

# 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).

## **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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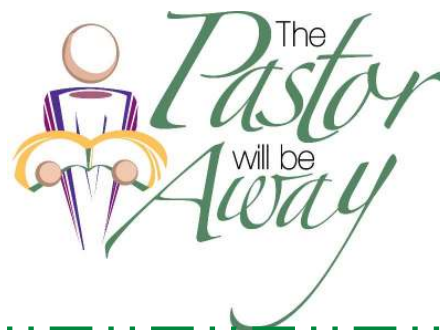
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There will be **NO** morning Mass on January 17, 18 and 21.

Fr. Paul Farin, from Cross Catholic Outreach will be here to celebrate all Masses on the Weekend of Jan. 19-20th and speaking on behalf of the poor in developing countries.

## *The Baptism of the Lord—January 13, 2019*

### JANUARY 14-20, 2019

**MON. - 1/14 – Weekday**

7:30AM — All Souls

**TUES. - 1/15 – Weekday**

7:30AM - NO MASS

**WED—1/16 - Weekday**

5:30PM - All Souls

**THURS. - 1/17 – St. Anthony**

7:30AM - NO MASS

**FRI. - 1/18 - Weekday**

7:30AM - NO MASS

**SAT—1/19 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00PM - Leon Coudriet by Donna Gavin

**SUN. - 1/20 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00AM - Members of the Parish

8:45AM - David Clough by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gilbert

10:45AM - All Souls

#### **Readings: 1/20/2019**

Is: 62: 1-5

1 Cor: 12: 4-11

Jn: 2: 1-11

### JAN 14-20, 2019

Mon: 6:30PM—E.M. refresher course—Church

Tues : 4:30PM—Faith Formation gr 1-5—SPC

6:00PM—1st Reconciliation parent(s) mtg—SPC

6:00PM—Social committee mtg—SPC

7:00PM—Cribbage—C/H

Wed: 4:30PM—Faith Formation Gr 1-5—SPC

6:05PM—Women's Prayer Group—C/H

Thur: 9:30AM—Bible Study—C/H

Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC

3:00PM—Reconciliation—Church

Sun: Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Noon—Choir Rehearsal—Church

5:30PM—Inquiry Steubenville mtg—SPC

6:00PM—Youth Ministry gr 6-12—SPC & C/H

#### **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.

**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](mailto:pattih2015@comcast.net), 673-1311.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 19-20, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Al B., Laura D., Dianne H.  
**Lector:** Andrea M.  
**Greeters:** Bert D., Pauline N., Dianne H.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Jerry G.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy N., Kathy S., Sally W.  
**Lector:** Amy G.  
**Greeters:** Skip G., John M., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Ron C.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jude L., John T., Diane B.  
**Lector:** Randy L.  
**Greeters:** Steve S., The Migneaults, Pat K.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Katherine P., Claire B.  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Henry A., Bridie C., MaryGrace D.  
**Lector:** Vincent M.  
**Greeters:** The Hohenadels., Mary L.

#### WEEKEND OF: January 6, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(178) Envelopes		\$4,698
Loose Offerings		\$2,901
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$9,010</b>	<b>\$7,599</b>



#### **The Knights of Columbus**

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on Sunday, January 20 after the 7:00, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m Masses. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, pastries, coffee/juice. The proceeds will be split between the Church and Wilton Open Cupboard food pantry. A donation of \$5. per person would be appreciated.

# Faith Formation Ministry

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

Tues: Jan: 15, 22, 29

Wed: Jan: 16, 23, 30

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

Sun: Jan: 20

### NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your  
Faith Formation Team (1-13-2019)



How was John's Baptism, which Jesus said He should receive despite John's protestations, different from the Baptism Jesus commanded His Apostles to give to those who received the Gospel?

#### Answer to Last Week's Question: (1/6/2019)

Epiphany, from the Greek "appeared before/to", means a revealing of Jesus' identity. One of the oldest Christian feasts, the celebration originally commemorated four events: the Proclamation of the Angels to the shepherds (representing Israel), the Visitation of the Magi (representing all the nations), the Baptism of Jesus (at which the voice of the Father was heard and Holy Spirit seen), and Jesus' first public miracle, at Cana. In the modern calendar the revelation to the shepherds is part of Christmas, the Magi appear on the second Sunday after Christmas, the Baptism on the third on and, in cycle C (this year) the wedding miracle is the fourth.

### Steubenville East Conference

All teens graduating from grade 8 up to grade 12 in June of 2019 qualify to attend. Tickets go quickly. To reserve a spot please contact the Faith Formation Office at 673-4797 or [re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](mailto:re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) as soon as possible  
Dates: July 12 -14, 2019  
Place: UMass Lowell  
Cost: Early bird special \$240

Inquiry Meeting will be held Jan. 20 from 5:30 to 6pm in the Parish Center. Teen & Parents come learn about this event.

