

ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 12 Noon
& 1 - 5pm; Friday 9am - 12 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.

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OUR CHURCH'S SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM: We rejoice with parents as their family is blessed with children. Parents are encouraged to initiate arrangements for the Baptism of their child as soon as possible. Call the Parish Office for information or visit the parish website

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: Individual Confessions are available every Saturday afternoon in the Confession Room from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm or by appointment with the pastor. Additional opportunities for confession during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

MASS TIMES: The Eucharist is to be the source and summit of the spiritual lives of Catholics. Sunday Masses are celebrated weekly on **Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am.** Weekday Masses are celebrated usually on **Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 7:30am and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.** Please consult the bulletin or website weekly for schedule changes. First Friday Mass and Holyday Mass is celebrated on the Holy Day at 5:30pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: An Intentional Holy Hour is provided on the First Friday of the month following the 5:30pm Mass from 6:00-7:00pm.

MARRIAGE/WEDDINGS: A wedding is a special time of joy for the bride and groom and their families. Engaged couples should contact the Pastor as soon as possible (at least 6 months before the desired date) to set the date and plan for the wedding. Couples should not make commitments with a reception venue until the wedding date is confirmed with the Pastor. The preparation process is available on the parish website.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are anticipating surgery or experiencing serious health issues, for you or a loved one who is near death, please contact the office or the pastor personally to make arrangements for this sacrament of healing and hope.

**MASSES ARE STREAMED ONLINE
ON THE PARISH WEBSITE**

www.spccnh.org

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 2, 2026



**During the phase II of the construction
MONDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Masses will be celebrated in the St. Patrick Center on the second floor**

MASS INTENTIONS -

August 3-9, 2026

MONDAY: Weekday— August 3 (in the center)

7:30AM—All souls

WEDNESDAY: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major— August 5 (in the Church)

5:30pm—For the soul of Ken George by Doris Nolan

THURSDAY: The Transfiguration of the Lord— August 6 (in the Center)

7:30am—All souls

FRIDAY: FIRST FRIDAY

Ss. Sixtus II and Cajetan—August 7 (in the Church)

5:30pm—All souls

SATURDAY: Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time —August 8—

4:00pm—All souls

SUNDAY: The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time— August 9

8:00AM— For the souls of Grace Agnes Dalton by her granddaughter, Heather Skinners and for Kathy Esposito by her husband, Jack

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

Please
Pray
for...



George W. Rose, Michael, Shaelagh Dillon, Brenda Crisafulli, for Charlie's Company the National Guard Milford NH, Roberta Nadeau, Richard L. Maiocco, Jr., KerriAnn Coronato, Baby Genevieve Maher, Bill & Ursula Loscocco, Baby Milo Pelletier, Gus Dreher, Steve, Alexandria Popores, Ken & Theresa Chad, Michael, Brad Bennett, Joel Yeaton, Katie, Francesca, Bob Reece, Bob deHaan, Roland Montminy, Kay Dedrick, Griffith, Maggie Richardson, Butte Darling, Christine Burkey, Beverly Balfour, Ruth Senecal, Conrad Ducas, Mackenzie, Nancy Hogan, Najada Dalipi, Tiffany, Tiana, Kai, David Lewis, Barbara Bianchi, Claudette Coughlin, Conrad Bergeron, Alicia Hill, Jack, Amelia DiBurro, William Gartner, Cecilia Beck, Aileen Cormier, Sophia Doyle, Rev. Don Keegan, Joanne Gallagher, Frank Lake, Tabias Wood, Tony Richazzi, Priscilla Scott, Paige DiPietro, Linda Asselin, Joseph & Brenda Janikas, Robert Ferreira, Konstantin & Marko Bushuyev, Elijah Huang, Neil Gade, Orlando Lopez, Julie & David Spokane, Julie Hammond, Mark Blamy, Ashley Holland, Bettina Mace, Chery Lounsbury, Shawn Dufraine, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Pamela Wood, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Maureen Belair, Mary Ann Hower, Eva, Thomas Burkardt, Isabelle Miller, Ann Ronsov, 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.

Saint Christopher Academy Seeks 2nd Grade Teacher

Saint Christopher Academy is in need of a **Second Grade Teacher** to join our dynamic faculty for the 2026–2027 school year. If you are passionate about helping children grow academically, spiritually, and personally, we'd love to hear from you. Become part of a supportive Catholic school community where faith is lived and teachers make a lasting impact every day! Interested candidates should contact **Principal Cindy Clarke** at cclarke@saintchrisacademy.org or 603-882-7442, ext. 612, or visit www.saintchrisacademy.org/apps/pages/employment.

