

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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## *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.**

### Pastoral Council Members

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

### 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).

**Parish Office: 673-1311**

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### Prayer Line call

**Diane or Patti at 673-1311.**

**Take the Survey.**

**See Inside.**

## 5th Sunday of Easter—April 29, 2018

### APRIL 30-MAY 6, 2018

- MON. - 4/30** - St. Pius V  
**7:30AM** - All Souls
- TUES. - 5/1** - St. Joseph the Worker  
**7:30AM** - NO MASS
- WED. - 5/2** - St Athanasius  
**5:30PM** - Intentions of Claire Loughlin by  
 Peg Croissant
- THURS. - 5/3** - Ss. Phillip & James  
**7:30AM** - *Mary Lenz by Mr. & Mrs. David  
 Momenee*
- FRI. - 5/4** - Easter weekday  
**7:30AM** - Frank & Viola Colella by Mr. & Mrs.  
 George Lemelin
- SAT. - 5/5** - Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter  
**4:00PM** - Rev. Donald Jacques by Fred Wheeler
- SUN. - 5/6** - 6th Sunday of Easter  
**7:00AM** - Frank, Mary & Frank Burbee, Jr. by  
 Jane Provins
- 8:45AM** - George Cosmo by his wife, Jane
- 10:45AM** - Members of the parish

### APRIL 30-MAY 6, 2018

- Mon: 11:00AM—Blood Drive—C/H  
 4:30PM— Faith Formation Classes  
 6:30 PM—Catechetical Task Force mtg.— SPC
- Tues: 4:30 & 6:30PM— Faith Formation Classes  
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 6:05PM—Women’s Prayer Group—C/H  
 7:00PM— RCIA—SPC
- Thurs: 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree— SPC  
 7:30PM—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree—SPC
- Fri: 8:15AM—First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group—SPC  
 8:30AM—1st Communion Retreat - C/H  
 3:00PM—Reconciliation
- Sun: Coffee & Donuts—C/H  
 8:35– 10:35—Faith Formation Classes— SPC  
 10:00AM—Teachers’ Mtg.—SPC  
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

#### **Readings: 5/6/2018**

- Acts: 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
 1 Jn: 4:7-10  
 Jn: 15:9-17

### CROP WALK

Please consider being a walker in the 29th Annual Souhegan Valley CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 20th. The Walk is a community-wide interfaith expression of our concern for the world’s hungry, here and throughout the world. The Walk raises money through the pledges of the walker sponsors. You can walk and sponsor yourself! The Walk begins here at St. Patrick Church at 2pm. Registration starts at 1pm. Make it a family outing! Walk with a friend! 25% is to be divided between SHARE and the OPEN CUPBOARD PANTRY in Wilton. Contact Gene Heighton at [cptgene@comcast.net](mailto:cptgene@comcast.net) for more info.

### **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: April 22, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(167) Envelopes		\$4,379
Loose Offerings		\$4,330
<b>Total Sunday</b>		<b>\$8,705</b>



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Frank & Viola Colella by Mr. & Mrs. George Lemelin

## Faith formation

May 6 Grades K-1 @ 8:35 or 10:35am  
April 30 Grades 3 thru 8 @ 4:30pm  
May 1 Grades 3-8 @ 4:30 or 6:30pm

**THESE ARE THE LAST DAYS OF CLASSES  
for students.**

**Teachers' Mtg: Sunday, May 6 @ 10:00AM  
Monday, May 7 @ 4:30PM  
Tuesday, May 8 @ 5:30PM**

## 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.

**1st Communion Retreat:** Saturday, May 5 @ 8:30AM.

**1st Communion:** Saturday, May 12 @ 11:00AM Child(ren) & parent(s) need to be in the C/H by 10:00AM

## CLEANING!!!

The Spring cleaning of the grounds will be on **May 19th starting at 8:30 am**. The more people that come to help the less time it takes. Please call Diane at 673-1311 and let us know if you are able to come and help. Lunch will be served. Bring your rakes, leaf blower, wheelbarrows and your energy.



## **Parish-wide Survey and Focus Groups To assist the Catechetical Planning Task Force**

### **The Role of the Task Force:**

It is important for the future vitality of the Church to provide the best possible faith formation (religious education) for all its members. The Task Force will be reviewing what we are doing now and what we might be able to do to enhance our programs of on-going religious formation for ALL our parishioners, young and old. We are going to develop a plan of life-long faith formation for St. Patrick Parish, with the help and direction of the Holy Spirit and guided by the Gospels and Church Teachings, with the goal of forming disciples of all ages for Jesus Christ and His Church. To help us in this important program, we invite all adults in the parish to offer your opinions and observations by the following means:

### **1. The Parish Survey**

A 25 question survey to help us to assess the current reality of our parish's Religious Education/ Faith Formation programs with opportunities to offer your feelings about them. It should take you about 10 minutes.

**How:** The survey will be available in various formats. Please select just one method of responding so that we do not double-count replies. Please submit a separate survey for each person if you are responding as a couple.

