

# 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.*

### OFFICE HOURS

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

Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!

*Happy*  
**EASTER**



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Parish Office: 673-1311**

**Fax: 673-3687**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

**Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Terence Sherlock, RCIA 673-1311**

**Jerry Guthrie, Cemetery 672-1254**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).

## Easter Sunday —April 1, 2018

### APRIL 2-8, 2018

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| <b>MON. - 4/2</b><br>7:30AM                      | - <u>Monday of the Octave of Easter</u><br>- NO MASS  |
| <b>TUES. - 4/3</b><br>7:30AM                     | - <u>Tuesday of Octave of Easter</u><br>- NO MASS   |
| <b>WED. - 4/4</b><br>5:30PM                      | - <u>Wednesday of Octave of Easter</u><br>- Yvonne Rines by Jane Provins  |
| <b>THURS. - 4/5</b><br>7:30AM                    | - <u>Thursday of the Octave of Easter</u><br>- Tony Stagliano by Mr. & Mrs. John Powers   |
| <b>FRI. - 4/6</b><br>7:30AM                      | - <u>Friday of the Octave of Easter</u><br>- Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John  |
| <b>SAT. - 4/7</b><br>7:30PM                      | - <u>Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Easter</u><br>- Francis Cassity by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kuinty  |
| <b>SUN. - 4/8</b><br>7:00AM<br>8:45AM<br>10:45AM | - <u>2nd Sunday of Easter</u><br>- Gloria Bernasconi by Jane Provins<br>- Members of the parish<br>- Helen Marchocki by her daughter, Kathryn |

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| Mon:  | 4:30PM— Faith Formation Classes   |
| Tues: | 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation Classes<br>7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H                                     |
| Wed:  | 5:30PM—Mass<br>6:05PM—Women’s Prayer Group—C/H<br>7:00PM— <b>NO</b> RCIA—SPC                      |
| Thur: | 6:00PM—Youth Ministry Core meeting—SPC  |
| Fri:  | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11AM  |
| Sat:  | 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group—SPC<br>3:00PM—Reconciliation  |
| Sun:  | Coffee & Donuts—C/H<br>8:35 & 10:35 AM—Faith Formation Classes<br>6:00PM—Confirmation Classes—SPC |

#### Readings: 1/8/2018

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| Acts: | 4:32-35   |
| 1 Jn: | 5:1-6     |
| Jn:   | 20: 19-31 |

#### Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

**Parish Offices will be closed on  
Monday April 2nd.  
There is still Faith Formation Classes**

#### 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 25, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(209) Envelopes		\$6,717
Loose Offerings		\$1,911
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,672</b>	<b>\$8,617</b>

**Heating & Air Conditioning: \$3,239**



#### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration April 6, 2018

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from the end of morning Mass until **11:00AM** at which time the Eucharist will be reposed.

## Faith formation

### CLASSES LAST 1 HOUR:

April 8, 15, 29 Grades K-1 @ 8:35 or 10:35am  
April 2, 9, 30 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm  
April 3, 10, 17 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

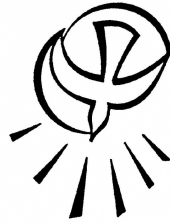
Peter Arnoldy, Chris Conard ,  
MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,  
Teresa McGinley, Jude Lorman,  
Will McGrath, Irene Prunier, Tony Varga.



## CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

Confirmation rehearsal for confirmation students and their sponsor is: April 19, 2018 @ 6pm followed by a pot luck dinner.



## FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

From now until the students receive 1st Communion, all 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety) during April and share this information with others.

## Mass for the Healing of Those Affected by Child Abuse

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, and the Diocesan Safe Environment Council cordially invite all the Catholic faithful to a special Mass on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we pray for all those who have been affected by child abuse, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated St. Joseph Cathedral Chapel, 145 Lowell St., Manchester, NH and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, MSW, Director of the Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at [jnaff@rcbm.org](mailto:jnaff@rcbm.org) or 669-3100 Ext. 110



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.**

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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.***

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## **Seeking the one who is raised**

The Easter Vigil is the most important liturgy in the church year. The Lectionary presents up to seven Hebrew scripture readings and two Christian scripture readings, carefully chosen to highlight creation/re-creation, slavery/freedom, exile/return, as well as water (Baptism), God's Spirit (Confirmation), and messianic feast (Eucharist).

