



Saint Patrick Catholic 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).

SAVE THE DATE.

A Night to be Irish! And celebrate St. Patrick our patron Saint.

On Friday, March 17, we will be hosting a corned beef & cabbage dinner with live music.

Tickets are on sale the weekend of March 4-5 & 11-12 or can be pick-up at the office during office hours the cost is \$10. each. Tickets are limited. Great for the whole family.

Lenten Retreat



Join Fr. Dennis on the Mondays of Lent

DATES: March 6, 13, 20, 27

PLACE and TIME: Parish Hall from 4:30-5:45pm

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**.

Second Sunday in Lent - March 5, 2023

March 6-12, 2023

MON - 3/6 - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM: Peadar Perkins by Kathleen Joyce-Page

TUES - 3/7 - Ss. Perpetua & Felicity
7:30AM: NO MASS

WED - 3/8 - St. John of God
4:30PM: - Confessions
5:30PM: - All Souls

THURS - 3/9 - St. Frances of Rome
7:30AM: For the intentions of John Joyce by his sister, Kathleen Joyce-Page

Fri - 3/10 - Lenten Weekday
7:30AM: All Souls
7:00PM: Stations of the Cross

SAT - 3/11 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Lent
4:00PM: Marcien & Mary Anne Roy by the family

SUN: 3/12 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
8:00AM: For the soul of Margarite McGettigan by the family
10:30AM: For the people of St. Patrick Church

READINGS 3/12/2023

Ex: 17:3-7
Rom: 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn: 4:5-42





To the Family and Friends of

**Gladice Fino and
 Ronald Pomerleau**

You are in our prayers.



Weekly Calendar of Events March 6-12, 2023

MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11	SUNDAY 12
7:30am: MASS 4:30pm: - Lenten Retreat—C/H 6:00pm: 2nd Reconciliation parents mtg (Zoom)	NO MASS 6:30: Bible Study—SPC 6:30pm: Health Ministry mtg—SPC	5:30pm: Mass 4:30pm: Confessions 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  6:00pm: Lenten Meal—C/H  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 9:00am: Coffee & Donuts—C/H 9:15am: Children's Choir rehearsal—Church 11:30am: Adults' Choir rehearsal—Church 12:15pm: Faith Formation (K-5) 6:00pm: Faith Formation (6-12)



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 2/26/23: \$4,489
Ash Wednesday: \$1,320

GIVE+ONLINE



PRAYER REQUEST

Judy Gallant, Joanne Gallagher, Kathy Sharkey, James D'Alessandro, George Rose, Frank Lake, Tabias Wood, Margarita, Tony Richazzi, Priscilla Scott, baby Owen Campbell, Sharon Paris, Joe Dillon, Kellene McMahon, Lisa Szelist, Ken Dubois, Melissa, Helen, Maryann O'Connor, Ann, Paige DiPietro, Mary, 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 Momeny, 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 Meals

As a parish community each Friday 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: 3/10, 3/24, 3/31.

LENTEN Friday Meals



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.**



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.)



LAST-MINUTE REQUEST

To all our Junior & High school young adults. The passion is an easy acting play. All you need to do is be there acting the different stations. We have all the costumes. The Narrator does all the talking. Lets show the younger children that we can get involved in a spiritual play. We need about 10 people. Invite you friends to participate it is only one Friday a year. For half an hour. Plus rehearsals. Come to the first meeting and see if you are interested. March 21 at 6pm.



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
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. **Please do not seal the card.** 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 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.

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: Children/Family: Lent with Brother Francis

Watch: Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Listen: Children/Family: Walking with Jesus: The Rosary Prayers in Song

Focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries this Lent

Watch: FORMED in the Word - Sunday Gospel reflections

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

The Milford Knights of Columbus will award one \$4,000 scholarship in honor of two past Knights, John Rositer and Willie LeDuc, to a college-bound graduating high-school senior who is a member of St. Patrick's Church in Milford. The scholarship 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 12, 2023.

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.



2nd Sunday of Lent (A-2023)

Every year on the second Sunday of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. The Jesus that the disciples knew, the Jesus whom they followed throughout his ministry, was changed before their eyes. His face shone like the sun. His clothes were as white as light. But as many stories in the gospel, today's gospel story is not just about Jesus. It is also about us. The gospel does not only tell us that Jesus was changed, but promises us that we can change as well. On the mount of the transfiguration, the person of Jesus was revealed in a deeper and fuller way. This gospel assures us that we can grow in a deeper and fuller way to become the person that God wants us to be.

Now this is an important message, because all too often we conclude that we cannot change. As we get older, we begin to suppose that we are the way we are and nothing can be different. Especially if we have tried to change ourselves in the past and were unsuccessful, we can easily draw the conclusion that we will never be able to be the person that God wants us to be.

When we start thinking in this way, it's important for us to remember the words that Jesus tells the disciples in today's gospel. "Rise. Do not be afraid". We might have a problem in our family. A son or a daughter who has greatly disappointed us, a in-law who always irritates us. And as hard as we try to push past those feelings, they keep rising up every time we think of the person. So we say to ourselves, "This is it. I will always be this way." Jesus says, "Don't say always. You can find the ability to forgive".

We might for a long time carry a prejudice, viewing people of a certain race or sexual orientation negatively, seeing somebody at work or in politics unfavorably. We know that our opinion is extreme and unfair, and yet we cannot shake it. So, we say to ourselves, "What's the use? I'll never win this battle." Jesus says, "Don't give up. I'm not finished with you yet".

Maybe our whole life, we have prided ourselves on our independence, on our ability to take care of ourselves and to help others. But now we are growing older and developing health problems. We know that we are not able to care for ourselves as we should. But we cannot reach out to ask for help. We say to ourselves, "I cannot set my pride aside and ask others for what I need." Jesus says to us, "Your life is changing. Wouldn't it make sense now to let the people that you helped help you? Rise. Do not be afraid."

Jesus was changed on the mount of transfiguration. We can change by the power of God. Even though we have failed to change in the past, today is a new possibility. Because today Jesus reaches out to transfigure us.

Fr. Dennis