1. Paper – included with this week's Bulletin. Return the completed survey in the collection basket at any mass prior to May 18. Or return to the Parish office.
2. Email attachment – the task force will be emailing the survey to as many active email addresses as we possess. Please return by email following the instructions given in our outreach email.
3. Survey monkey. Please visit the Parish homepage at [www.saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://www.saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) and access the link to "Parish Catechetical Survey".

**Deadline: May 18, 2018**

### **2. The Focus Groups**

**Purpose:** We invite every member of the Parish to attend one of the focus groups. In the focus groups, we hope to have a more discussion oriented session in which each of you may offer insights on how we can improve our life-long learning program for the Catholic faith.

**Times and Place:** After each mass on May 5, 6, and again on May 12, and 13. The groups will meet in the back of the church hall (the lower level). The sessions will last about an hour.



### **FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING BARN NEEDS**

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal. **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 suits and beach towels.**

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Prayers  
FOR HEALTH

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

Gus Dreher, Beverly Balfour, Dorothy Calogero, Doris Fay, Tiffany Brown, Thomas Martel, 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, Rob Erickson, Jenny Ciotti, Maureen Corron, Dan Nelson, Denise Bergeron, Alice Creighton, Liz Richer, 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, Jeffrey Yorio, Lisa Yorio, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Susan Yorio, Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, 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, 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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### ***Shepherds, true and false***

The Easter season readings ask us, the believing community, to examine the meaning of the resurrection. This week the readings focus on authority and relationships.

In John's gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus continues the teachings he started in Jn 9, criticizing the Jewish leaders who do not act on their God-given responsibilities to care for God's people. Jesus repeats twice that *he is the good shepherd*. Each time, he describes different and unique aspects of his shepherding:

**The good shepherd contrasted with the hireling (Jn 10:11-13).** Jesus contrasts the Good Shepherd's *actions* with the hired hand's behavior. The Greek verb μέλω (MEHL-oh) means "to care (for)" or "to be concerned about," and denotes a *relationship* between two people. The good shepherd's concern for the sheep means that he will give his life for them; the hired worker worries only about himself and preserving his life.

**The good shepherd's relationship with the sheep and the Father (Jn 10: 14-18).** Jesus now shifts from others' relationship with the sheep to *his own relationship* with the sheep, a relationship rooted in *knowing* each sheep. The Greek verb γινώσκω (gih-NOH-skoh) means "to know," "to recognize," and "to comprehend," suggesting an *intimate, personal relationship*. The relationship between the shepherd and sheep is a further expression of the preexisting relationship between the Father and the Son. The knowledge and oneness that the Father and Son share leads logically to the shepherd laying down his life for the sheep.

Jesus' resurrection has many meanings and many implications. The Easter season lasts six weeks to give us time to reflect on this cosmos-changing event. This week's readings invite us to consider relationships and authority. Some believe that authority alone makes them leaders. Jesus tells us that relationship must precede leadership. Authority without relationship allows leaders to save themselves without concern for the people they lead. The true or good shepherd has a relationship first, based on knowing what each person needs, connected to the Father's love. Are we happy with unconcerned leaders? Or do we want the care and concern only the authentic shepherd offers? Can we hear the true shepherd's voice calling us by name?

Terence Sherlock

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



## CHURCH RENNOVATION PROJECT ANNOUNCED

**On Friday afternoon, April 13, 2018, we received permission from Bishop Peter Libasci to move forward with a major interior renovation of the Church.** The project will include: Remove the asbestos tiles and replace the floor of the nave and narthex; Restored original wooden floor in the sanctuary as it originally was 100 years ago; Replace the floor of the choir loft. While the pews are out of the Church, it was also decided to clean and to repair the plaster and to repaint the interior of the church. **The estimated time for completion of the whole project is approximately 15 weeks!**

The approved contractor for the project is CHAPMAN CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN of Manchester. **The contracted cost for the whole of this project is \$322,000.00. Yes, we do have the funds in our Central Fund Savings Account to pay for the entire project. But this will deplete our savings by 85%.**

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?** We need to complete our annual celebrations of Confirmation (April 20) and First Communion in May. The wedding season begins here late in September. So, the contractor must accomplish the project between the end of May and September 15<sup>th</sup>! This is also the time of the year when we have the lowest attendance at Sunday Masses – summer vacation time and all. So, this seems to be the appropriate time to tackle such a large and lengthy project. **SO .... WE MOVE TO THE PARISH HALL FOR THE SUMMER (WHICH IS NOW CENTRALLY AIR CONDITIONED).** All weekday and Sunday Masses, Confessions and Baptisms will take place in the parish hall. Funerals will be celebrated at St. John Neumann or Our Lady of Mercy in Merrimack – depending on availability.

We will notify you of the **DATE CERTAIN** for the move to the parish hall. Please pray for the success of the project! Any questions can be directed to **Fr. Dennis.**

Has your contact information changed?  
Have you dropped your land line?  
Have your phone numbers or email address changed?  
Please call the office at 673-1311 to update your information.



### **First Friday** **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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