



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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♦Faith Formation: 603-673-4797 ♦Fax: 603-673-3687  
♦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.*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).



### INCLEMENT Weather Policy

Parishioners are now to be aware that if there is inclement weather there will be **no Mass that morning**. Official announcements of cancellations and delays will be made on the cancellations ribbon on WMUR -TV CHANNEL 9. This policy is for the safety of parishioners and those who are responsible for snow removal.

# Christmas - December 25, 2022

## December 26-January 1, 2023

**MON - 12/26— St. Stephen (OFFICES CLOSED)**

7:30AM: NO MASS

**TUES - 12/27 - St. John**

7:30AM: NO MASS

**WED - 12/28 - The Holy Innocents**

5:30PM: Mary Pratt by her daughter, Elaine

**THURS - 12/29 - St. Thomas Becket**

7:30AM: Dick D'Amato by Jane Provins

**Fri: - 12/30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30AM: Connie Noto by Patricia Wiener

**SAT - 12/31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God**

4:00PM: Walter Kane by Joanne Boswell

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**SUN: 1/1 - Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God**

The Church closes at Noon

8:00AM: Colin Stefan Ptak by the family

10:30AM: For the people of St. Patrick Church

### READINGS 1/1/2023

Nm: 6:22-27

Gal: 4:4-7

Lk: 2:16-21



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the deceased members of the Coté and Caveney family by Ida Caveney.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

December 26—January 1, 2023

- Mon: OFFICES CLOSED
- Tues: 6:30PM—Bible Study—SPC  
6:00PM—Pageant Rehearsal—Church
- Wed: 6:00PM—Pageant Rehearsal—Church  
7:00PM—Scout BSA troop 1794—C/H
- Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—SPC



**CHURCH  
COUNCIL**

### MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Steve Santinelli, Laura Ilsley,  
Timothy Gregory, Jerry Guthrie, Sue Niquette,  
Irene Prunier, Juliann Washer

ALL OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022



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](http://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 for December 18 : \$4,471**

**Retired Religious: \$2,238**

**Immaculate Conception: \$1,168**

**GIVE+ONLINE**

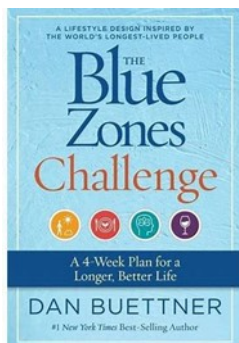


## PRAYER REQUEST

Priscilla Scott, Beverly Balfour, baby Owen Campbell, Sharon Paris, Joe Dillon, Kellene McMahon, Lisa Szelist, 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, Conrad Ducas, Konstantin Bushuyev, Marko Bushuyev, Tom Moro, Chrissy Ramsdell, Elijah Huang, Paul Gibbons, Neil Gade, Brenda & Cullen Boisvert, Orlando Lopez, Carolyn Momenee, Julie & David Spokane, Jim Mackie, 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 Dufraigne, 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, 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, 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.**

### Health Ministry News



#### **Blue Zones Challenge: 4 Weeks to a Better, Happier, Less Stressful Life**

The Parish Nurse Program team invites you to explore with them the habits of the healthiest and longest-living people around the world, based on the book, "The Blue Zones Challenge: A 4-Week Plan for a Longer, Better Life" by Dan Buettner. (\$11

on Amazon: a great Christmas gift idea!)

Stay tuned for more information about our January 28 kick-off event!



#### **The Health Ministry Team are sponsoring a Hat & Mitten Tree for the Homeless.**

The Hat & Mitten tree will remain in the vestibule through the end of January. Please bring new or homemade hats, mittens and scarves for adults and children to the vestibule of the church and hang them on the tree or place them in the basket. These garments will be distributed to area homeless shelters for those who may need them during this coldest month of the year.



Blood Pressure Screening is also offered once a month in the church hall after each Mass.



#### **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.

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



**St. Patrick's Helpers:** Do you have a small project or a list of projects that you need completed around your house? We are offering handy-man services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund. If you would like to learn more or if you think that you have the "perfect project" for St. Patrick Helpers, or if you are interested in helping us, please contact Pauline Nepveu at [pnepveu54@gmail.com](mailto:pnepveu54@gmail.com) or 603-672-0564. Thank you.





## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### **Class Reminder Dates:**

**K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**(12:15-1:45pm)**

January 8, 2022  
February 5, 2022  
March 12, 2022  
April 16, 2022  
May 7, 2022

**6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**(Sundays—6-7:30pm)**

January 8, 22, 2022  
February 5, 19, 2022  
March 12, 26, 2022  
April 16, 2022  
May 7, 2022

***It's going to be an amazing year!***



### **Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**

Rehearsal time & dates from 6-7pm  
Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>—Church  
Wednesday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>—Church  
Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> (Dress Rehearsal 6pm to 7pm).

