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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



ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

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 indi-

cated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 5:30 P.M. (Except Dec 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19, 2023

February 20-26, 2023

MON - 2/20 - Weekday (Presidents' Day) OFFICES CLOSED

7:30AM: **NO MASS**

TUES - 2/21 - St. Peter Damian

NO MASS 7:30AM:

WED - 2/22 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30AM: - For the people of St. Patrick Church

12:10PM: - Distribution of Ashes

5:30PM: Enriqueta Gumbrecht by Michelle Hill

and Ernest Lederman by his daughters

THURS - 2/23 - St. Polycarp 7:30AM: All Souls

Fri: - 2/24 Lenten Week Day

All Souls 7:30AM:

SAT - 2/25 - Vigil of the 1st Sunday in Lent

For the Soul of Mike Donnelly by his wife, Jeanne 4:00PM:

SUN: 2/26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

For the soul of Fr. Donald Jacques by Mike Carter & family 8:00AM:

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

READINGS 2/26/2023

Gn: 2:7-9 Rom: 5:12-19 Mt: 4:1-11



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the deceased members of the Coté & Caveney families by Ida

Caveney

Weekly Calendar of Events February 20-26, 2023						
MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 24	SATURDAY 25	SUNDAY 26
OFFICES CLOSED 7:30am: NO MASS	NO MASS	7:30am: Mass 12:10: Distribution of Ashes 5:30pm: Mass 7:00pm: Scouts—C/H	7:30am: Mass: 9:30am: Bible Study—SPC	7:30am: Mass Lenter 6:00pm: Lenten Meal—C/H CROSS 7:00pm: Stations of the Cross— Church	7:30am: Men's Prayer Group– C/H 2:30pm:Confessions 4:00pm: Mass	8:00 & 10:30am: Mass 8:45am: Knights of Columbus breakfast - C/H 9:15am: Chil- dren'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 eckly 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 2/19/23: \$5,499 Facilities Repairs: \$1,638

GIVE+ONLINE





James D'Alessandro, George Rose, Frank Lake, Tabias Wood, Margarita, Tony RAYER REQUEST | James D'Alessanuro, George 1006, Frank Lake, Facility Delicity Melican Holon Maryann O'Connor Ann Pa 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, 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.

LENTEN Friday Meals

enten As a parish community each Friday eals evening during Lent at 6:00pm we will share a simple meal, consisting of chowder or meatless soup, bread and water.

We need volunteers to make a crock pot of meatless soup on one or more Fridays during Lent. We ask that you please call the office (603-673-1311) if you are interested in providing a crock pot of meatless soup, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

There is no charge for this meal, however donations will greatly be accepted.

Dates are: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31.



NON-PERISHABLE I **TEMS 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.

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.)



Congratulations and welcome to the Parish Community Layla & Enoch children of Chad & Angela Swargulski

Prayer request email or call:

diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com

603-673-1311



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Class Reminder Dates:

K-5 Grades: 12:15-1:45pm March 12, April 16, May 7

6-12 Grades: 6:00-7:30pm

February 19, March 12, & 26, April 16, May 7



Confirmation 2023

St Patrick Church Parishioners we need your help!

Confirmation 2023 is well on its way and we would like to get the parish involved. Here is how...

Say a Prayer for the children receiving the sacrament If you wish bring in a card for that a child

We will have a collection basket in the back of the church after mass. <u>Please do not seal the card</u>. Once these have been collected, we will distribute them to each of the children, gifting the cards to them on their special day.

Card Collections will begin on March 19, 2023 and will end on April 9, 2023.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Abby Buchholz at pffcabby@gmail.com or 603-673-4794.

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 prebaptism 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.

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

603-673-4797, and we can assist you.

Audio Content on FORMED - Podcasts, History, Mental Health, Kids, Marriage & Family, Pro-Life, Evangelization, Lent, Conversion Stories, Advent, Drama, Scriptures - Enhance your spiritual life with these informative podcasts.

