Are we ready to rejoice or are we still humming sad lamentations?

Terence Sherlock

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HOLY WEEK 2018

Holy Week is an experience not just of the spirit but also of our senses. When Catholics gather for worship and prayer at Mass, we do not just remember the past. The sacred moments of our salvation are made spiritually and physically present to us through the sacramental love of God. It is for this reason that I ask that you try to attend and experience, in addition to Easter Mass.

Holy Thursday makes present to us the events of the Last Supper. That night before he allowed himself to be handed over to authorities, Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood that brings us the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist where we literally savor the Lord. When the priest takes the bread and says, "This is my Body," and the cup of wine and declares "This is my Blood," Jesus is truly present and asks us to invite him into our lives. We are not bystanders at Mass but, rather, participants. During the meal of the Last Supper, we see how Jesus wanted to show his apostles how they were to lead. Just as Jesus took a basin of water and washed their feet, so too the priest will wash the feet of twelve people to remind himself that the call of the priest is to serve and not to be served. When Jesus finished washing the feet of the apostles, he said, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (Jn 13:15). The priest does not just wash the feet of other priests, but of the lay faithful because all the baptized are called to serve.

On **Good Friday** when one walks into church the sanctuary lamp is not lit and the Tabernacle is empty. We do not genuflect because Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is not there. The Church intends for us to experience the sad coldness of death. Good Friday is the only day of the year when no Mass is celebrated, but at all our parishes there will be the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. This is a moving Liturgy where the Passion story is read and the cross is presented to the people with the words, "This is the wood of the Cross on which hung the Savior of the world." All are invited to come forward feel the hard wood of the Cross as we make an act of veneration. Although there is no Mass, Holy Communion is distributed because the Eucharist sustains us especially in dark times.

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil is a time of quiet reflection; but after the sun sets, we begin the Great Easter Vigil. It is the Church's most solemn proclamation that darkness and death will never win because Jesus Christ is risen! If you have never attended the Easter Vigil, I urge you most strongly to experience its power. It is true sensory experience of fire and water, music and majesty. This Mass dates to the earliest Church and is called the "mother of all vigils" and is a journey through the history of salvation. We light a fire to recall the light of Christ breaking into the darkness of our world. In the readings we hear the story of our salvation, beginning with the Genesis narrative of the first creation and the coming of Christ to establish the second, the new creation in grace. The church bells are rung and the "Alleluia" is sung recalling that the fulfillment of God's promises have been realized in his Son Jesus Christ. We are sprinkled with water recalling our baptism. This saving power of God culminates for us in the present time through the initiation of those who have been preparing to be received into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Through it all I pray that you remember the end of the story ... **Easter Sunday** ... Jesus is truly risen from the dead. He is inviting us to a new life with him. Death has no power over you and me if we enter into his life in the Church. Sadly, it is possible to show up on Easter and not let Jesus into our lives and to change us. This is not because Jesus Christ is not here for us. It is because we are not present to him. This presence requires a decision to be a Christian, to follow him and to love him as he asks us to love him through regular participation in the Sacraments, especially Mass.

Fr. Dennis