

# 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.**

**Parish Office: 673-1311**

**Fax: 673-3687**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

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

### PASTORAL STAFF

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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 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.

### **Remembrance bulletin board**

We wish to honor and pray for our brave men and women serving in the military throughout the world. If you have someone that you would like us to remember & pray for please bring in a photograph of your loved ones serving in the military with their name and they will be placed on the board.



### **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).

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 2, 2018

### SEPTEMBER 3-9, 2018

- MON. - 9/3** – St. Gregory the Great—  
OFFICES CLOSED — Labor Day
- 7:30AM** - NO MASS
- TUES. - 9/4** - Weekday
- 7:30AM** - NO MASS
- WED. - 9/5** - St. Theresa of Calcutta
- 5:30PM** - Susan Lydon by Margaret Dineen
- THURS. - 9/6** - Weekday
- 7:30AM** - *The intentions of the Stepto family by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee*
- FRI. - 9/7** - Weekday
- 7:30AM** - *Nina Berry by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee*
- SAT. - 9/8** - Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00PM** - All Souls
- SUN. - 9/9** - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 7:00AM** - Dot Lorden by Jane Provins
- 8:45AM** - In honor of the Blessed Mother by Marge Kidder and for the deceased members of the Hulihan family by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley
- 10:45AM** - Members of the Parish

#### Readings: 9/9/2018

Is: 35:4-7a  
 Jas: 2:1-5  
 Mk: 7:31-37

### Pastoral Council Members

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



**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON  
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd  
 NO MORNING MASS**

### SEPTEMBER 3-9

- Mon: OFFICES CLOSED**
- Tues:** 6:00PM—Teachers' workshop—SPC
- Wed:** 6:00PM—Teachers' workshop—SPC  
 6:05PM—Women's prayer Group—SPC
- Fri:** 8:00AM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat:** 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC  
 9:00AM—Confirmation Retreat—SPC  
**3:00PM—Reconciliation—**  
**4:00PM—Mass in the Church Hall**
- Sun: MASSES IN THE CHURCH HALL**

#### 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: August 26, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(145) Envelopes		\$3,974
Loose Offerings		\$1,229
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$5,177</b>	<b>\$5,203</b>
<b>Missionary Co-op</b>		<b>\$3,036</b>

### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Michael Lockwood, Sr. by his Mom & Dad. 5th anniversary



### **2018-19 Religious Education Forms**

Registrations for Faith Formation for 2018-19 are available at the office, and on the back tables in the church hall. Please fill one out and return it with the registration fee. **The price this year (\$75./one; \$150/two or more .** Remember that these are your children whom we love and care for. Please consider Teaching, Co-Teaching, or Assisting in the classroom. We will provide you with a workshop, materials, guidance and support throughout the school year. Continuing Faith Formation is one of the promises made at the Baptism of a child.

### **Prayer Line call**

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

Our second collection next weekend is the Facilities Repair Fund collection. This collection will help pay for repairs of the buildings. The ushers will be going down the aisles a second time.



Sunday, September 16, 2018  
from 1-5pm at Keyes Field

Registrations are available in the Church Hall or in the office. Deadline to register is September 8, 2018. The filled out registration can be put in the collection basket or returned to the office.

### **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 sleepwear.**



### **PART TIME CHURCH CUSTODIAN WANTED SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**St. Patrick Church, Milford NH is seeking a reliable and responsible (PART-TIME)**

**Church Custodian (15 hours a week)** whose general task will be to keep our Church, Church Hall and Office Complex clean. The custodian will assist with setting up rooms for religious education classes and parish meetings. Beyond the general cleaning of the campus buildings, the successful candidate will be required to perform minor repairs, have some experience in interior painting, to respond to and see to repair calls: electrical, plumbing, heating/air-conditioning; to keep a running inventory of all cleaning supplies; and to submit purchasing requests when supplies get low. Skills desired: high school diploma or equivalent; High degree of self-motivation and initiative; reliable and able to work occasionally on weekends; Strong verbal and written communication skills; Ability to lift objects up to 50 pounds. Salary: \$14.00 per hour. **Please send resume and references: Diane Bergeron - St. Patrick Church 34 Amherst Street Milford, NH 03055. Interviews will begin immediately. Questions; Call Diane 603-673-1311**



### **Please remember in your prayers:**

Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Silloway, Tina Gaidmore, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Vera Rasmussen, Karen Jarest, Marie Roccio, Donatella Fugaza, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Christina Ferguson, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Dorothy Calogero, Doris Fay, Tiffany Brown, Thomas Martel, Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Frank Albano & his father, 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, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, 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, 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.***

### **Discipleship: A set of rules or a way of life?**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings present stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings ask RCIA participants and the believing community to consider how God's commandments and Jesus' teachings must be the basis for our discipleship.

