

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).

Parish Office: 673-1311

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5 p.m.

Friday: 9-12. Closed Friday Afternoon

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 1st 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.

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6, 2019



JAN 7-13, 2019

JANUARY 7-13, 2019

- MON. - 1/7** – **St. Raymond of Penafort**
 7:30AM — Francesca Brochu by Shane McGrath
- TUES. - 1/8** – **Christmas Weekday**
 7:30AM - NO MASS
- WED—1/9** - **Christmas Weekday**
 5:30PM - Mary Pratt by her daughter, Elaine
- THURS. - 1/10** – **Christmas Weekday**
 7:30AM - John Sorvillo by Chris Conard
- FRI. - 1/11** - **Christmas Weekday**
 7:30AM - All Souls
- SAT—1/12** - **Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord**
 4:00PM - Melody Charbonneau by the family
- SUN. - 1/13** - **The Baptism of the Lord**
 7:00AM - Helen Jean Momenee by Marylynn White
 8:45AM - Members of the Patish
 10:45AM - The Intentions of Ida Caveney by Mr. & Mrs. R. Boisvert

Readings: 1/13/2019

Is:: 40: 1-5,9-11
 Ti: 2:11-14, 3:4-7
 Lk: 3:15-16, 21-22

- Mon: 4:30PM - Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Dennis
 6:30PM—Lector refresher course—Church
- Tues : 4:30PM—Faith Formation gr 1-5—SPC
 6:00PM—1st Reconciliation Parents' mtg —SPC
 7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H
- Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Gr 1-5—SPC
 6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H
 7:30PM—Informational mtg of ScoutBSA—C/H
- Thur: 8:15AM—Blood Pressure Screening—C/H
 9:30AM—Bible Study—C/H
 6:15PM - Knights of Columbus 4th degree mtg.-- SPC
 6:30PM—Critical incidents mtg—SPC
 7:15PM—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree mtg
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC
 10:30AM—Altar Servers refresher course -Church
 3:00PM—Reconciliation— Church
- Sun: Coffee & Donut after all Masses



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF
 JANUARY 12-13, 2019**

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia L., Timothy B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne P., Donna T., Linda V.
Lector: Scott B.
Greeters: Paul D., Bert D., Joanne O. Gary M.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Kathy S.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Amy G., John O.
Lector: George L.
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Morgan & Erin P., Stiles C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Juanita, Sr. Marcelle, Joe R.
Lector: Jude L.
Greeters: Steve S., The Bells
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Victoria & Andrew R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle & Tony V., Karen R.
Lector: Teresa M.
Greeters: The Hohenadels., Mary L.

WEEKEND OF: December 23, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(171) Envelopes		\$5,306
Loose Offerings		<u>\$2,038</u>
Total Sunday	\$ 5,461	\$7,344

WEEKEND OF: December 25, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(247) Envelopes		\$9,963
Loose Offerings		<u>\$6,874</u>
Total Sunday	\$ 12,967	\$16,837

Continuing Repairs Funds: \$6,261

WEEKEND OF: December 30, 2018

Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
From(161) Envelopes		\$4,330
Loose Offerings		<u>\$2,587</u>
Total Sunday	\$6,107	\$6,917

New Year collection: \$2,680

Vanco December \$2,468

Faith Formation Ministry

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

Tues: Jan: 8, 15, 22, 29

Wed: Jan: 9, 16, 23, 30

Grades 6-12 from 6-7:30PM

Sun: Jan: 6, 20

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your
Faith Formation Team (1-6-2019)



In the western church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates (mainly) the Pilgrimage of the Magi to honor the Infant King of Israel. In the eastern churches, the Epiphany celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. What does "Epiphany" mean?

Answer to Last Week's Question:

False. January 1 is the Octave of Christmas, the end of the Solemnity, but Christmastide continues until the Sunday after Epiphany (or, in the old calendar and in Extraordinary Form observance, until the Feast of the Presentation - Candlemas - on February 2).



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.

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.



New Scouts BSA troop for girls



Beginning February 6, 2019, St. Patrick Church will sponsor Troop 1794, a new Scouts BSA troop for girls ages 11 through 17. This new opportunity for Milford and surrounding towns provides girls fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility as they work their way to become an Eagle Scout, just as the boys do in Milford's BSA Troops 4 and 407. If girls have an interest in the outdoors, learning dozens of new hands-on and lifelong skills, and may have had an interest in following the BSA scouting traditions, we encourage you to give Scouts BSA a try. Meetings will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday's from 7:15-8:30pm beginning February 6.

An informational session for parents and girls ages 11 to 17 will be held on Wednesday, January 9th at 7:30pm in the Church Hall. If you have questions, please call Paul Rolanti at (603) 801-4954 or email psrolanti@comcast.net.

Liturgical Ministers IMPORTANT Meetings

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.

