

# 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).

**Parish Office: 673-1311**

**Fax: 673-3687**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

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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.

### Thanksgiving Mass

On Thursday, November 22, we will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. Please join our parish Community as we gather around the table of the Lord in grateful thanksgiving and praise of God's presence in our lives as we celebrate the Eucharist, our greatest prayer of thanksgiving. Every one is invited to come and give thanks.

**OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THURSDAY, NOV 22 & FRIDAY NOV 23.**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
FROM FR. DENNIS & THE STAFF**



## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 18, 2018

### NOVEMBER 19-25, 2018

- MON. - 11/19** – Weekday  
 7:30AM - Jarrod Itse by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stepanek
- TUES. - 11/20**– Weekday  
 7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED. - 11/21** - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 5:30PM - Dolly Pratt by his daughter, Elaine
- THURS. - 11/22** - St. Cecilia (Thanksgiving Day)  
 9:00AM - All Souls
- FRI. - 11/23** - Ss. Clement I, Columban & Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro  
 7:30AM - NO MASS
- SAT. - 11/24** - Vigil of the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4:00PM - Deceased members of the Holland family by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley
- SUN. - 11/25** - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 7:00AM - Daniel Edwards by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly  
 8:45AM - Delia M. LeSieur by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Clifford  
 10:45AM - Members of the Parish

### Readings: 11/25/2018

Dn: 7:13-14  
 Rv: 1:5-8  
 Jn: 18:33b-37



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.

**The collection on Thanksgiving Day is for SHARE**



### NOV 19-25, 2018

- Mon: 4:30PM—Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis C/H  
 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  
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation grades 1-5—SPC  
 6:05PM— **NO** Women's Prayer Group—C/H
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—C/H  
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
- Sun: Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church



November is traditionally the month in which we remember all our deceased loved ones. The "Book of Life" will be available in the Sanctuary for the entire month. Sheets are available on the tables in the back of the church for you to post those you wish to be remembered.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for deceased members of the Coté & Caveney families by Ida.

### 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 11, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(178) Envelopes		\$5,413
Loose Offerings		\$2,143
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,488</b>	<b>\$7,556</b>

Facility repairs: \$2,707

# Faith Formation Ministry

## Faith Formation Classes

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

Tues: —Nov 20, 27

Wed: - Nov 28

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

Sun: - Nov 18



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.

## **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.

## *Thanksgiving Table Blessing*

We come to our table to welcome this feast of Thanksgiving with joy and with gladness. We have prepared this feast with good food and drink. We have gathered together and come around this table to feast and to celebrate the many things for which we are grateful. Let us pray.

Lord of all blessings, from You has come a full harvest of gifts to us. With our uplifted hearts, we come today around this table to give thanks to You.

We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and forgiveness that we have shared.

On this Thanksgiving and this day of giving thanks, we thank you for showing us how to return thanks by lives of service, by actions of hospitality, by kindness to others and by concern for each other.

We thank You for the presence of *(name guests)* who, by their being here in our home, have added to this feast of joy and celebration.

We are most grateful, today, for the way You, our unseen God, has become visible to us in one another, both in our families and our friends in countless daily gifts and in the marvels of creation itself.

Come, Lord of Gifts, Bless our table and all the food of this feast. Let us thank the Lord today and all our days. Amen!



**December 1, 2018 from 9-2pm**

We are now posting cutouts with baked goods for our baked goods table. Please deliver your baked goods to the **CHURCH HALL** before 5PM on Friday, Nov.30.



**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 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.***

**Continuous conversion and watchfulness**

On the last Sunday of Ordinary time, the Lectionary readings present apocalyptic visions and teachings. These readings are an appropriate close to the liturgical year, encouraging us to find our places in the final age of salvation history.

Apocalypse (from a Greek word meaning “unveiling”) is a literary style in which a storyteller or writer *gives hope and comfort to an oppressed community*. Apocalyptic narratives have a specific structure. First, the author lists *historical and present events* that oppress his community. Next, the author describes *future events* vaguely in symbolic language, showing how the oppression will worsen (a time of tribulation or testing). Finally, the author describes *end-time events* in which God intervenes to overthrow the oppressors and to vindicate the faithful community.

