



# 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.*

### **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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### **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).

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION CHANGES**



Beginning First Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in addition to 7:30 AM Mass, Mass will also be offered at 5:30 PM. Instead of exposing the Blessed Sacrament following morning Mass it will now be exposed for adoration following the evening Mass (6:30) until 9:00 PM. There will be sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church for those who are willing to commit to a time of adoration.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 23, 2018

### SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2018

- MON. - 9/24** – Weekday  
**7:30AM** - Arthur Audet by the family
- TUES. - 9/25** - Weekday  
**7:30AM** - **NO MASS**
- WED. - 9/26** - Ss. Cosmas & Damian  
**5:30PM** - Ed McHugh by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scanlon
- THURS. - 9/27** - St. Vincent de Paul  
**7:30AM** - Jack & Kathleen Milan by their father, John
- FRI. - 9/28** - Ss. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Rius  
**7:30AM** - Anita Maluci and Fr. Donald Jacques by his sister, Jeanne
- SAT. - 9/29** - Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**4:00PM** - Kathy Dion by her husband, Paul & Peter Daniels by the family, 1st anniversary
- SUN. - 9/30** - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**7:00AM** - Leonard St. Peter by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Guthrie  
**8:45AM** - Susan St. Onge by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Pank  
**10:45AM** - Members of the Parish

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

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

### Readings: 9/30/2018

Nm: 11:25-29  
 Jas: 5:1-6  
 Mk: 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair

Will take place on December 1, 2018.

**Crafters needed.** \$40. per table; \$50. with electricity. Space is limited; call the office to reserve your spot today. 673-1311.



### SEPTEMBER 17-23

- Mon:** 4:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis  
 6:30PM—Catholicism with Fr. Dennis—SPC
- Tues:** 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC  
 6:30PM—Gospel of John led by Ty Perry—SPC
- Wed:** 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC  
 6:05PM—Women's prayer Group—SPC  
 6:15PM—Finance & Facilities mtg—SPC
- Thurs:** 10:00AM—Faculty meeting teachers—SPC  
 6:30PM—Youth Group Committee mtg—SPC
- Sat:** 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC  
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church

### 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: September 16, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(181) Envelopes		\$5,660
Loose Offerings		\$2,284
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$9,682</b>	<b>\$7,944</b>
Heat & AC	\$3,199	

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new to our parish, or you are thinking of joining our parish, **WELCOME.** You may pick up a registration form at the entrance of the Church, in the Church Hall or stop in at the office during open hours. Once it is filled out you can put it in the collection basket or mail it in. As a registered parishioner, you will be added to our mailing list and you will receive donation envelopes and we will have a record if requested of your participation in the parish. **If you plan on moving away from this parish please let the office know by calling 673-1311.**

**Faith Formation Classes**  
**have begun**

**Grades 1-5 from 4:30-5:30PM**

Tues: —Sept 25

Wed: - Sept 26

**Confirmation News**

We will celebrate Confirmations for children entering 4th grade through 9th grade on Thursday, October 4 @ 7pm or Thursday, October 10 @ 7pm. Paperwork needed by September 25.

**CHILDREN WORSHIP BULLETIN**

On the back tables we have Children's bulletins. Please take one and help your child do the activities on it. This is a good, small family project for a Sunday afternoon .



If you shop at Shaw's and do not collect the stamps for the Luminarc we would appreciate it if you would bring them to the Church. Again this year we are going to use these articles for our Christmas baskets.



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**



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.**

**FLU CLINIC**  
**At SHARE OUTREACH**

1 Columbus Avenue  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
from 2:30pm—4:30pm  
**NO** appointment necessary



**The Knights of Columbus**

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on Sunday, September 30 after the 7:00, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, pastries, coffee/juice. The proceeds will be split between the Church and Wilton Open Cupboard. . A donation of \$5. per person would be appreciated.



**Prayer Line call**

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



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Sillowy, 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, 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.

**Discipleship: radical service to non-people**

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 hear the call to service and its implications.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus again predicts his passion, death, and resurrection, and continues his teaching on discipleship.