Altar Servers Sat 1/12 at 10:30A

Eucharistic Ministers Mon 1/14 at 6:30PM

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 remember in your prayers:

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

The revelation of the incarnation

Today the believing community celebrates the feast of the *Epiphany*, which means “shining upon” or “manifestation.” This feast marks the *twelfth day of Christmas*, and, in many places, is the day to exchange gifts. The feast commemorates the Magi’s (or “wise men’s”) visit to Jesus. The Lectionary readings provide a larger context and meaning for this feast.

In the gospel, Matthew tells the story of the gentile Magi who seek the newborn king of the Jews. Matthew sets up a deliberate contrast between the non-Jewish magi who sincerely wish to pay homage to the king of the Jews, and Herod, the nominal king of the Jews, who feigns homage to Jesus in order to kill him. Matthew’s many Hebrew scripture references include the following:

The star. The ancients believed that a new star appeared at the time of a ruler’s birth. Matthew draws on the Hebrew scripture story of Balaam, who foretold that “a star shall advance from Jacob” (Num 24:17). Jewish tradition associated stars with angels. Matthew’s guiding star recalls the angel God sent to guide the Israelites in the desert on their way to the promised land (Ex 14:19). God provides a *supernatural guide* to lead the Magi to Jesus, just as God provided a guide to the Israelites in the desert.

The gentiles. The Magi were Median and Persian priests who advised the king and interpreted dreams. In Jewish tradition, Magi suggest Daniel’s opponents in Babylon, who were associated with enchanters and sorcerers (Dn 1:20, 2:2, 4:6-7, 5:7); that is those *least likely* to be the first to worship the Jewish messiah. Matthew sets up one of his key themes: Jesus is *welcomed by the least expected*, while he is opposed and rejected by Jewish leaders.

The gifts. Gold and frankincense echo the offerings from the first Isaiah reading (Is 60:1-6) about the nations (gentiles) coming to pay homage to the king of Israel. Matthew’s Jesus is not only king of the Jews, but king of the *whole world*. The traditional interpretation for this gifts is: *gold* for a king; *incense* for a deity; and *myrrh* for embalming or death rituals. Each gift identifies an aspect of Jesus’ role in salvation history.

The Epiphany readings describe the scale of God’s saving plan, stretching from Exodus, through Isaiah, into Matthew and Ephesians. Matthew’s point is that Jesus is *the revelation of God in the world*. He uses signs and motifs (the star, the frightened ruler, the discovery quest, worship by gentiles) to show *who Jesus is*. Whose star do we follow? To whom do we give our gifts? Whom do we worship?

---Terence Sherlock

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EPIPHANY

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Throughout the Christmas season, we celebrate God made present in the person of Jesus, the baby born among the animals, whose birth was heralded by angels singing hymns of glory. In today's Gospel, we find the contrast of the great and the small again. It is no surprise that in searching for the "newborn king of the Jews" the Magi from the East would first travel to the most important city in Israel and then to the very dwelling of the king. Within the court of King Herod, which was known for its gawdy excess, the Magi likely found all of the trappings of wealth and power one would expect from royalty, but they did not find the king they sought. The chief priests and scribes sent the Magi to Bethlehem where the star which had guided them along their journey "stopped over the place where the child was." In a simple house in a small village, they come face-to-face with Emmanuel — God-with-us. Immediately, the Magi bowed down in worship before presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the figures of the Magi, the revelation of Jesus, the light of the world, is brought to the people outside of the land of Israel. Their way of coming to this moment has been different from their Jewish counterparts. While angels proclaim Jesus' birth to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in the fields, creation itself proclaims the good news to the Magi in the form of the star that they follow.

As Christians, we are called to proclaim the life of Christ, not only in our words but also in our actions. In studying the Gospels, we find that Jesus' 33 years on Earth contain many paradoxes. The Son of God lives most of his life in the backwater town of Nazareth where he is known as "the carpenter's son". Proclaimed as Messiah and Lord by the angels at his birth, the only crown Jesus ever wears is the crown of thorns given to him by his tormentors before his execution. In order to proclaim Christ truly, we must be comfortable with both his perfect humility and his supreme glory.

In our Gospel of the Feast of the Epiphany, we could deduce many different epiphanies/manifestations. Herod comes to the sudden (and troubling) realization that he is not the sole, or even the most important king in Israel. The Magi discover the light of the world at home with his mother in Bethlehem. Mary most likely received another affirmation of her marvelous child's identity.

Each Christmas season we are introduced to this child anew, the God of creation in the vulnerable guise of a newborn child, the one who is Emmanuel. In 2019, how will we proclaim this child to all we meet? Perhaps we will have the opportunity to bring his light to places of darkness. Perhaps we will recognize him in the faces of the ones our society has cast aside. If we are attentive, we will find that every moment of our lives our God is longing to reveal God-self to us.

Savior of ALL nations, bless us throughout 2019!

Fr. Dennis