**Everyone is invited to the Pageant**  
**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in the**  
**Church**



***Congratulations***  
***and welcome to the Parish Community***  
***Jack Robert son of***  
***Mr. & Mrs. John Zona***



If you are moving.  
If your contact information has changed  
If you dropped your land line  
If your phone numbers or email address changed  
Please call the office at 603-673-1311 or email  
diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com to update your  
information.

### **FORMED**

Are you signed up for FORMED?

It's easy. Just go to [www.formed.org](http://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 603-673-4797, and we can assist you.

**Pray:** Formed Now: The Litany of the Infant Jesus

**Watch:** 12 Things about the Twelve Days of Christmas

**Watch:** Children: O Holy Night, The King is Born

**Watch:** The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas

**Listen:** The Christmas and Easter Story: Truth and Life Audio Bible

### **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.



## CHRISTMAS 2022

We fight too much about Christmas, arguing about its meaning. For some, Christmas is for the children, a feast where we let their delight soften our hearts ... maybe like Scrooge converted by the innocence of children. For others, it's an adult feast, something kids don't ultimately understand, something that celebrates the greatest intellectual mystery of all time, God taking on flesh to bring justice to the earth.

And so, some of us send Christmas greetings urging delight, celebration, gifts, lights, and joyous song, while some may send more stark greetings that say: "May the peace of Christ disturb you!" What is Christmas? Hardened shepherds and power-prone kings finally bending knees and hearts before a helpless baby born in a harsh manger.

Christmas is about all of these things, and more. Like a diamond turning in the sun, it gives off many sparkles. Christmas is about the monumental challenge to reform our lives, our adult lives, and become women and men of justice; but it is also about a baby being born, innocent and powerless in the straw, whose vulnerability is God's invitation and judgement. It is too, as a great theologian of the 70s once said, *Christmas is God giving us permission to be happy*. Thus, Christmas is a both something to be delighted in and a peace that should disturb us, something for children and for adults.

What Christmas invites us all to, children and adults alike, is have our hearts softened and tempered by the crib, to let the vulnerability manifested in the way Jesus was born bring us back to a time before hardness of heart, to a place beyond what we call sophistication, cynicism, bitterness, wound, selfishness, and greed. Christmas is meant not just to renew our faith and hope, but also to renew our innocence.

Christmas is about much deeper things than Santa and the birth of Jesus is not just some delightful fairy tale meant to warm the heart. We measure time by this event. Christmas is about God being born physically and historically into this world and, among many other things, we have some stunning lessons to learn from the manner in which this happened.

As virtually all of our Christian art around Christmas makes clear, God is born, not as some superstar whose earthly power, beauty, and power overwhelm us. No. God is born as helpless, vulnerable, thoroughly under-whelming baby who looks out at us quietly even as we look back at him and He judges us in that way that our human limitation forever judges false strength, transparency judges what is really fake, generosity judges selfishness, innocence judges snobbishness, and a baby, gently and helplessly and innocently, calls forth what's best in us.

Christmas is meant to bring us back to the crib so that our hearts can feel that freshness that wants to make us start living over again.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

## Christmas Flowers – 2022



We are most grateful to all who contributed to the Christmas Flowers & Decorations Fund. As we celebrate the Christmas season and gaze on the beauty of our church, decorated to honor and to glorify Jesus, the Savior of the world. We also remember the loved ones in whose memories these flowers were given.

### Donations toward the Christmas environment were made in loving memory of...

John & Wade Lemery and Kevin F.

Adamowski by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Adamowski

Deceased members of the Arcieri and Krysiak families by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Arcieri

Chris & Matt Albertini by their mother, Patricia Albertini

Deceased members of the Bergeron and Larose families by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bergeron

Mary Black and Albert King by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Black

Nana Rodde by Mr. & Mrs. Allan Bussey

U. S. Military Personnel by Ron Calo

Maurice Houle, Doris Lavoie and Eva Carter by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Carter

Luke & Laurette Côté, Richard, Luke & Richard Jr.

Caveney and Kathleen Girard by Ida Caveney

Joan Cookson by her husband, Norman Cookson

Deceased members of the Kealy, Coulter & Shiels families and Louis Stanley by Bridget Coulter

Deceased members of the Corkery and Wood families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Corkery

Frank Cuddy by his wife, Susan

B.J. Dunn by Kathryn Dunn

Everetta & Bernard deHaan, Robert McClosky and Joyce Marchese by Mr. & Mrs. Alan deHaan

Roland & Jacqueline Gallant, Chris Lacroix, John & Elizabeth Feugill by Emily Feugill

Joseph Gregory, Lee & Al Zehnder, J.W. Fischer,

Mary & Sylvester by Sandra Fischer

Joseph W. & Joseph G. Fischer by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fischer

Patrick J. Fitzgerald by April Geer Fitzgerald

Abigail Fitzgerald by her parents, Steve & Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Phyllis Barrett, Jane Webb, Richard Gagnon & Gable Barker by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gagnon

Ethel & John Doherty by Margaret Gallant

Deceased & living members of the Gilbert and Castillo families by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gilbert

