



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5pm. Closed at Noon on Friday

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.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:00 A.M.; 8:45 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.

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

All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;

No matter your family or marital status;

No matter where you are in the practice of faith;

You are always welcomed here at St. Patrick.

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

Pastoral Council Members

Chairperson: Chris Conard

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,

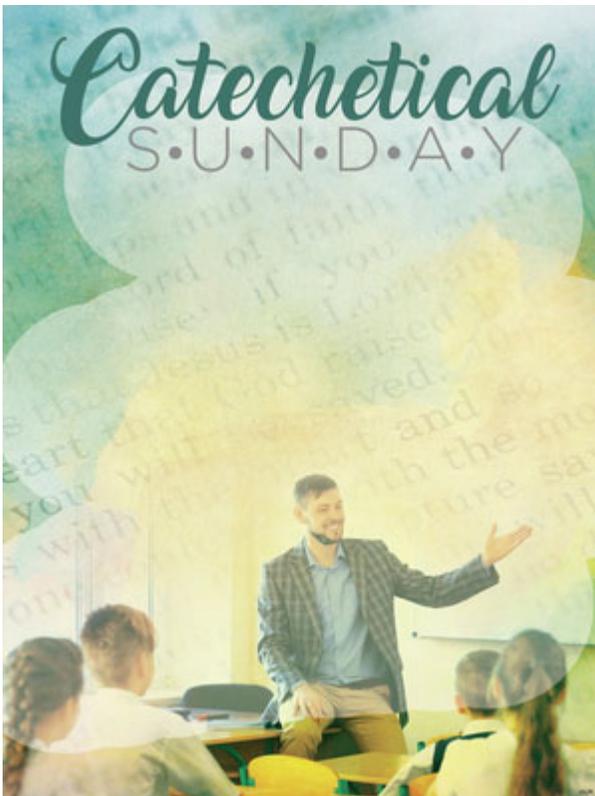
Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be!



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time— September 15, 2019

SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2019

MON - 9/16 - Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
7:30AM - Rev. Richard Vickery

TUES - 9/17 - St. Robert Bellarmine
7:30AM - **NO MASS**

WED - 9/18 - Weekday
5:30PM - Intentions of Joe Cooney by Kathleen Joyce-Page

THURS - 9/19 - St. Januarius
7:30AM - Moe Facques by John Milan

FRI - 9/20 - Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
7:30AM - Moe Facques by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Momenee

SAT - 9/21 - Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM - Richard Prunier by his wife, Irene 25th anniversary

SUN - 9/22 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM - Members of the Parish
8:45AM - Maureen DiMarta by Mr. & Mrs Jeffrey Wilder
10:45AM - Luke Coté by Ida Caveney

Readings: 9-22-2019

Am: 8:4-7
 1 Tm: 2:1-8
 Lk: 16:1-13

September 16-22, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (C/H)
 Tues: 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
 7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)
 Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer group (SPC)
 6:30PM—RCIA (SPC)
 7:00PM—Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 7:15PM—ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 (C/H)
 Thur: 6:00PM—Pastoral Council (SPC)
 Sat: 8:00AM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)
 Sun: Coffee & Donuts

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF September 21-22, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia L. & Timothy B.
Eucharistic Ministers: Dianne H., Pauline N.
Lector: Scott B.
Greeters: Gary M., Pauline N., Dianne H., Al B.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Jerry G.
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathie N., Eric J., Amy G.
Lector: Kathleen J-P.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C., Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann & Mike G., Sr. Marcelle
Lector: MaryGrace D.
Greeters: Steve S., The Migneaults, Pat K.

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T., Willa A.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jane N., Henry A., Kathryn M.
Lector: Pam T.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Bernie Q., Weedlenson J.

WEEKEND OF: September 1, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(158) Envelopes		\$3,902
Loose Offerings		\$2,853
Total Sunday	\$6,141	\$6,755

FACILITIES REPAIRS: \$2,579

E-giving is available to all parishioners. This is a safe and easy way to give to the parish. Go to our website saintpatrickmilfordnh.org under NEWS & EVENTS and scroll to "giving" then follow the instructions. This is very helpful for parishioners who want to give on a regular basis.

GIVE+ONLINE



If you know of anyone whom is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist weekly or monthly. Please call the office at 673-1311.