Mark’s gospel places Jesus in Jerusalem, at the end of his public ministry. Mark’s “synoptic apocalypse” links all Jesus’ preceding teachings (Mk 1-12) with his passion, death and resurrection (Mk 14-16). Jesus’ teachings about the end times, the Son of Man’s return (*parousia*), and the fulfillment of God’s kingdom interpret both his life and ministry as well as the meaning of his death and resurrection. Today’s reading has two parts:

**The Son of Man’s coming.** Like Daniel in the first reading, Jesus uses an apocalyptic style to describe the end times. First, cosmic signs in the heavens indicating *the end of this age*. Then, the Son of Man (a figure Jesus borrows from Daniel) appears in great power and glory to *gather all the elect* (the ones tested by tribulations and who remained faithful to Jesus’ teachings) into God’s kingdom. For Mark’s community in Rome who had recently suffered persecutions under Nero, Jesus’ message offers both hope and vindication.

**Parable of the fig tree.** Fig trees are one of the most common trees found throughout the Middle East. After hearing this parable, every time a disciple saw a fig tree, he or she would remember Jesus’ warning to *pay attention*. By placing this parable at the end of Jesus’ ministry, Mark connects Jesus’ first teaching of *metanoia* (“change your mind/heart”) in Mk 1:15 with his final teachings in Mk 13 on the *need for watchfulness*. That is, *metanoia* means *continuous conversion*; the believing community must be *always ready* for the Son of Man’s return.

Apocalyptic writing can confuse modern readers. Because God’s kingdom exists beyond the limits of human thought and speech, scripture uses imaginative language and paradoxes to describe it. Although we live in the age of tribulations and testing, we are surrounded by the kingdom’s signs, as common as a fig tree’s bud and bloom. Are we paying attention? Is our *metanoia* as continuous as the changing seasons? Are we always ready to meet the Son of Man?

---Terence Sherlock

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his 2015 Apostolic Exhortation *“On Care for our Common Home”*, Pope Francis expressed his desire to “enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.” Using this exhortation to summon people to take some sort of action, Francis asked all the people of the world to act on the increasingly dire state of our planet.

Francis’ call to action echoes today’s readings, which speak about great transformations, the end of life as we know it. All of these prophetic voices ask us to see the clear signs of change around us and to prepare for and guide these big changes in line with God’s plan.

In his Apostolic Exhortation *“On Care for our Common Home”*, Francis speaks frankly about the many challenges facing our Earth: pollution, waste, changes in our climate, the growing scarcity of water, loss of biodiversity, and vast global inequality. He does not shy away from the seriousness of our circumstances: “[W]e need only take a frank look at the facts to see that our common home is falling into serious disrepair ... [W]e can see signs that things are now reaching a breaking point” (#61).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus also speaks about a breaking point, a time when “heaven and earth will pass away” (Mark 13:31). But whereas Jesus says that only God knows the day or hour of this change, Francis points out that it will happen very soon if we do not act. Francis is clear that this human hastening of the end of our world is not a part of God’s plan; quoting Pope John Paul II, he says that “humanity has disappointed God’s expectations” (#61).

When Jesus did things in a new way, he brought renewed salvation to the world. Francis also calls for a new way, saying our current attitude is “that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs” (#11). He reminds us that God instructed us to be stewards of the Earth, not to see it as “a source of profit and gain” (#82).

Part of Francis’ new way is recognizing that “we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation” (#48). Our current path of exploitation and profit has led to extreme inequality as the gains go to the most powerful. Our preparation for a changing world should not be trying to grab the biggest piece of the pie for ourselves but instead, building the just, loving community we will need in the future. We see this message in today’s first reading as well, which tells us that those judged well at the end of time will be “those who lead the many to justice” (Daniel 12:3).

Of course, it is scary to consider the end of life as we know it. We might prefer to simply continue in our familiar ways until we are forced to change. But the pope and the writers of today’s readings tell us that action is better than ignoring an uncomfortable truth. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the analogy of a fig tree, whose budding branches signal that summer is beginning. His message is clear: When we see the signs of coming change, we should pay attention.

Francis also calls on us to heed the signs we see around us, and adds that it is not too late for action. The changes we can already see in our planet do not have to mean the end of it if we can come together and do something different. “All is not lost. Human beings ... are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start” (#205).

Fr. Dennis