



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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♦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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS TIME

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).



**Are you or someone you know
interested
in the Catholic Faith?**

The Catholic Church invites you to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process for those who are:

- ♦ Unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life
- ♦ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith
- ♦ Baptized in the Catholic faith or another Christian faith tradition, but never received any formal faith formation.

Inquirers please contact Fr. Dennis at 673-1311.

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.

Please visit our website:

saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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



**ALL OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5th**

Prayer request email or call:

diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com

Diane 603-673-1311

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4, 2022

September 5-11, 2022

MON - 9/5- Labor Day (All offices are closed)
7:30AM: NO MASS

TUES - 9/6- Weekday
7:30AM: NO MASS

WED - 9/7- Weekday
5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 9/8- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM: Dorothy Lorden by Jane Provins

Fri - 9/9- St. Peter Claver
7:30AM: All Souls

SAT - 9/10- Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM: All Souls

SUN - 9/11- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Church closes at Noon on Sunday
8:00AM: Robert Champagne by Kathy Duchesne & Robert Champagne, Jr.
10:30AM: Members of the Parish

READINGS 9/11/2022

Ex: 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Tm: 1:12-17
Lk: 15:1-32

Weekly Calendar of Events September 5-11, 2022

Mon: OFFICES CLOSED (LABOR DAY)
Wed: 6:15PM—RCIA —SPC
7:00PM—Scout BSA troop 1794—C/H
Thurs: 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus
3rd degree
7:15PM—Knights of Columbus
4th degree
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—C/H
10:00AM—Craft Fair meeting—C/H

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.

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office at 673-1311.



Your weekly donation can be dropped off in the mail box on the garage 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: \$4,796

GIVE+ONLINE





REMEMBER in your prayers

Ken Dubois, Melissa, Helen, Maryann O'Connor, Ann, Paige DiPietro, Mary, Dennis Werger, Alicia Hill, Eric Lacroix, Linda Asselin, John Milan, James D'Alessandro, John Lacroix, Joseph & Brenda Janikas, Chuck Dumont, Meghan (Duffy) Griffith, Robert Ferreira, Mel Scherr, Conrad Ducas, Konstantin Bushuyev, Marko Bushuyev, Tom Moro, Irene Prunier, Chrissy Ramsdell, Elijah Huang, Paul Gibbons, Mike Donnelly, Neil Gade, Brenda & Cullen Boisvert, Orlando Lopez, Carolyn Momenee, 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, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Eleanor Botelho, Richard, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Maureen Belair, Marty, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Eva, Thomas Burkardt, Susan Yorio, William, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Coralee Smart, Rob Erickson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, 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.

Please call the parish office at 673-1311 when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9/4/2022)



One of the most unusual metaphors for God that we see in the Psalms (as well as other places in the Old Testament) is that of a mother bird. How does this image illuminate our relationship with God?
Can you think of a place where Jesus uses this same image?

Answer from the Faith Formation weekly challenge 8/28/2022

The word "portion" in the Old Testament has two related meanings. One has to do with the food each guest receives at a banquet (particularly after a sacrifice). The same word is used to designate a person's inheritance, their share of the estate of their father or ancestor (the land in Canaan was divided and allotted to specific tribes). The law prescribed that the firstborn received a "double portion" – this is what Esau traded with Jacob for a bowl of hot porridge. A "double portion" at a feast was a sign of honor – as Joseph gave to Benjamin in Egypt, and Hannah's husband gave to his other wife, who had borne him sons. So a "portion" is something valuable, received as a result of a relationship, which provides for that person's needs. If the Lord is our portion, it means we rely on Him as our provider and security.

ScoutsBSA

St. Patrick Church sponsors ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 for young women ages 11 through 17. The Troop gives girls in Milford and surrounding towns opportunities for fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility as they work their way to become an Eagle Scout. If you are, or know of, a young woman with an interest in the outdoors, learning new hands-on and lifelong skills, and may have an interest in following scouting traditions, we encourage you to give ScoutsBSA a try. Come visit one of our meetings held in the Church Hall on Wednesday's from 7:00-8:30pm. If you have questions, please call Paul Rolanti at (603) 801-4954 or email psrolanti@comcast.net.



NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal

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.

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! If you have any difficulties, please call the office and we can assist you. 603-673-4797.

Watch: Living the Faith, Session 9: Catholic Social Teaching

Watch: Cat. Chat, Episode 1: Celebrating Mary (Holy Name of Mary 9/8)

Read: Mary in the Redemption

Listen: Church Fathers by Pope Benedict XVI



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL BE STARTING IN OCTOBER

It's time to register now so that we can be prepared for you this fall. Faith formation is a Lifelong process. Even if our child/ren have been confirmed it is important to keep them in the program. You will benefit from the support we offer to you and your child/ren. If you have any questions please call Abby Buchholz our Faith Formation DRE at 603-673-4797 and or email PFFc.Abbby@gmail.com

You can find registration forms at the back of the church, on our Website, and in the office. No child will be denied faith formation due to lack of funds. Please contact the office for assistance.



