

# 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.*

## **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).

## **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.

**Parish Office: 673-1311**  
**Fax: 673-3687**  
**Faith Formation: 673-4797**  
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## **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.

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 11, 2018

### NOVEMBER 12-18, 2018

- MON. - 11/12 – St. Josaphat (OFFICES CLOSED)**  
 7:30AM - NO MASS
- TUES. - 11/13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
 7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED. - 11/14 - Weekday**  
 5:30PM - Rev. Donald Jacques by his sister,  
 Jeanne
- THURS. - 11/15 - St. Albert the Great**  
 7:30AM - In celebration of Barbara Perras' birthday  
 by Hope Kelly
- FRI. - 11/16 - St. Margret of Scotland**  
 7:30AM - All Souls
- SAT. - 11/17 - Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00PM - Ruth Murphy by Loretta Aveni
- SUN. - 11/18 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00AM - Catherine Schmidt by Mr. & Mrs. John Powers  
 8:45AM - Members of the Parish  
 10:45AM - Luke Coté by his daughter, Ida



### OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY

#### Readings: 11/18/2018

Dn: 12:1-3  
 Heb: 10:11-14, 18  
 Mk: 13:24-32



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Stanley Marchocki by his wife, Kathryn



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.**



### NOV 12-18, 2018

- Mon: **OFFICES CLOSED**
- Tues: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC  
 6:30PM—Gospel of John led by Ty Perry—SPC  
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC  
 6:05PM— Women's Prayer Group—C/H
- Thur: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—C/H  
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
- Sun: Blood Screening after all Masses  
 10:35AM—Blessing of the Prayer Shawls at Mass  
 Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church  
 6:00PM—Health Ministry Team Meeting—SPC  
 6:00PM—Youth Ministry gr. 6-12—SPC & C/H



Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Fr. Dennis will be blessing our most recent collection of prayer shawls at the 10:45 Mass on November 18. Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. St. Patrick Prayer Shawl knitters and crotchetiers are creating handmade shawls for people in need, as gifts of comfort, hope, and peace. Our knitters have given these handmade shawls to many grateful recipients.

#### 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: November 4, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(172) Envelopes		\$4,854
Loose Offerings		\$2,713
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,645</b>	<b>\$7,567</b>

**All Saints: \$1,410**

# Faith Formation Ministry

## Faith Formation Classes

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

Tues: —Nov 13, 20, 27

Wed: - Nov 14, 28

### Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: - Nov 18

## ABSENT FROM CLASS!!

If your child is going to be absent from Religious Ed classes, please call the office at 673-4797 to let us know: Child's name, the day, grade.

## BAKE SALE

Don't want to bake for Thanksgiving? The Youth Group is hosting a bake sale on Nov 17 & 18 after each Mass in the Church Hall.

There will be pies, cupcakes, pumpkin breads and much more. Proceeds will go towards "Adopt a Family" from Share, and to support the Youth Group.



Look what's new with the Youth Group. Teens grade 6 and up including their parents are invited to join the group page on Facebook.

Log into Facebook and look up St. Patrick's Youth Group, Milford NH.

Save the date!

## All Liturgical Ministers

We will be presenting Ministry Formation Times in January for seasoned and new volunteers who serve at Mass. These meetings will be a time for renewing commitment, refreshing procedures and inquiring about each ministry. Please mark your calendars for the meeting of your ministry

to ensure future scheduling.

**Lectors** Mon 1/7 at 6:30PM  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Mon 1/14 at 6:30PM

**Altar Servers** Sat 1/12 at 10:30AM  
**Greeters** Mon 1/28 at 6:30PM

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please call or email Patti, [pattih2015@comcast.net](mailto:pattih2015@comcast.net), 673-1311. Please note that new Eucharistic Ministers will need to fill out a short application as these ministers are appointed by the Bishop and are: 18 years old and Confirmed, in sacramentally valid marriages or are single, chaste and living alone.

## St. Patrick's Parish to Help SHARE Fill Holiday Food Baskets for the Needy



**FOOD BASKETS**

Parishioners are asked to contribute non-perishables to SHARE's holiday food baskets. We will be collecting donations the weekend of November 17 and 18. Most wanted items include: stuffing, canned gravy, cranberry sauce, canned corn, white cake mix and frosting, instant potatoes, and apple juice (no glass). Thank you.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

James Lyons family, 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, Tiffany Brown, Raymond Coté, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Frank Albano & his father, Sophia Lamarche, Janice, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, 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 Opjac, 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.***

**Lessons in giving service**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary readings present stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings present RCIA participants and the believing community with contrasting stories of greed and generosity.