John W. Greaney by Kathryn Greaney

Deceased members of the Gregoire, Beliveau, Marthat and St. Jean families by Rachel Gregoire

John Haydusko and Frances Lafferty by Dianne Hamilton

Jeffry & Tony Hicks and William Sherrard by Kim Hicks

John Hohenadel by his wife, Judith Hohenadel

Jean & Robert Duglay, James Gregory and

Kay Jordan by Mr. & Mrs. Mead Jordan

William & Florence Boudreau, Robert & Therese Kelly, Connie & Joseph Simonson, Dominic & Ernestine Parro & Paula DeCain by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Kelly

Miguel & Maria Ofelia Escalante, William & Judith Kelloway by Mr. & Mrs. David Kelloway

Al & Gene Del Monte, Lee Russo, Marie Borrusso by Marguerite Kidder

Bennett Kuhnert by Mr. & Mrs. James Kuhnert

Joseph Lehner by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lehner

Paul, Alphonse & Donald VanderHeyden, Ewadt & Aurore Broome, Dorothy Atwood by Holly Levins

Alexander & Jackie Argerakis, Daniel LaCroix & Fletcher Blades by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Lacroix

Marcien & Mary Anne Roy, Rudolph & Madeline Lia & Adriel by Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Lia

Baby Adriel, Marcien & Mary Ann Roy, Rudolph & Madeline Lia, Jordan & Gena Dechev & Jack & Edith Duffy by Ryan Duffy & Aimee Lia

Frank & Viola Collela, George Lemelin, Sr., Angela Leofanti by Mr. & Mrs. George Lemelin

Carlos & Bertilda Romero, Elizabeth Wadland and Angemira Trujillo by Mr. & Mrs. William Lonergan

Deceased members of the Magee, Tramel & Carmichael families by Mary Ann Magee Carmichael

All my loved ones by Kathryn Marchocki  
 Patricia McCartney by her husband, Gary McCartney  
 Connor McCury by Marge McCury  
 Art, Joyce & Lance Beauregard and Eva & John Duquette by Nancy McNamara  
 Paul & Irene Hurtubise by Joyce Nelson  
 Paul Niquette and the deceased members of the Niquette & Adalian families by Susan Niquette  
 Robert G. Ordemann and Robert & Frances Harris by John & Wendy Ordemann  
 George Healy by Patty Healy-Osborne  
 Deceased members of the Petropulos and Tyler families by Mr. & Mrs. David Petropulos  
 Maurice & Rachel Laliberte by Mr. & Mrs. William Price  
 Robert Provins, Dot & Francis Lorden and Frank, Mary & Frank Burbee, Jr. by Jane Provins  
 Deceased members of the Bonin and Reiser families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Reiser  
 John & Margaret Dullea by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Repucci  
 James Roccio and Leo & Mary Zawistowski by Marie Roccio  
 Herb & Pauline Wenzel by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rodd  
 Alice Terrill by Mr. & Mrs. Bradford Rose  
 George & Rita Rose and Robert & Bernadette Whittington by Mr. & Mrs. George Rose  
 Roger Hooper and the deceased members of the Rolanti and White families by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rolanti  
 Stephen & Michelle Bollin by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sherman  
 Tamara Silagyi by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Silagyi  
 Deceased members of the Small, Pauzé, Stebbins and Prelinger families by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Small  
 Adrienne B. and deceased members of the St. Onge family by Mr. & Mrs. Richard St. Onge  
 Mathew Kyrillidis by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Spargimino  
 John Spurrier by his parents, Jim & Anne Spurrier  
 Lorraine & William Thurber, Esther & Don Thompson, Therese Perodeau and Kris DeWispelaere by Julie Thompson  
 Elisea, Armando Perez, José Torres and Marcela Rebusillo by Adriana Torres  
 Jay, Agnes & John Fay and James, Jimmie & Josephine Varga by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Varga  
 Ed & Cecilia Vibert, Wayne Hall and Derick Nicholson by Linda Vibert  
 Tim Heidt by the Wang family  
 Beatrice Rivers and Helen, Alton, Mercedes McGrath by Mr. & Mrs. Brian White  
 Kathryn Wilkins-Rios, Barbara Wilkins and Mac & Nancy Dunbar by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wilkins

#### And by:

Mr. & Mrs. John Anderer  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bauer  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bellantoni  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Besette  
 Mrs. Dawn Block  
 Mrs. Gail Byrnes  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Carter  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Charbonneau  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Charest  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Cormier  
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Costa  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Couture  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory D'Arbonne  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Dellafelice  
 Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Desimone  
 Kim Doolan  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dunbar  
 Mr. & Mrs. Marino Ferrari  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael GiConte  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gonsalves  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Guthrie  
 Mrs. Rosemary Jackson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Jenkins  
 Mr. & Mrs. Keith Mello  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Mersch  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kallfelz  
 Mr. Donald Murphy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ritchie  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Siragusa  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Turner  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Viber  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Vigneault  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Zeolie