After five weeks of readings from John's gospel, this week the gospel returns to Mark. Today's conflict story occurs immediately after Mark's version of Jesus feeding the five thousand and walking on water. The Pharisees and Jerusalem scribes ignore Jesus' acts of power and instead complain to Jesus that his disciples don't wash before eating. Here is a summary of the arguments:

**The traditions of the elders.** These "traditions" refer to a body of detailed, unwritten laws which were part of the *oral Torah*. In the first century, Jewish Law included not only the *written Torah* (the five scrolls or books of Mosaic law), but also the *oral Torah*: laws, statutes, and legal interpretations not recorded in the first five biblical books. In Jesus' time, not all Jews accepted this oral tradition: the scribes and Pharisees accepted the oral Torah as having the same authority as the written Torah, but the Sadducees and Essenes rejected the oral Torah.

**The difference between God's commands and human traditions.** In his reply to his accusers, Jesus ignores the written vs oral Torah argument, and instead repeats the prophets' message: God desires works of *justice and charity*, not *empty religious observance*. Jesus accuses his opponents of "playing at" following the Torah.

**A parable about what truly defiles a person.** In a culture that was fixated on food laws, Jesus' saying is counter-intuitive. Jesus' parable about food ("what goes in the stomach/what comes out of the heart") radically recasts defilement. A person's *own evil words and actions*, coming from the source of his physical, spiritual, and mental life ("heart"), make him *ritually unclean* before God and the covenant.

Today's readings challenge RCIA participants and the believing community to ask: "What kind of disciple am I?" God's law calls us to a covenant with a living person, not simply a set of rules. Today's three readings call us to right moral conduct. We can't simply hand off our personal responsibilities for our own words and actions to some "tradition." Discipleship requires that always and everywhere we *do* the right thing, despite what customs or laws might say. Jesus warns that devotion to tradition can result in a moral rigidity that keeps us from *expressing God's justice and charity to everyone*. Are we Christians only on Sunday, or every day? Are we simply following the rules, or are we following the disciple's path?

Terence Sherlock

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye the poor milkman resolutely sings of Jewish religious tradition, while arguing with his heart about his love for his daughters. Without his traditions he believes his life would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof. Tradition tells him who he is and what God expects him to do. It provides an elusive sense of security by structuring his days and his way of life. His dreams and worldview are shaken to the core, as his daughters beg him to choose love for them over love for his tradition.

In the plot of today's Gospel reading, a similar conflict is unfolding, and it could really tickle our consciences with some hard questions. In stark contrast to the enthusiastic crowds who found great hope in Jesus' message of love, the Pharisees and scribes were scandalized that Jesus' disciples were not obeying the scrupulous traditions of the elders. Their strict application was often arbitrary and artificial. Unfortunately, all too often throughout Church history, there has been a human tendency to also taint the Good News of the Gospel with Pharisee-like rules that only clutter up Christ's message. How about today? Are we better known for what we are against than what we stand for?

How about you? Have you ever neglected the most important things in your life, because you paid too much attention to minor things? Jesus chastised these officials from Jerusalem for paying lip service to religious practices, while their hearts were disconnected from God. With their empty grand gestures that sought to gain favor and impress, they were "being religious" without having a meaningful relationship with God. By looking at outward matters and not matters of the heart; replacing their relationship with God with rules; and putting laws before love, the Pharisees and Scribes were failing to meet the challenges at the heart of God's commands. Because their hearts did not beat for God, they neglected other people and a true love of God and justice. Likewise, it is important for us to ask ourselves if our actions authentically represent God's divine life within us. Are we acting for our own glory, or are we sharing God's loving presence from our hearts?

Like Tevye's image of a fiddler on the rooftop, we can find ourselves trying to simply live our lives balancing between tradition and love. It can be much easier to live by someone else's set of rules, than to obey and follow God. Tevye argued frequently with this demanding and tenacious God ... but ... thankfully ... love won.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus gave us a new tradition that begins and ends with LOVE.

He asks us to let love transform our hearts and our souls so that we transform the world.

Fr. Dennis



## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary of **5, 25, or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. Couples are encouraged to invite select family members to share in the joyous occasion. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 18, 2018**. You will then receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries will be asked to register next year for a spring celebration. To all married couples celebrating 5, 25, or 50 years, congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!