Watch: Hostia:

The Power and Presence of the Eucharist

Watch: Search: What is the Mass?

Watch: Lent Restore with Sr. Miriam

Headland

Watch: Children:

Lent A Time to Give Things Up Ep. 1-2- Brother Francis

Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Parish Breakfast in the Church Hall on Sunday, February 26th, after the 8:00 AM Mass.



Breakfast will be served "Restaurant Style" with menu including French Toast, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Pastries, Coffee, and Juice.

Please join the Knights for a delicious breakfast. All donations will benefit Parish Programs.

All are Welcome!

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.



Prepare for an Amazing Lent: A Simple, Catholic Guide to Help You

Lent is the time in the Church year when we prepare for Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. The purpose of Lent is to help us grow in our faith and become spiritually stronger. We have the opportunity during Lent to spend time in the desert with Jesus.

THREE PARTS OF LENT

Traditionally, Catholics spiritually prepare during Lent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We can do all three (pray, fast, and give alms), two of these, or just one. Which one should you do? Should you do all of them? One of them? Do what you did last year? Try something different than last year? A lot of ques-

tions can swirl around in your mind before Lent as you try to figure out what to do!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR AN AMAZING LENT?

There are two things you can do to figure out how to spend your Lent: Pray about it and discern where in your life you need to grow or change. Pray and ask God to enlighten your mind and heart to what you should do for Lent. Give yourself time to pray and listen. God may not answer you in one day or give you an obvious answer. He may quietly shine a light in an area of your life that He wants you to focus on. Trust in Him to guide you.

PRAY Prayer is communication with God. Take time to look at how you communicate with God in your life right now. Is your prayer life currently what you want for it to be like? Consider setting a timer for 5-15 minutes a day and pray. Make a plan about what prayer you want to pray or what you want to pray about, what time each day or each week you will pray, and where you will pray. When you plan ahead, you are setting yourself up for success. As Lent goes on, you can evaluate your plan. Is it working for you? If not, make any necessary changes. Remember, the purpose of prayer is to bring you closer to God. You keep our mind and heart turned to Him when you pray. Even 5 more minutes a day is helpful. Make sure your prayer goal is going to help draw you closer to God, not cause extra frustration or feelings of being overwhelmed in your day. Set a reasonable plan in place that may be a bit challenging, but not overwhelming or unrealistic for you.

FAST The Church requires the faithful who are in good health and not nursing or pregnant from ages 18-59 to fast from eating between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We are also asked to avoid meat on these days and on all the Fridays during Lent. Besides this fast, some people choose to fast from other things, also called giving something up. You can fast from almost anything you can think of: sweets, junk food, coffee, social media, staying up too late, bad company, and negative influences are just a few things. The idea is that your fast will help you to draw closer to God and to think of God more. You can say a prayer for God to help you to be closer to Him, or you can pray for someone you know who is in need of prayers. The idea of a fast is to offer a sacrifice to God of something that is currently part of your life. Fasting's aim is to bring you closer to God. Think about what sacrifice will help you to draw closer to God.

ALMSGIVING When you give alms, you give part of your time, talent, or treasure to help someone in need. You give up something for the good and benefit of another. Giving of your time may mean taking a senior friend to the grocery store. It may mean not watching your favorite show so you can call a lonely friend or do an act of service for someone. It may mean teaching someone something that you know, like how to balance a checkbook, make a meal, or knit a scarf. Giving of your treasure can be donating money to your church or to a worthy charity. It can also mean donating food to your parish or a local food pantry or donating clothes in nice condition from your closet to your local homeless shelter. Be creative. Almsgiving does not just mean giving money. It means giving of part of your treasures-your time, talent, and money-to help others in need. Almsgiving reminds us that all we have comes from God; it does not really belong to us. God gave you the gifts and talents He did so that you can grow in faith and help others.

FINAL THOUGHTS ON PREPARING FOR AN AMAZING LENT.