If you would be willing to be a friendly visitor. Please call the office for more information.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intentions of Michael Carter in celebration of his 50th birthday by Nana



We are still collecting these for the school system. If you do not have children in the school system and you buy products with this emblem on them could you please save them and bring them to the office and we will give them to the school and they will be redeemed for supplies. Thank you.

Faith Formation Ministry

GRADES K-5

Sunday Classes are
12:15pm to 1:45pm

Sunday, October 6
Sunday, November 3
Sunday, December 1
Sunday, January 5
Sunday, February 9
Sunday, March 1
Sunday, April 5
Sunday, May 3

GRADES K-5

Tuesday Classes are
4:30pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 8
Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, December 3
Tuesday, January 7
Tuesday, February 11
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, May 5

GRADES 6-9

Sunday evening classes
from 6-7:30pm

October 6 - 20
November 3 - 17
December 1 - 15
January 5 - 19
February 9 - 16
March 1 - 15
April 5 - 19
May 3 - 17

GRADES 10-11-12

Sunday evening classes
6-7:30pm

October 20
November 17
December 1
January 19
February 16
March 15
April 19
May 3

These calendars can be found on our website under Faith Formation calendar.

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.

Adult Faith Formation

Our weekday Adult Scripture Study is back! Moving to Monday (because of Sally's kid schedule). We're going to take a new, grown-up look at some **Bible Stories we First Learned as Children**. This will be a ten-week study but will run from September 16 to December 9 (Monday holidays, etc.) in the Church Hall from 9:30-11:00am. Each Monday will be a standalone lesson, so feel free to drop in when you are available.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 20, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9-15-2019)

A very popular spring festival, although not included in the Law of Moses, is Purim. It celebrates God's protection of the Israelites from a scheming antisemitic official in the court of the Persian emperor. The events are recorded in a book named for the heroine, a Jewish girl conscripted into the imperial harem. What was her name?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (9-8-2019)

In the escape from Egypt, the Hebrews left in haste, and had to bake their bread without waiting for it to rise. The unleavened bread at the Seder recalls this hurried escape.

Preparation for the annual Passover celebration included a rigorous cleaning to remove any trace of leaven – any crumbs of bread or bits of grain that might become fermented if they got damp). In many families the afternoon before the Passover begins traditionally includes a "hunt" through all the house to be sure nothing leavened remains hidden.

In addition, to this Passover connection, in the instructions for the Temple sacrifices, the Lord declared that grain offerings which were burned on the altar must always be unleavened. Spiritually, "unleavened" represented what is pure and uncontaminated, as God's chosen ones are called to be.

Jesus spoke of leaven in both positive and negative contexts: the Kingdom of God will spread like leaven through a batch of dough, but beware the "leaven of the Pharisees," false "checklist salvation" teaching that also spreads.





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Please remember in your prayers:

George Lemelin, Hope Kelly, Joanne Coughlin, Ron Hug, Michael Donnelly, Thomas Martel, Donna Thomas, Skip Gautier, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Michael Strong, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Brenda Lamarre, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Jack & Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Ronald Rood, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Marie Roccio, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Tiffany Brown, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Rob Erickson, Dan Nelson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Marc Belanger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Jack Long, Barbara Powers, Scott Dickinson, 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, 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.

SHARE Summer Challenge

Did you know summer is the busiest time for food pantries? Many children eat both breakfast and lunch at school, but summer break brings on food insecurity. We have gone over our goal of 1,000 items for our SHARE Summer Challenge it would be nice if we could raise another 1,000 before the end of the summer. Please keep on giving.



NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

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.

God's mercy: always present to all

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings remind us that God's mercy is always present.

Luke's gospel continues Jesus' teaching on the road to Jerusalem. The Pharisees and scribes criticize Jesus for the company he keeps. In response, Jesus tells them three parables about being lost, being found, and rejoicing:

The ones who listen vs the ones who complain. Luke sets the context for Jesus' three parables by telling us who is *listening* to Jesus (tax collectors, prostitutes) and who is *complaining* about Jesus (Pharisees and scribes). The parables have good news for the ones who listen, and a call to *metanoia* for those who complain.

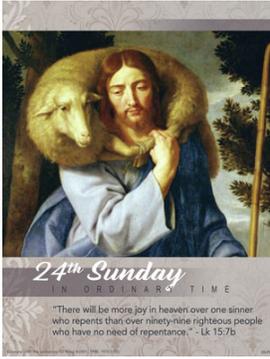
Good news for those who listen to Jesus. In the lost sheep and lost coin parables, Jesus says there is *great joy* in heaven over a sinner who changes his or her mind/heart (*metanoia*). In the lost sons parable, the younger son "comes to himself" or "comes to his senses" and returns to his father. Despite what the Pharisees say about sinners, Jesus tells the tax collectors and prostitutes that *change is possible and mercy is present*.

