First Sunday of Advent— November 28, 2021

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon & 1-5pm & Friday 9-Noon

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.

A PARISHIONERS' PRAYER

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly if I am.
It will be holy if I am.
Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.
It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to so many causes if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy
if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities.
Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.
Bless my journey, Lord God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.
Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. **Sunday:** 8:00 A.M.; 10:30A.M.
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M. Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass, unless otherwise indicated.
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 5:30 P.M. (Except Dec 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

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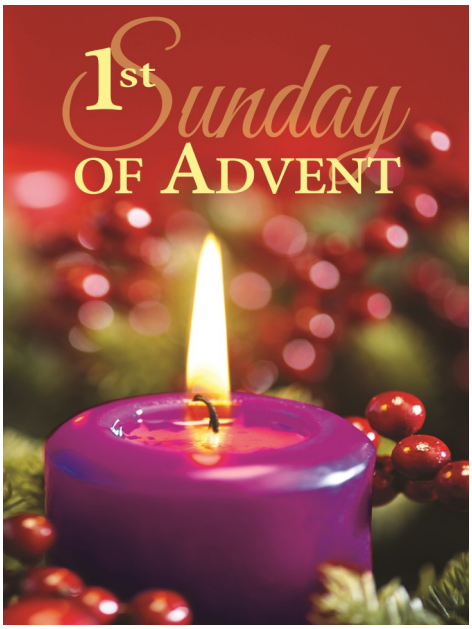

NOVEMBER 29—December 5, 2021

MON - ***11/29– Advent Weekday***
7:30AM: Intentions of Marilyn White by Jane Provins
TUES - 11/30– *St. Andrew*
7:30AM: - NO MASS
WED - 12/1– *Advent Weekday*
5:30PM: Mary Borusso by Mary Genovesi
THURS - 12/2– *Advent Weekday*
7:30AM: Diane Mahoney by Lucille Farwell
FRI - *12/3 - St. Francis Xavier (FIRST FRIDAY)*
5:30PM: All Souls
SAT - 12/4 *Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent*
4:00PM: *Maureen Wischerth by Ida Caveney and Colin Lizotte*
SUN - 12/5 Second Sunday of Advent
The Church closes at Noon on Sundays
8:00 AM: Members of the Parish
10:30AM: Robert Naber by the family & Louis Goodmuth, Sr. by Patricia Wiener

Ministry schedule will be updated on the website under the calendar of events every Friday.

READINGS 12/5/2021

Bar:	**5:1-9**
Phil:	**1:4-6, 8-11**
Lk:	**3:1-6**

The next class on the:
PIVOTAL PLAYERS will be **December 6 at 4:30pm**. More information in next week's bulletin.

First Friday Adoration
December 3, 2021

Following the 5:30pm Mass from 6-7pm, we will have an intentional hour of prayer. Each month, we pray for a specific intention that affects our universal church. Our goal is to use this most holy time of prayer to call on God's involvement and blessing in these specific areas of need in our Church. We ask you to consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of First Friday Adoration.

Welcome! We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. Please visit our website ***saintpatrickmilfordnh.org***

Weekly Calendar of Events November 28—December 5

Tues: 6:30pm—Evening Bible Study with Sally
Wed: 7:00pm—Choir rehearsal —Church
7:15pm—Scout BSA troop 1794—C/H
Fri: 5:30 Mass followed by Adoration 6-7pm– C/H
Sat: 7:30am—Men's Prayer Group—C/H

Your weekly donation can be dropped off in the mail slot near the glass door or 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.

Because of the early printing of the bulletin the weekend collection will be in next week's bulletin

GIVE+ONLINE VANCO PAYMENT SOLUTIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Laura Ilsley, Jerry Guthrie, Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli, Juliann Washer

REMEMBER *in your prayers* Orlando Lopez, Carolyn Momenee, Tom O'Brien, Skip Gautier, Bert Desrochers, Billie-Jo, Christine Lacroix, Mary Ann Carmichael-Magee, A 7 year old girl, Bernie Quinn, Julie & David Spokane, Rev. Jack Roche, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Jean Moro, Lucille Farwell, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Baby Owen, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Jen, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Tiffany Brown, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Sean, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Rob Erickson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Helen R, Anne Ronsov, Scott Dickinson, Joseph Koprek, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, Jeffrey Bryant, Leah Stigliano, Philip McPhee, William Thompson, Sammy Tinaglia, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who are serving our country.
Please call the parish office at 673-1311 when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus is inviting boys and girls aged 5 through 14 to participate in the international Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. We hope to engage the creativity and imaginations of our youth, so they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. The contest will be conducted locally with winning entries advancing to the state, national and international levels. There is a $50 first place prize in each of three age categories at the parish and state levels, and larger prizes at the higher levels. Contact Mike Goci via: ***MG60MG@Gmail.com*** for further details

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola

CLOTHING BARN

Kids sleepwear, NEW underwear for Men, Women, Children all sizes are needed.