In preparing yourself for Lent, remember to set yourself up for success. You don't have to have BIG, HUGE plans. You can, if that is where God leads you, but a successful Lent is measured by how close you are to God and how often you turn your minds and hearts to Him. A successful Lent allows you to live out your vocation well as your journey with Jesus through the desert to His passion, suffering, and death on the cross so that you can truly experience the transformation that comes with His Resurrection from the dead on Easter.

Saint Patrick CURCH + LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Lent Begins on ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2023

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

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.

forty days.

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, February 22 and **GOOD FRIDAY**, March 7 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 Deanery Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua with many Confessors on Sunday afternoon, March 19 at 2:00 PM
- A Special Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions HERE at St. Patrick Church with Fr. Dennis and guest Confessors on Sunday afternoon, March 26 at 3:00 PM

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 3**. 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.

Monday Lenten Retreat



During these sessions we will explore Bishop Robert Baron's presentation on the **Seven Deadly Sins**. We will also participate with the late Rev. Michael Himes, SJ (Boston College) on his **Lenten Retreat**. Join Fr. Dennis on **5 MONDAYS** – **February 27**; **March 6**, **13**, **20**, **27** - 4:30-5:45

pm - in the PARISH HALL.

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 soupmakers. 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.



Bible Study: Holy Week and the Old Testament Prophesies

Tuesday Evenings March 7 thru April 11 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

ALSO **One Day Workshop: "How and Why to Study the Bible as a Catholic."** This will be an introduction to Bible study for anyone who is interested in studying Scripture, whether on your own or in a group. Saturday March 4 from 9 to 12 Noon.

Please register with Diane for either Bible Study offering.

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

Ash Wednesday Masses and Distribution of Ashes at 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM

February 22 Distribution of Ashes Only – at 12:10 PM

Confessions - Confession Room 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Thursday, February 23 Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Friday, February 24 Lenten Soup Supper – Church Hall at 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 25 Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM

FIRST WEEK OF LENT FEBRUARY 26

Sunday, February 26 RCIA: Rite of Sending Forth

Monday, February 27 Lenten Retreat— Parish Hall 4:30 – 5:45 PM Wednesday, March 1 Confessions – Confession Room 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Thursday, March 2 Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Friday, March 3 Simple Lenten Soup Supper – Church Hall at 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 4 Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM

SECOND WEEK OF LENT MARCH 5-11

Monday, March 6 Lenten Retreat— Parish Hall 4:30 – 5:45 PM Wednesday, March 8 Confessions – Confession Room 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Thursday, March 9 Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Friday, March 10 Simple Lenten Soup Supper – Church Hall at 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 11 Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM

THIRD WEEK OF LENT MARCH 12-18

Monday, March 13 Lenten Retreat— Parish Hall 4:30 – 5:45 PM Wednesday, March 15 Confessions – Confession Room 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Thursday, March 16 Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Friday, March 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 18 Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT MARCH 19-25

Monday, March 20 Lenten Retreat— Parish Hall 4:30 – 5:45 PM Wednesday, March 22 Confessions – Confession Room 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Thursday, March 23 Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Friday, March 24 Simple Lenten Soup Supper – Church Hall at 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Church at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 25 Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT MARCH 26-APRIL 1

Monday, March 27 Lenten Retreat— Parish Hall 4:30 – 5:45 PM Wednesday, March 29 Confessions – Confession Room 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Thursday, March 30 Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Friday, March 31 Simple Lenten Soup Supper – Church Hall at 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 1 Confessions – Confession Room 2:30 – 3:45 PM

Palm Sunday Mass – Church at 4:00 PM

HOLY WEEK APRIL 2-5

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday Masses – 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday, April 3 Confessions – Confession Room – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 4 Mass at 7:30 AM Wednesday, April 5 Mass at 5:30 PM

LENT ENDS AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM BEGINS ON HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Adoration follows and Night Prayer at 9:00 PM

Friday, April 7 Good Friday – Parish Offices Closed

Good Friday Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM

Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 8 No confessions today

EASTER VIGIL MASS at 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9

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

EASTER MONDAY NO AM MASS and PARISH OFFICES CLOSED APRIL 10

