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.

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).

Lent is the most appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament of God's merciful healing, the Sacrament of Confession here at St. Patrick

Every Wednesday during Lent from 4:30-5:15pm

Saturdays from 2:30-3:45pm

Sunday, April 3, Penance Service 3pm

Monday of Holy Week from 11am-1pm & 5-7pm

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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***

THE CREED

+Bishop Robert Barron
Fr. Dennis will lead participants on
April 4
in the PARISH HALL 4:30 – 6:00 PM

April 4-10, 2022

MON - *4/4– St. Isidore*
7:30AM: All Souls
TUES - 4/5– *St. Vincent Ferrer*
7:30AM: - NO MASS
WED - 4/6– *Lenten Weekday*
5:30PM: All Souls
THURS - 4/7– *St. John Baptist de la Salle*
7:30AM: All Souls
FRI - *4/8 - Lenten Weekday (day of Abstinence)*
7:30AM: All Souls
SAT - 4/9 - *Vigil of Palm Sunday*
4:00PM: Intentions of Bernie Kallfelz
SUN - 4/10 Palm Sunday
The Church closes at Noon on Sundays
8:00 AM: Members of the Parish
10:30AM: Deceased members of the Coté and Caveney family by Ida Caveney and Helen Marchocki by her daughter, Kathy

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Helen Marchocki by her daughter, Kathy

Prayer Line call:

Diane 603-673-1311

READINGS 4/10/2022

Is: 50:4-7
Phil: 2:6-11
Lk: 22:14. 23:56

The last Stations of the Cross will be done by the Faith Formation kids with the help of their parents on Friday, April 8 at 7pm in the church

Our last Lenten Meal will be at 6:00pm on Friday, April 8th in the Church Hall.

Thank you to all who prepared delicious soups and breads.

A special thank you to the volunteers that were there ahead of time to set up the hall.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Milford Knights of Columbus will award two $2,000 scholarships to college-bound graduating high-school seniors who are members of St. Patrick's Church in Milford. Both scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, community service, and Catholic involvement. Applications are available on line at the parish website. Go to **https://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org/knights-of-columbus** and click on the Scholarship Application form link at the bottom of the page. Please print the application and either deliver the completed application to the St. Patrick's Office, or mail it to Knights of Columbus PO Box 176, Amherst, NH 03031 in time to be received by May 13, 2022.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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

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.

Weekly collection: $5,000
Ukraine Relief: $5,271

GIVE+ONLINE — VANCO PAYMENT SOLUTIONS

Weekly Calendar of Events
April 4-10, 2022

Mon: 4:30pm—Class with Fr. Dennis—C/H
Wed: 4:30-5:15pm—Confession—Church
7:15pm—Scout BSA troop 1794—C/H
Thu: 9:30am—Bible Study—C/H
6:15pm—Knights of Columbus 4th degree—C/H
7:15pm—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree—C/H
Fri: 6:00pm—Simple Lenten Meal—C/H
7:00pm—Stations of the Cross—C/H
Sat: 7:30am—Men's Prayer Group—C/H
Sun: 3:00pm—Reconciliation Service—Church
6:00pm—Faith Formation grades 6-12—Zoom

REMEMBER *in your prayers* Chuck Dumont, Meghan (Duffy) Griffith, Robert Ferreira, Birde, Jamie Volianites, Mel Scherr, Conrad Ducas, Konstantin Bushuyev, Marko Bushuyev, Renee Turner, Tom Moro, Irene Prunier, Chrissy Ramsdell, Joan Miller, Elijah Huang, Paul Gibbons, Mike Donnelly, Nathan, Neil Gade, Brenda & Cullen Boisvert, Orlando Lopez, Carolyn Momenee, Billie-Jo, Christine Lacroix, Julie & David Spokane, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, 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, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Sean, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Maureen Belair, Marty, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Eva,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, and all the people in Ukraine.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Having a Mass celebrated for someone is a very special gift. Many people have a Mass said when a friend or a loved one passes on. But a Mass can be celebrated for the intention of someone living as a birthday present, an anniversary.

You can call the office at 673-1311 or stop in during office hours to make arrangements.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Answer to question (3/27/2022)

The first time the Ten Commandments are listed in the Bible is in Exodus 20. This list is repeated by Moses in his "Farewell Address" in Deuteronomy 5.