### New ScoutsBSA troop for girls

Beginning February 6, 2019, St. Patrick Church will sponsor Troop 1794, a new ScoutsBSA troop for girls ages 11 through 17. This new opportunity for Milford and surrounding towns provides girls fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility as their 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 ScoutsBSA a try. Meetings will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday's from 7:15-8:30pm **beginning February 6.**

If you have questions, please call Paul Rolanti at (603) 801-4954 or email [psrolanti@comcast.net](mailto:psrolanti@comcast.net).



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.

### Job Opening at SHARE

SHARE Outreach is looking for a full time (40 hour per week) Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator is the face of SHARE, managing the reception area and triaging client needs. The Program Coordinator will also assist the Executive Director and other staff with various administrative and data tasks. Experience with office and database software a must. SHARE offers competitive pay and benefits. Full job posting may be found at [nhnonprofits.org/jobs](http://nhnonprofits.org/jobs) or email [info@sharenh.org](mailto:info@sharenh.org).



**Please remember in your prayers:**

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

**Baptism: gift and mission**

The *Baptism of the Lord* ends the Christmas season. This feast invites the believing community to reflect on God's saving gift of Jesus: Incarnation and God-with-us (Christmas), the revelation Jesus as son and savior (Epiphany), and the start of Jesus' saving mission (Baptism).

Luke's gospel describes Jesus' baptism. Luke sounds several theological themes that carry through both his writings (*Gospel of Luke* and *Acts of the Apostles*):

**The Baptizer.** Unlike Mark and Matthew, Luke downplays John the Baptizer's role in Jesus' baptism. He tells us about John's imprisonment by Herod, and doesn't describe Jesus' baptism at all. Theologically, Luke places the Baptizer as the *last of the Hebrew prophets*, rather than as the start of Jesus' ministry. The Baptizer belongs to the time of promise and prophecy; Jesus' baptism marks the messianic age of prophecies fulfilled.

**The Theophany.** A *theophany* is a manifestation of God. Luke presents the Three using Hebrew scripture symbols. Luke describes the *Father* as "a voice from heaven;" the Israelites heard God's voice at Sinai/Horeb (Dt 4:12). The voice identifies *Jesus* as "my beloved son;" Luke's hearers already know Jesus is God's son (Lk 1:32, Lk 1:35, Lk 1:43, Lk 2:49) and messiah (Lk 2:11). Luke identifies the *Spirit* "descending in the physical form of a dove;" suggesting God's spirit hovering over the world (Gn 1:2).

**Fulfillment of prophecies.** For Luke, all Hebrew scripture prophecies, especially those from Isaiah, point toward Jesus and his mission. *God's voice* announcing "with you I am well-pleased" fulfills the work of Isaiah's Servant (Is 42:1; today's first reading). The *Spirit's presence* over Jesus fulfills other promises by Isaiah (Is 11:2, Is 42:1, Is 61:1). Luke picks up fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in Acts 10:38 (see Peter's kerygmatic speech in today's first reading).

As the Christmas season comes to a close, the readings invite the believing community to recall *God's initiative* in bringing the gift of salvation to us. We had nothing to do with God's gift; God didn't owe it to us; we didn't earn it. God places the gift before us. Do we understand its value? Do we respond with indifference, or with faith and discipleship?

---Terence Sherlock

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The dove had many scriptural roots for those who witnessed the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus after his baptism. The dove's appearance at Jesus' baptism was a proclamation for these witnesses that their hopes for peace were realized in Jesus and that the Holy Spirit was indicating a new stage in Jesus' ministry. As faith continued to evolve, the second-century theologian Clement of Alexandria urged early Christians to use the dove to identify themselves to each other as loving followers of Christ.

What parallels can we draw between our baptismal call and the dove as a universal symbol of peace, empowerment and love?

The soothing image of the dove quiets our troubled thoughts and imparts an inner peace inviting us to live calmly and with purpose. The artist Picasso created the emblem of a dove with an olive branch in its beak for the first World Peace Congress held shortly after World War II. Speaking before the Congress, he testified, "*I stand for life against death; I stand for peace against war.*" As baptized Christians, how do we stand for life and peace?

Doves are known for their self-sacrifice, especially in caring for their young. A mother will cease foraging for her own food just before her babies are born to ensure purer milk for her offspring. Her self-imposed starvation protects them from contamination and gives them the greatest chance for survival. Too often today, we measure the greatness of our country by what it produces, not by whom it protects. Learning from the dove in our pursuit of justice, the decisions about our own needs, will also take into account the needs of others. If we follow Jesus, the ultimate example of self-sacrifice, we will surrender the privileged position of judging who deserves what, and use our power to empower others. As baptized Christians, how much are we willing to sacrifice for the common good and to empower others to live into their full potential?

As God beholds our beauty, we awaken to the precious possibilities in us. We act and feel differently when we are prized. We share our gifts more confidently, and we are more open to treating others with admiration. Like the doves that mate for life, through Jesus, God proves to us that we are beloved. As baptized Christians, do we really value ourselves and others as beloved by God? Does it make a difference in how we treat each other?

The dove at Jesus' baptism carried the energy of promise. It was the promise that following Jesus would lead to true peace and empowering justice. It is the promise that each of us is beloved by God and that we will experience God's presence in each other. Our baptismal call is to live as if we believe those promises.

Fr. Dennis