Mark's gospel proclaims the resurrection. A young man in a white robe explains its meaning to the women who are Jesus' disciples:

**You seek the crucified one.** The Greek verb ζητέω (dzay-TEH-oh) means "to seek" or "to search after." Mark has used this word before to indicate someone *seeking discipleship*. Mark also uses the gerund form of the Greek verb σταυρόω ("the crucified one.") This seems to be a formula for an early confession of faith (see 1 Cor 1:23).

**He was raised.** The Greek verb ἐγείρω (eh-GYE-roh) means "to wake," "to raise up," or "to restore." Here Mark uses the passive voice, or the "divine passive," to indicate that it is *God who has raised Jesus*. God has answered Jesus' prayer from the cross (see Mk 15:34).

**You will see him in Galilee.** The Greek verb ὀπάνομαι (ohp-TAH-noh-mah-ee) means "to be visible to," "to appear," or "to show oneself." Mark uses this word to let the disciples know that *Jesus will appear to them*, as the other gospels describe.

Mark leaves his readers, all new and newly received Catholics, and the believing community with an *empty tomb*, the white-robed young man's *message*, and the promise that *we will see Jesus*. Mark forces us to decide: do we believe everything we've heard in his gospel and become a disciple, or do we walk away, fearful and confused. Mark's ending leads us back to his gospel's beginning: it starts with a *message from God* that points to a *meeting with Jesus*. The empty tomb is a promise that God fulfilled to Jesus by raising him from the dead, and a promise Jesus will fulfill to us by raising us.

Easter's message is this: the empty tomb is a sign that those who seek Jesus in faith will see him. This night he is especially present in the Sacraments of Initiation and the new members of the believing community. Alleluia!

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: [LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com](http://LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com)

## **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

These are the victorious words we shout with gusto on this greatest of all feast days. And yet, curiously, the Gospel reading heard on Easter from Mark does not mention these triumphant, victorious words. Instead, as three women — Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome — approach the tomb in order to anoint Jesus, they are astonished to find the stone rolled back and a “young man ... wearing a long, white robe” telling them: “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. ... But go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”

The sentence that follows tells us that these women said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” No victory laps. No hosannas. No shouts of joy. Instead, fear. That was their reaction. Why fear? Why no alleluias? Perhaps the answer lies in the words spoken by the angelic figure in the tomb: **Jesus “is going before you ... there you will see him.”** In other words, Jesus is not a static figure who wants us to remain in the tomb worshipping his presence. Nor is Jesus just a memory — however enthralling.

Instead, Jesus is alive! Not only is he alive, Jesus has already gone ahead of us summoning us to follow. Jesus is relentlessly urging us to plunge into the tasks of doing as he did: healing, caring, raising up, telling the message of a God who has fallen recklessly in love with all of creation. Jesus “is going before you to Galilee” — into the place where he first called his disciples, the place where he first healed the sick, where he first forgave the sinners, calmed the seas, cured the lepers, gave sight to the blind, reassured the demoniac.

St. Mark’s Gospel shows us a Jesus who acts as though there’s no time to waste contemplating the wonders of his resurrection. There’s no time to waste singing “alleluias” and exulting over this miraculous experience. Instead, Jesus is hurriedly running ahead and calling us — just as he did his early disciples — to continue his ministry of healing and feeding and giving hope to the oppressed.

Jesus, so free of all human restrictions, reassures us that he is still alive and still dwelling among us. Whenever we repeat the mighty deeds he performed in Galilee: “There you will see him.” It is there — fully involved in doing what he has done — that we will see him. It is there — fully caught up in loving who he loved — that we will find him. It is there — fully immersed in trusting in the Father — that we will experience him. Perhaps that is why the women at the tomb — the women who first witnessed this never-before-heard-of experience — were afraid.

Perhaps at some deep level, they knew what this 1<sup>st</sup> Easter ultimately would mean, what it would eventually cost all of Jesus’ followers then and now. You and I — called to live as Jesus did. You and I — beckoned to shed our luke-warm approach to our faith and religion. You and I — summoned to enter into the messy mix of people’s pain and heartache. You and I — called to abandon our own everyday worries and regrets.

Jesus’ resurrection changes everything. No wonder it inspired fear. No wonder some will not come back to Church next Sunday. You and I are asked to assume the role of Jesus. We are invited to a higher calling, and a much more risky one. But, isn’t the end of eternal death worth it?

***Christ is risen! Christ is “going before” us! Alleluia!***

Fr. Dennis