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (4/3/2022)

Where in the Bible will you find references to Melchizedek?

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!

Listen: Love Hurts: The Truth behind Redemptive Suffering - Matthew Leonard
Listen: Face of Mercy Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries (St. Luke Productions)
Watch: RESTORE: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Headland, SOLT
Listen: Glimpses along the Way of the Cross - Monsignor James Shea
Watch: Triduum: A spiritual Pilgrimage

FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-5

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:30pm — April 12
Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — April 13

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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-12

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — April 10

The Kiosk is now in the Vestibule—help yourself to as many CD or books as you want. These are free.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a ***Wedding Anniversary Mass***. The Mass will be held on ***Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.,* at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by April 8, 2022.** 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. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you this spring at the Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Please note that this celebration may be subject to change. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

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

CLOTHING BARN

NEW underwear for Men, Women, Children all sizes are needed. New Children Swimwear

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

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.

5th Sunday of Lent (C-2022)

The question that always arises when we hear today's gospel is: What was Jesus writing on the ground with his finger? The gospel itself does not tell us. This has given rise to numerous interpretations throughout the centuries. One suggestion is that Jesus was writing the sins of those in the crowd who were about to stone the woman. Another possibility is that Jesus was writing some notes for himself, getting together the argument by which he proposed to set the woman free.

But, there is another possibility we should consider. The Greek word that we translate "to write," literally means "to draw" or "to make lines." So maybe, instead of Jesus forming letters of the alphabet in the ground, Jesus was simply drawing lines or figures. In other words, perhaps Jesus was doodling. If this was the case, then Jesus' action is not about writing but about waiting, waiting for those in the crowd to see the truth.

Now Jesus was certainly capable of mounting an argument to answer the questions of the Scribes and the Pharisees. He could have used the Mosaic Law itself to make the case that stoning did not apply to this woman. He could have drawn on the long tradition of mercy which is found in the Hebrew Scriptures to assert that mercy should be extended to the woman who stood in their midst. But Jesus did not adopt any of these strategies. He did not offer an argument. He instead gave the crowd time to think. He bent down and occupied himself in silence, providing a space in which those in the crowd could examine what was in their own hearts and determine whether it was right to carry out the action of violence which they were contemplating.

Giving time to the crowd was a way of Jesus expressing his belief that there was a basic goodness in their hearts. Jesus believed that with enough time that goodness would emerge and would lead them to the right conclusion. And, Jesus' strategy worked. After a time, one by one, the violent mob dropped their stones and went away.

Now the gospel is suggesting that God deals with us in the same way that Jesus dealt with the crowd. God understands how often we hold tight to stones that can harm ourselves and others. They can be stones of prejudice. We know that God has created all people equal and that every person has value. Yet we can cling tightly to the conviction that some people are better than others and that some people do not deserve our respect and care. The stones might be our resentment and anger over a hurt. We know that Jesus asks us to forgive, to forgive even our enemies. Every day we pray that God would forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us. Yet at times we cannot let go of the hurt that has been leveled against us. We cannot forgive our brother or our sister from our heart. Our stones might be habit of sins that do us no good, habits of pride, impatience, impurity, or criticism. We might at times have the strength to put those stones down. But before we know it, they are in our hands again impeding our motion and weighing us down.

God knows the stones to which we cling, and yet God does not attack us because of our foolishness. God does not shake us trying to move us out of our stubbornness. God gives us time to think. God stoops down and writes with his finger in the dust of time, watching and waiting as people love us, as blessings come to us, as we grow in faith and thankfulness.

God believes that there is a goodness in us. God believes that with the right amount of time that goodness can emerge and reveal the foolishness of our prejudice, convincing us that the sins that we cling to do not belong in our hands. God is waiting, waiting for us to see. God is doodling, providing the time by which we can recognize that the sins that we cling to only lessen our lives. The time that God gives us is a sign of the trust that God has in us.

So, should not today be the day that we trust God in return? Should not today be the day when we let the stones fall from our hands? Should not today be the day we walk away from anger and sin so that we can enter into the new life that only God's grace can give?

