

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

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*Mark your
calendar!*

**Offices will be closing at Noon December 31, and re-opening January 2nd
No 7:30am Mass on Monday .**



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLYDAY!

The Blessed Virgin Mary - The Mother of God

December 31, 2018 (Monday—New Year's eve) 5:30PM

January 1, 2019 (Tuesday - New Year's Day) 10:00 AM

The Holy Family—December 30, 2018

DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 6, 2019

MON. - 12/31 - St. Sykvester (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

7:30AM — NO MASS

5:30PM — All Souls

2019

TUES. - 1/1 - Mary the Holy Mother of God

10:00AM - Members of the Parish

WED. - 1/2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

5:30PM - Edwin Mazarredo by his daughter, Gisella

THURS. - 1/3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30AM - *Mary Clare Milan* by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Donnelly

FRI. - 1/4 - St. Elizabeth Seton

7:30AM - Charles J. Woods by Jane Provins

5:30PM - Charles Allen Ewing

SAT—1/5 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00PM - Bill Lenz by the family

SUN. - 1/6 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM - Members of the parish

8:45AM - Joan Gauthier by her son, Neil

10:45AM - Adam Rakey by Mr. & Mrs. John McDevitt



DEC 3-JAN 6, 2019

Mon: Closing at Noon

Tues : **OFFICES CLOSED**

Fri: 5:30PM—Mass

6:00PM—Exposition

Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC

3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church

Sun: Coffee & Donut after all Masses

Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church



Readings: 1/6/2019

Is:: 60: 1-6

Eph: 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt: 2:1-12

WEEKEND OF December 22-23 and CHRISTMAS & Dec 29-30 donations will be posted in the bulletin of January 5-6



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Fr. Don Jacques by Bettina Mace

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 5-6, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne O., Karen & Brian N.
Lector: Chris J.
Greeters: Paul D., Bert D., Donna T., Pauline N.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** George L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy N., Kathy S., Sally W.
Lector: Kathy J-P.
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Ann G., John T.
Lector: Paul D.
Greeters: Steve S., The McGinleys

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ronin & Jonas L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy M., Henry A., Joyce N
Lector: MaryGrace D.
Greeters: Mark H., Mary L.

Lifelong Faith Formation

St. Patrick will have a daytime Bible Study option for adults, Thursday mornings 9:30-11 am, led by Sally Wilkins. We will start with a six week **Introduction to Bible Study.**

The introductory course will be:
 Jan 10-17-24, Feb 7-14-21.

We will also offer a Lenten Bible Study starting on March 7 until Holy Thursday.

Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation Ministry

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5 from 4:30-5:30PM

CLASSES WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

– a weekly challenge from your Faith Formation team (12/30/18)
True or False? The church's celebration of Christmas ends on Jan. 1 with the Solemnity of the Mother of God.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T.
Eucharistic Ministers: Pauline N., Ron C., Henry A.
Lector: Pam T.
Greeters: Gary M., Pauline N. the Migneaults

NEW YEAR 'S DAY

10:00AM **Altar Servers:** Kathy S.
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy G., Dianne H., John O.
Lector: Jeanne D.
Greeters: Steve S., Dianne H., Jude L., Pat K.



The Pageant will be on January 6th after the 8:45am Mass in the Church Hall. If you want your child(ren) to be in this.

The rehearsals are:

Friday, Dec 28—6-7pm
Sunday, Dec 30—1-2pm
Saturday, Jan 5—5-6pm

To sign-up email Jude Lorman at judelorman@gmail.com

Answer to Last Week's Question:

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which in Hebrew means "House of Bread" and was laid in a manger – a feeding trough.

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.

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 attend for the meeting for 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, 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.



Please remember in your prayers:

Jack Morro, Wendy Boucher, Mary Ann Hower, Jean Duffy, Ronald & Jean Rood, James Lyons family, Kathy Knowlton, Ron Lockwood, Connor Silloway, 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, 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.

Families: seeking and finding

On the first Sunday after Christmas the believing community celebrates the feast of the *Holy Family*. Today's readings ask us to consider how *real* human families meet the challenges of everyday life.

Luke's gospel concludes the infancy narratives, ending as they started in the Jerusalem temple. Luke presents a compelling story about a lost child, parental heartache, a frantic search, the found adolescent's distancing reply, and general misunderstandings.

The anxious parents. How did Mary and Joseph lose track of Jesus? In Middle Eastern culture, a boy of Jesus' age would be transitioning from being a child (staying within the private household world of women) to manhood (entering the public world of men). In caravans, men travelled with men, and women and children travelled with women. Jesus could have been part of either group; Mary (with the women) and Joseph (with the men) each assumed Jesus was with the other group. Luke is clear that Mary and Joseph aren't neglectful parents; that Jesus himself chose to remain in Jerusalem (Lk 2: 43).

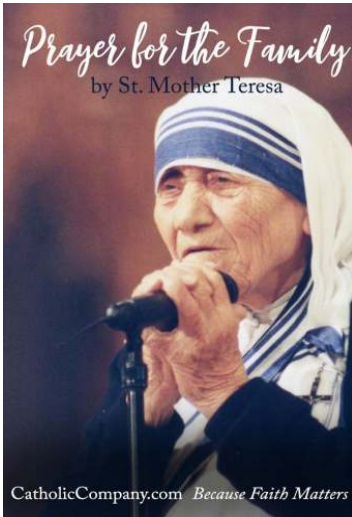
The self-aware adolescent. The first words Jesus speaks in Luke's gospel are "Why were you seeking me?" The question foreshadows one of Luke's major themes: if people understood the meaning of events (such as Jesus' presentation) or words (Jesus' passion predictions), they would not have to "seek" Jesus. They would know where to find him. As an explanation, Jesus says to his parents, "Didn't you know it was necessary for me to be about my Father's things?" Luke suggests that Mary and Joseph should have known what Jesus *had to do*. The Greek verb δει (DYE) indicates *divine necessity*, in this case Jesus' need to fulfill the Father's divine plan. What hearer cannot identify with an adolescent's tension between the respect owed to parents and the impulse of a higher calling?

The obedient son. The Greek verb ὑπακούω (hoo-poh-TAHS-soh) means "to obey" or "to subject oneself (to someone)." Luke uses this verb in its imperfect tense, indicating Jesus' obedience was ongoing: "he remained obedient." Luke suggests that Jesus is obedient not only to Mary and Joseph, but also to his heavenly Father.

Today's readings identify the family as the place in which all members grow to physical, mental, and spiritual maturity. Sirach, the author of Colossians, and Luke each describe the virtues and attitudes parents and children need to grow together as a family community. As sons and daughters, do we seek to know and to understand our parents' daily needs and worries? As fathers and mothers, do we hear and honor our children's hopes and anxieties?

---Terence Sherlock

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Heavenly Father,
you have given us the model of life
in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, O Loving Father,
to make our family another Nazareth
where love, peace and joy reign.
May it be deeply contemplative,
intensely eucharistic,
revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy
and sorrow in family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families,
especially in their distressing disguise.

May the eucharistic heart of Jesus
make our hearts humble like his
and help us to carry out our family duties
in a holy way.

May we love one another
as God loves each one of us,
more and more each day,
and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father,
to take whatever you give
and give whatever you take with a big smile.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us,
guide and protect us.

Amen.

I wish the Lord's blessings on all our families in 2019!

Fr. Dennis