



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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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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

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).



EASTER CHOIR

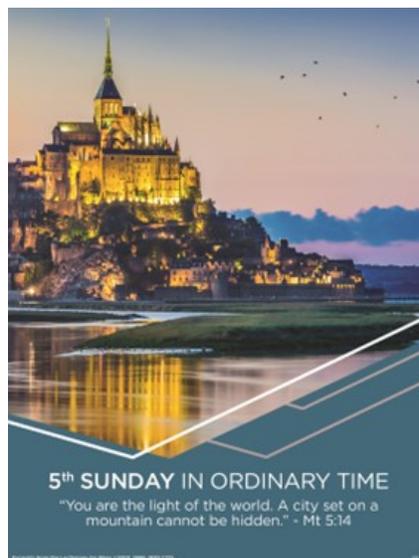
The Saint Patrick's Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of our members.

Children's Choir: Time: 9:15-10:00am

Adults' Choir: Time: 11:30am-1:30pm.

The rehearsal will begin on Sunday, Feb 12th

If you can carry a tune, want to learn some beautiful music, and have a desire to sing, please contact Director of Sacred Music, Jonathan Cote, at jondcote@comcast.net.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 29, 2023

February 6-12, 2023

MON - 2/6 - St. Paul Miki
7:30AM: All Souls

TUES - 2/7 - Weekday
7:30AM: NO MASS

WED - 2/8 - Ss. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita
5:30PM: Dolly Pratt by his daughter, Elaine

THURS - 2/9 - Weekday
7:30AM: Rev. Donald Jacques by Michael Carter & family

Fri: - 2/310 - St. Scholastica
7:30AM: All Souls

SAT - 2/11 - Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM: For Daniel & Helen Hauser by the family
 For Evelyn Katsigris by Mr. & Mrs. David Spinale

SUN: 2/12 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM: For the people of St. Patrick Church
10:30AM: For John & Noreen Esposito, Demitrio & Mary Caruso
 & Ernest Dubois by Mr. & Mrs Jack Esposito

READINGS 2/12/2023

Sir: 15:15-20
1 Cor: 2:6-10
Mt: 5:17-37



With Deepest Sympathy

*Prayers and condolences
 are extended to
 the family & friends of*

*Joseph Buttemeier
 Peg McEntee
 Patrick Walsh*

Weekly Calendar of Events February 6-12, 2023

MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11	SUNDAY 12
7:30am: Mass	NO MASS	5:30pm: Mass 7:00pm: Scouts—C/H	7:30am: Mass: 9:30am: Bible Study—SPC 6:15PM—Knights of Columbus 4th degree—C/H 7:15PM—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree—C/H	7:30am: Mass	7:30am: Men's Prayer Group— C/H 3:00pm: Confessions 4:00pm: Mass	8:00 & 10:30am: Mass 9:15am: Children's Choir rehearsal- Church 11:30am: Adults' Choir rehearsal- Church



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 2/29/23: \$8,565

GIVE+ONLINE



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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

Prayer request email or call:

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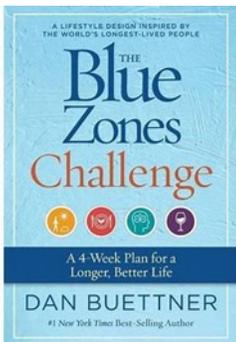
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PRAYER REQUEST

Tabias Wood, Margarita, Tony Richazzi, 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 Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Patty 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!)



The Health Ministry thanks all who donated hats, Mittens & Scarfs during the month of January appeal. 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 or 603-672-0564. Thank



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.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Class Reminder Dates:

K-5th Grade
(12:15-1:45pm)

February 5, 2023
March 12, 2023
April 16, 2023
May 7, 2023

6-12th Grade
(Sundays—6-7:30pm)

February 5, 19, 2023
March 12, 26, 2023
April 16, 2023
May 7, 2023

It's going to be an amazing year!

Abby Buchholz - 603-673-4797 or pffcabby@gmail.com

From Cross Catholic Outreach

Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach thanks you for the welcome you extended to Rev. Charlie Collins during his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having transformed their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Yours in Christ

Jim Cavnar
President

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.

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FORMED: Listen: A Scriptural Walk through the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri

Children: Watch: Bernadette, Princess of Lourdes

Watch: Bakhita: From Slave to Saint (2/8)

Audiobook: Saved in Hope Encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2023 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow, St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.**

To register, please contact your parish office by **April 7, 2023**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!

(Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A-2023)



Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. What does he mean by these images? Let me choose one. How are we light? A story might help. The story begins 2,700 years ago in the city of Jerusalem. The king at the time was King Hezekiah, and King Hezekiah had a problem. The water source for the city of Jerusalem lay outside its walls, therefore, making the city very vulnerable to attack. For if an army besieged the city, they could cut off the water supply and thus assure that in a very short time the city would have to surrender. King Hezekiah decided he was going to dig a tunnel, and he did so through solid rock—1,700 feet of tunnel that brought the water from the outside source into a pool within Jerusalem. Now the tunnel's source was secret at the time so that the enemies would not know about it, but it has been recently discovered by archeologists.

Today, if you go to Jerusalem, you can walk through King Hezekiah's tunnel. I have a priest friend from Washington, DC who did just that. Here's how he describes it: "You have to go with a guide and put on a bathing suit because the tunnel still has water in it. Because the tunnel is twisted and of different levels, you have to walk carefully because sometimes the water is at your waist and sometimes it comes up to your chest. Also, there are times when the ceiling is low and there is only just enough space to get your head through. The guide also gives a candle to each participant so that there would be some light. Each participant must follow the person ahead of him or her as the guide leads the group." My friend was bringing up the rear of this small procession. He was taking his time soaking in the history of the place. But when he was about half way through the tunnel, for some reason his candle went out. The rest of the group was already far ahead and had turned a corner, so the priest found himself in absolute darkness with 800 feet of solid rock on either side of him before daylight. Now, of course, there really was no danger because he knew that the guide would come back to find him. But he said that as he stood there in absolute darkness, with the water up to his waist, waiting, he never felt so alone, so helpless, so vulnerable. He waited as it seemed to him forever until he saw ahead of him a small flicker and then the tour guide turning the corner holding a candle. It was a small light, but how brightly it shone for someone who stood in darkness. For those in darkness, light is a sign of hope and salvation. This is the sense in which we are the light of the world. Our role is the role of the guide – the role of bringing light to others so that their darkness is dispelled.

To clarify how to do this, we can turn to the second image in the gospel—the image of salt. Salt is used to flavor things. It has a distinctive taste which sets it apart from all else. Therefore, the image of salt is one of distinctiveness. When Jesus tells us that we are to be salt for the earth, he says that we are called to stand apart, to be distinctive from who are around us. We are to be distinctive not for the sake of being different, but for the sake of being transformative.

Fr. Dennis