Fr. Dennis

SAINT PATRICK CHURCH + LENTEN PROGRAM 2022
LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2022

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, we imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

THE LENTEN PRACTICES OF
PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE, ALMSGIVING, and CONFESSION

The traditional pillars of Lenten observance are **Prayer, Fasting & Abstinence**, **Almsgiving and Confession**. These pillars should be practiced in relationship to our Easter baptismal renewal.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for those who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting: Fasting (deliberately saying "no" to our desires for satisfaction) is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. **The obligation to FAST, limiting to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18-59.** Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.

Abstinence from meat: Ash Wednesday and Fridays of the season of Lent are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. **This obligation to abstain from meat is binding on Catholics 14 years of age and older.**

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 and GOOD FRIDAY, April 15 are days of fast and abstinence.

FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of abstinence (no meat is to be eaten).

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving (giving to the poor) is linked to our baptismal commitment and is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized. Please consider participating and making your contribution to ***OPERATION RICE BOWL*** (Rice Bowl containers can be found on the tables in the back of the church).

Confession/Penance/Reconciliation: Lent is the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Early Christian teachers called this sacrament "second Baptism," because it is intended to enable us to start again to live the baptismal life in its fullness. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us.

Individual Confessions will be heard every **Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 – 5:15 PM** and **Saturday afternoon from 2:30 – 3:45 PM** in the Confession Room. Instructions on making a good confession can be found on the tables in the back of the Church.

A Special Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions at St. Patrick Church with Fr. Dennis and several guest Confessors on Sunday afternoon, **April 3rd at 3:00 PM**

By Appointment: If the above times cannot suit your schedule, the sacrament is available by appointment by e-mailing Fr Dennis at daudet52@gmail.com

STATEWIDE DAY OF CONFESSION

Most parishes in New Hampshire make an effort to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for an extended period on **Monday of Holy Week, April 11th**. At St. Patrick Church, Fr. Dennis will be in the Confession Room to hear confessions during the hours of 11:00 am–1:00 pm and from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm on that day.

"THE CREED"

video series with +Bishop Robert Barron

What do Christians believe? What do you believe? What does it even mean to "believe"? The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we profess along with most Christians around the world. Words that roll off our tongues easily, but are often not fully understood, define our Faith.

Fr. Dennis will lead participants - March 7, 14, 21, April 4 in the **PARISH HALL 4:30 – 6:00 PM**

Friday Evenings of Lent: Simple Lenten Soup Suppers: 6:00 PM
We come together as a parish family on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 PM to share a simple meal. The meal will consist of chowder or meatless soup, bread and water. We ask that you please call the office (673-1311) if you plan on attending in order that we have enough food for all or if you are interested in providing a crock pot of meatless soup. There is a sign-up sheet in the church hall for soup-makers. No charge. Donations are accepted.

Friday Evenings of Lent: Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM
Following the Simple Lenten Soup Supper we gather in church to participate in the Stations of the Cross.

Thursdays Mornings March 3-April 7 9:30 – 11:00 AM
Bible Study: Holy Week and the Prophesies of the Messiah

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Masses: Saturday at 4:00 PM; Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses: Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 AM; Wednesday at 5:30 PM

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT		**APRIL 3-9**
Monday, April 4	Bishop Barron's The Creed – Parish Hall 4:30 – 6:00 PM	
Wednesday, April 6	Confessions – Confession Room 4:30 – 5:15 PM	
Thursday, April 7	Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM	
Friday, April 8	Simple Lenten Soup Supper – Church Hall at 6:00 PM	
	Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00 PM	
Saturday, April 9	Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM	
	Palm Sunday Mass – Church at 4:00 PM	

HOLY WEEK		**APRIL 10-16**
Sunday, April 10	Palm Sunday Masses – 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM	
Monday, April 11	Confessions – Confession Room – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	
Tuesday, April 12	Mass at 7:30 AM	
Wednesday, April 13	Mass at 5:30 PM	

LENT ENDS AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS ON HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 14

Thursday, April 14	**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM**
	Adoration follows and Night Prayer at 9:00 PM
Friday, April 15	**Good Friday – Parish Offices Closed**
	Good Friday Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM
	Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 16	**No confessions today**
	EASTER VIGIL MASS at 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES AT 8:00 and 10:30 AM

EASTER MONDAY NO AM MASS and PARISH OFFICES CLOSED APRIL 18