Mark's gospel places Jesus in Jerusalem, teaching in the temple area. Mark presents two teachings, connected by the word "widow." In the first teaching (Mk 12:38-40), Jesus' criticizes some scribes' attitudes and actions (especially in their treatment of widows); in the second teaching (Mk 12:41-44), Jesus comments on a widow's Temple donation.

**The scribe's place in society.** A scribe was someone who could read and write: an educated man. Because they were knowledgeable in the Torah, the basis of Jewish law, scribes acted as both *lawyers and theologians*. That is, they both *interpreted* Mosaic law and *wrote contracts and administrative documents* based on the law. Their expertise positioned them for leading roles in Jewish society. The Torah forbade scribes from taking payment for their rabbinical teaching. To compensate, scribes developed other ways to make a living off others--charging legal fees, managing estates ("devouring the households of widows"), or sponging off benefactors.

Jesus accuses the scribes of *abusing their religious positions* to make a profit on society's most defenseless members.

**The widow's place in society.** According to Jewish law, a woman whose husband had died had *no inheritance rights*. Widows relied on sons or male relatives for legal and financial support; a widow without sons turned to scribes for legal help in managing their personal money ("households"). (A greedy scribe could quickly eat up a widow's meager holdings.) When such a widow's savings were gone, she was reduced to depending on charity.

Jesus comments to his disciples that the widow "gave all she had, her life." Read in isolation, this teaching can be interpreted as *praise for her generosity*. But, coming immediately after his condemnation of greedy scribes, Jesus' words can also be understood as a *lament for the religious authorities' exploitation* of the poor. That is, the scribes teach the need for alms and sacrificial giving, and those contributing believe the temple authorities will redistribute the collections to the needy. Instead they spend the funds on long robes and banquets.

Today's readings ask us to look deeply into our responsibilities to others and to ourselves. Jesus calls his followers to serve God and to serve others selflessly. When we lose sight of the purpose of our service, we destroy its good. If we use service to take advantage of others, or if we give service only as an obligation, we serve neither God nor others. Do we serve God and others responsibly? Are we doing God's work, or our own?

---Terence Sherlock

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The extraordinary thing about Jesus' way of teaching is that he used ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people then ... and he uses ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people today. In today's Gospel, Mark begins by telling us that Jesus is standing in the Temple area, which we know was a place of great activity. Imagine what it must have been like that day: Jesus, standing in a group of disciples, people bustling about. In the midst of this activity, Jesus spots a group of religious leaders, perhaps walking quickly — as important people are always walking quickly — sporting their fancy robes and warmly greeting each other, but too busy or too important to greet the common people. Jesus, aware of the teachable moment right in front of them, turns his gaze back to his disciples and warns them not to be like those leaders, who looked so good on the outside, but whose hearts were cold on the inside, cold enough, in fact, to “devour the houses of widows.”

Then, Mark's Gospel tells us Jesus sits directly across from the treasury receptacles into which worshippers placed their offerings. As Jesus sits there and watches the people make their offering in the treasury, he notices a group of rich people putting in large amounts of money. Can you hear the “cha-ching, cha-ching” as the many coins of the rich people rush down the metal receptacles? Can you feel their sense of pride at the sound those coins make, indicating the size of their great offering? And then Jesus sees a poor widow approach and place her two small coins into the treasury. No fanfare. No cha-ching but a simple, dull “clink-clink.”

It seems worth noting that, unlike today's first reading, there is no reward for this poor widow. Jesus does not heal her or reverse her poverty. He does not even speak to her. Rather, Jesus uses this everyday occurrence, with which his disciples would have been quite familiar, as an opportunity to teach. He simply, but profoundly, points out the difference between the poor widow and all the others, noting the greater value of her offering in which she has given her whole livelihood. Indeed, she has surrendered all she has.

And I wonder... when the risen Christ walks around with us today, in the ordinariness of our lives, gazing at our calendars, our checkbooks, our credit card and bank statements, the people with whom we spend our time, our attitudes and choices, where would Christ find our hearts? Does he see in each of us as a religious person who values prestige and power? Does he see in us a rich person who values money? Or does he see in us as a surrendered person who values Christ, and all that Christ loves, more than prestige, power, money?

Jesus used ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach his people then, and he uses ordinary things and ordinary situations to teach US today.

Fr. Dennis