These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you.

SHARE Outreach Christmas:
In place of a giving tree, SHARE is collecting gift cards as part of their Christmas program this year. Especially needed are grocery, gas, and drug store cards. SHARE can also use cards from Walmart and Target. In addition, SHARE is collecting New warm winter clothing including socks, hats, mittens, children's boots, and the like, as well as new board games and children's books, wrapping paper and Christmas decorations. All donations should be dropped at the SHARE Center Monday through Friday 8-4:30. The Knights of Columbus will be available to receive your gift card donations after all Masses beginning November 27. The deadline is Friday, December 10. Thank you.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (11/28/2021)

Baltimore Catechism, from Lesson 5

89. Q. On what day did Christ rise from the dead?
90. Q. How long did Christ stay on earth after His resurrection?
91. Q. After Christ had remained forty days on earth whither did He go?

Answer to question 11/21/2021

79A. Christ died on Good Friday.
81A. Christ died on Mount Calvary.
82A. Christ was nailed to the Cross and died on it **be**tween two thieves.
83A. Christ suffered and died for our sins.
85A. After Christ's death His soul descended into hell.
86 A. The hell into which Christ's soul descended was not the hell of the damned, but a place or state of rest, where the souls of the just were waiting for Him.

FORMED

Are you signed up for FORMED? It's easy. Just go to www.formed.org and click on SIGN UP. Click on "Sign up as a parishioner" , add our zip code “03055” and follow the prompts from there. You'll have a wealth of Catholic movies, studies, books, audios and more. Get signed up today and feed the faith of your ENTIRE family!

November 28 First Sunday of Advent
Watch: **FORMED Now!** The Spirituality of Advent
Watch: FORMED Now! The Expectant Mother Mary
Watch: Teens: YDisciple: Advent, Session 1: Prepare the Way
Listen: ***Truth to Inspire:*** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St. Catherine Laboure' 11/28)
Watch: **St. Andrew**: After the Upper Room (11/30)

FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES K-5

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:30pm — December 7
Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — December 15

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-12

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — December 5,19

All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.

CAMP FATIMA: We are pleased to announce Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! This is possible in accordance with the terms of a bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire.
The full scholarships granted to those in financial need are based on the recommendation of the pastor of their parish. Please contact your parish office to request a letter of recommendation and application. The deadline for submission of recommendations is March 11, 2022.

For anyone who would like to stop in for private prayers. These are the **NEW** times when the Church is opened.

Monday - Thursday:	9-5pm
Friday:	**9-Noon**
Saturday:	9-3pm
Sunday:	**Closes at Noon**

Christmas Pageant

Will take place on Jan. 2, 2022 at 9am in the church. All are welcome! Looking for young people to play the parts: (young child preschooler up to grade 12) many nonspeaking parts
Information Meeting - **Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5:00pm** – Mark your 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.

Advent

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

Beginning the Church's new liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

The color for Advent is a deep purple. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The Advent wreath serves as a rich symbol of this season. The circle of the wreath, without beginning or end, reminds us of God's eternity, the soul's immortality, and everlasting life through Christ. The evergreen branches also symbolize everlasting life.

The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. One candle is lit on the First Sunday, two on the Second Sunday, and so on, symbolizing the progression of anticipation, preparation, joy, and hope that surrounded Christ's first coming and now leads up to His second coming. Three are purple and one is rose (pink). Advent is traditionally a penitential season, and purple is the color of penance. It's also the color of royalty, so it points to Christ as our King. Rose is the color of joy; the rose candle represents the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* ("Rejoice!") Sunday. The candles' flames remind us that Christ is the Light of the world (John 8:12).

During the final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." - Pope Francis

Fr. Dennis