An invitation for those who complain about Jesus. In the lost sons parable, the older son is angry because his father welcomes and reinstates the younger son. When the older son refuses to enter the feast for his brother, his father leaves his guests and celebration to talk with him. The father patiently explains to the older son that he has always had his father's love and has lost nothing. Will the older son change his heart/mind (*metanoia*) and join the joyful feast? Jesus tells the Pharisees and scribes that *even the righteous* need change and mercy, especially in judging sinners.

This week's readings remind the believing community that God's mercy is always present. This is good news for everyone, the lost and the found. It is also good news for those who have never been lost. The righteous benefit from God's mercy as well: shielded from temptations never encountered, strengthened when others were weak. Do we set a higher value on our own virtue because we forget we are all equal beneficiaries of God's mercy? Do we see God's mercy in our own lives? Do we extend God's mercy to others?

-Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy is a keyword in the gospel today even though it does not appear in the text. But mercy is the motivating force behind the father's actions, and the experience of the younger son who has been forgiven. Only when the younger son has "hit bottom," so to speak, does he awaken to the notion of returning to his father's home, where he hopes to be a hired hand. And that part of the story is an accurate reflection of human nature. Often, before we seek repentance and ask forgiveness we must hit bottom. The younger son was not interested in repentance when he had plenty of money and resources! Only when he was feeding the pigs and desirous of their food did the realization strike him.

And so it may be with us. We must die to our own pride, self-assurance, and resources, recognizing that all is a gift of the Father. The son did not earn this money on his own. Perhaps it is only when we hit bottom with the recognition that all is the Father's, not our own, will we be ready to return to the embrace of mercy, and live a new life of reconciliation.

The scribes and the Pharisees are not happy. He whom the crowds follow, who multiplies loaves and fishes, and who heals those with infirmities also eats with tax collectors and sinners. In response to their grumblings, Jesus tells three parables of three things lost and found: a sheep, a coin, a son. In each parable the joy of finding is so great it must be shared with others. The shepherd and the woman invite their friends and neighbors to rejoice with them, while the father of the prodigal son slaughters the fattened calf and puts on a banquet with music and dancing.

There are many layers to these parables to be explored, but one of them is certainly the joy of finding. The shepherd wastes no time scolding his sheep, and the father of the prodigal won't even let his son complete his apology before he clothes him in a fine robe and new sandals. Jesus answers the scribes' and the Pharisees' self-righteous stinginess with abundant welcome. The tax collectors and sinners are not to be turned away from Jesus' table; they are the very reason he is here. St. Paul says in today's second reading, "This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: / Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

There is a lesson here for us, especially those of us who find our place in the pews every Sunday and holy day. Are we prone to grumbling too when we see those who drop in once or twice a year join us at the table of the Lord? Does our community practice the hospitality of Jesus who welcomed all with joy, love, and compassion? If we call ourselves Christian we must take on the path of Jesus: seek the lost and welcome the sinner.

Fr. Dennis

YARD SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED:

SAT, SEPT 21ST & 28TH FROM 9-11AM & 5-6PM

SUN, SEPT 22ND & 29TH FROM 11:45 –2PM

WED, OCT 2ND & 3RD FROM 9-3PM; FRI, OCT 4TH FROM 9-12PM

Accepted:

Antiques and Collectibles, Arts & Crafts & Supplies, Music and Movies: CDs/DVDs & Vinyl Records, Backpacks, Briefcase and Purses, Bedspreads and Quilts, Books, Small Furniture (1 person lift), Games/Toys/Puzzles, Gardening Supplies, Home Décor (new candles, picture frames, vases, silk flowers), Clothing, Jewelry, Lamps (table and floor), Paintings, Small Appliances and Electronics (working only), Tools, Baby Supplies in good condition, Bikes, Kitchen items.

NOT Accepted:

Any item not in good condition, Large Furniture/Appliances, Cassette/VHS Tapes, Textbooks/Encyclopedias, Computers/Monitors/Printers, TV, Car parts/tires, Baby car seat, cribs, stuffed animals. Baby bottles. Any questions feel free to call the office.