Holiday Craft Fair

This year instead of having a Christmas Fair, we have decided to have a
Craft Fair/Bake Sale on Saturday November 19.

This year, we will have a few raffles: we will sell tickets ahead of and during the fair for larger prizes.

We will also have our theme related baskets as we have done in the past. Tickets for those can be purchased at the fair.

In order to make this happen, if you have baskets on the larger size that you would like to donate to the church bring them to the office during the week. This would be greatly appreciated.

More information will be in the bulletin as we approach the Craft Fair date.

Labor Day Parade 2022 – Knights of Columbus Supporting St. Patrick Parish

Do you love Jesus Christ? Do you love our St. Patrick Parish Community? Do you struggle with evangelizing to others about the joy of our faith and our community?

Then – join us for the “big event”. It normally rolls at about noon on Monday Sept. 5 (Labor Day), but we like to gather in the parade lineup on West Street beyond the high school starting at about 11am. We will try again to provide and hand out some flowers, and our “float truck” will hopefully again be sharing a selection of our favorite Catholic songs.

Any questions – please contact John Turner @ jturner@myteamengineering.com or 603-493-6036.

HELP NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 9AM-2PM

Are you looking for a one-time opportunity to volunteer?

Did you know we have a centennial park beside the parking lot? It was established about 27 years ago for a place to come and meditate and be with nature. But over the years, it has become a "little" overgrown. It's time to rejuvenate that park. **We plan to do so on September 17 from 9am until 2pm.** We need to clear the grounds, fix the walkways and posts and maybe replace some plants.

Please call the office if you are able to help .

Is it time to get your hands dirty! We will provide lunch.
Bring your own tools and gloves.





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“Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” These are the words of Jesus and we are called to obey them. But, what is most difficult in Jesus’ command is not simply carrying our cross, but remaining open to life as we do so. The greatest challenge for a disciple is not picking up the cross, but carrying it and still being a joyful and positive person.

We do not have a choice whether we are going to carry our crosses or not. They just come to us. We turn a corner in our life and suddenly we realize, “I’m going to have to deal with sickness, or divorce, or rejection, or unemployment.” All of us would rather avoid these troubles, but they come to us and we have no choice but to take them up and carry them. But, what we can choose is *how* we carry them. We can choose to let our crosses absorb all of our energy and joy, or carry them and at the same time remain open to life.

Betty was a remarkable woman that I came to know while serving in a previous parish. She was in her forties with two boys in grade school and a loving husband. Betty had the worst arthritis of any person I had ever seen. Her hands were like gnarled fists. She could, only with the greatest difficulty, hold anything. The arthritis certainly caused her considerable pain, but she never complained. She remained involved in our parish life and whenever she would come to a parish meeting, she always greeted everyone with a broad and sincere smile.

One day I questioned her: “Betty,” I said, “how can you be so happy with your arthritis?” She smiled at me and she said, *“It’s the only way I can be happy. I don’t have the choice of being happy without my arthritis. The doctors tell me it is here to stay. Therefore, my only choice is to be happy with the arthritis or to be depressed with the arthritis. Several years ago, I decided to try for happiness.”*

“It can’t be easy,” I said. “No, it’s not easy at all,” she replied. *“But I try to see it as a kind of discipline, as a kind of practice.”* “Discipline? Practice? What do you mean?” “Well, I look at it this way. This arthritis causes me pain, but it is not fatal. God willing, I still have many years to live. And there is a lot of good in my life. I have a loving husband. I have great children, good friends, satisfying hobbies, a parish that I care for. So, I decided to practice the discipline of focusing on what is good in my life rather than what is wrong.

“Every morning that I get up, the first thing that I feel is the pain in my hands. It cries out to me for all of my attention, all of my energy. I try to establish the discipline of refusing to feed it. Instead of thinking of my pain, I try to get up from my bed and go to the window and appreciate the sunshine in my back yard. As I wake up my boys, I choose to tell them that I love them and to appreciate how beautiful they are. As I look forward to my day, I try to anticipate the enjoyable moments that are to come. I try to look forward to upcoming events. And that gives me joy, even with the pain that is still in my hands. This discipline is wonderful practice, because I know that there are greater burdens to come. I know that one day I am going to grieve the loss of someone I love deeply or have to face a sickness that will lead to my own death. When those greater burdens come, I believe that I will be able to deal with them better because I have practiced being joyful with my arthritis.”

Betty remains for me one of the greatest examples of what it means to take up your cross and follow after Jesus. We can follow her example. We can use the troubles of today to practice for the bigger troubles that are likely to come. There is nothing wrong with taking our present frustrations, disappointments, and burdens and use them to build the discipline of choosing life. There is an advantage in using those disappointments to develop the skill of focusing in on what is good. This is how we can carry our cross without letting it crush us. This is how we can bear our pain and at the same time embrace the joy of living.

Fr. Dennis