**Passion prediction.** Jesus tells the disciples that "he will *be handed over* to the hands of people ." The Greek verb παραδίωμι (pah-rah-DIH-doh-mee) means "to hand over" or "to give over." Jesus' uses the passive voice to suggest that God is the one handing Jesus over and that all is unfolding according to God's plan. Jesus also says he "*will rise*." Jesus uses the active voice to indicate he will again take up the divine power that he had set aside *in service to God's plan*. The disciples fail to understand Jesus' meaning.

**Parable-in-action about discipleship.** The disciples are so out of touch with Jesus' passion prediction and his model of service that they debate about who is Jesus' greatest disciple. Jesus realizes that his own model of service isn't enough. He presents a child as a *parable-in-action*. In the ancient world, children were non-persons: they had no legal rights or social standing; they were totally dependent on others for nurture and protection. Kindness to children produced no material or social gain to adults. When Jesus *embraces* the child, he acknowledges and accepts the non-person. Disciples must become slaves to the least, the non-people, if they wish to have a place in the kingdom.

Today's readings again challenge every disciple to reexamine his or her understanding of discipleship. Jesus' own life of service, including rejection and death, is the model. It's human nature to focus on discipleship's end-state (*being first in the kingdom*), rather than the day-to-day work (*being handed over to others*). Jesus calls us to follow him, his words and his actions. If we want to be the greatest, we have to embrace non-people every day: those with no social power, with no economic power, who can't help themselves, who can't do anything for us. Are we handing ourselves over? Who deserves our service?

Terence Sherlock

**St. Patrick Catholic Community Welcomes You!**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The Catholic Church invites you to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process for those who are:

- ◆ Unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life
- ◆ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Baptized in the Catholic faith or another Christian faith tradition, but never received any formal faith formation

Inquirers please contact Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311 or pattih2015@comcast.net.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Harsh, contentious words spring forth from these first two readings. Jealousy, scheming, judgment, selfish ambition, revilement, torture, insincerity, greed, possessiveness: They are quite a comprehensive list of ungodly human behaviors! Yet, if we are truly honest with ourselves and closely examine our own consciences, we know that we own some of these sins.

We can also recall times when we have been the recipients of others' sinful natures. People we considered friends or colleagues may have lied to us or used us to achieve selfish ambitions; others may have judged us unfairly, been jealous or tried to disparage the gifts God has bestowed on us. And yet, whether we are in the role of sinner or saint, God enters in.

The writer of Mark's Gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as faithful, but often clueless about Jesus' mission. Today's Scripture is a perfect example. As Jesus talks to the disciples about his impending death and resurrection, they don't appear to show concern or query their teacher about his mysterious, disturbing words. Rather, they quietly begin to debate who among them is the most faithful disciple, as if to secure their place as Jesus' successor. (Little do they know what that will involve!)

How many times have we looked past another's words, needs or suffering before calculating how their loss may benefit us? Has one person's job loss opened up an opportunity for our own advancement? Do we avoid listening to others' problems because we are too busy with our own? To remind his friends of his mission, Jesus, who is love incarnate, embraces and holds up a child to remind them who is first and most exalted in his kingdom: a child, the most vulnerable, the one who has nothing to give, nothing to take.

In the refrain of today's responsorial psalm, we find our little prayer for this week ... and for our lives. Among the thousands of treasured and beloved words and phrases contained in the 150 psalms, we can rest peacefully in these five simple words: "The Lord upholds my life." ... The Lord upholds my life. When we live each day with this mindset — this deeply embedded truth — all our sins and the sins of those who have hurt us lose their power. Those five words are the prescription for those who have inflicted pain upon us. When we focus on our earthly desires, they are the reminder of where our hearts and lives must truly rest: in Jesus who is waiting to embrace us, bring us back into right relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters.

This week, we are being challenged to take stock of the times we have failed to look at the suffering of those around us as we go through life securing our own pleasures. We go forth this week, into a world where sometimes we are judged and sometimes we are the "judgers", where sometimes our selfish ambitions blind us from seeing and attending to the needs of others, where our jealousy and insecurity cause us to compare ourselves by earthly standards and forget God's unconditional love, may we remember those five words that bring us back to our center: Say it with me: ***The Lord upholds my life ...***

Fr. Dennis