44th Annual Scout Retreat!

All Scouts (Boys & Girls) in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 44th Annual Scout Retreat **Fri. Sept. 18 – Sun. Sept. 20, 2026** at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works NH.

The cost is \$25 per scout and \$15 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! Put on by Fr. Ray Ball & the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee.

Info & Registration: www.catholicnh.org/scout or www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat or FrRay3@gmail.com or (603) 224-4393 x1.



Registrations 2026-27 are available at the entrance of the church, on the website and at the office during office hours. Try to register early. For more information email Abby at pffcabby@gmail.com or call the office 603-673-4797.

OCIA (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults.)

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

The Catholic Church invites you to the Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (OCIA) 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 email Susan Pasquale
sue.pasquale55@gmail.com

INFORMATION CENTER

Please help us keep our information center in the Parish Hall nice and organized

There is a basket under the table that you can place rosary, prayer cards etc. and once a week someone will find a spot for whatever is in the basket. Thank you.

First Friday Adoration August 7, 2026

Following the 5:30pm Mass from 6-7pm, we will have an intentional hour of prayer. Each month, we pray for a specific intention that affects our universal church. Our goal is to use this most holy time of prayer to call on God's involvement and blessing in these specific areas of need in our Church. We ask you to consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of First Friday Adoration.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Your giving supports the ministry of our parish as we celebrate the sacraments, preach the Gospel, form and transform our community, bring healing, provide for the needy and maintain our facilities. You are not only giving to the Church; you are giving *as* the Church!

GIVE+ONLINE WITH VANCO

This highly recommended way to give to the parish is safe and easy. It has proved itself very helpful to the future financial vitality of the parish. Go to our website saintpatrickmilfordnh.org on the right side of the Home page "giving" then follow the instructions. This is very helpful for parishioners who want to give on a regular basis. Your weekly donation can also be mailed to the office or dropped off in the mail box on the garage wall.

Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia – Free Online Support Group

Are you caring for a spouse, parent, or other loved one with dementia or memory loss? You don't have to navigate this journey alone. Catholic Charities New Hampshire is offering a free five-week online support group beginning Tuesday, September 8. Connect with others who understand what you're experiencing, share encouragement, and learn practical strategies and resources to help care for your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia or contact Shannon Popescu at 603-448-5151 or shan-popescu@nh-cc.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 3-9, 2026

MONDAY-FRIDAY –August 3-7

9:00am– Noon—Vacation Bible School—C/H

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30am—Knitting Ministry—SPC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

6:00-7:00pm—Adoration

SATURDAY, August 8

7:30am—Men of St. Joseph—C/H

PRAYER REQUEST

email or call: diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com
603-673-1311

KNITTING MINISTRY



Knitting Ministry is every
Thursday from 9:30-11:00am
in the Center.

If you love to knit or crochet, consider joining our team. If you are new at it or would like to learn, we have experts that will teach you how.

They make warm comforting shawls for the sick and the poor, Baby blankets and many more items. Join us in our mission to nourish the soul and care for others within our community. Need instructions? Pick up a brochure on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. Our just come to the St. Patrick Center on Thursday morning around 9:30am.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS NEEDED

If you are getting rid of your artificial Christmas tree, Wreath or Christmas ornaments, please consider giving them to the church.

Our Art & Environment director, Karen would redecorate them and sell them at our Church Fair.

These items can be dropped off until middle of October, during office hours which are listed on the front page of the bulletin. Thank you in advance.



SHARE

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

FOOD ITEMS: Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Instant Rice, Cold Cereal, Instant Oatmeal Packets, Individually Wrapped Snacks

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

HOMEBOUND

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

COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee & Donuts every Sunday after the 8am Mass.

**Thanks
for Your
Help!**

To the Men of St. Joseph & the Knights of Columbus who gave of their time to help us move refrigerators to our new storage space.

Thank you also to Knott's Land Care for the trimming of the trees in front of the Rectory.

CEMETERY



Our cemetery is located on Merrimack Rd in Amherst.

It is always the right time to invest in a plot and prepare for your final resting place.

Joseph Fischer, our Sexton would be happy to show you different available sections at the cemetery. To schedule an appointment email jfi23acy@yahoo.com or call the office (603) 673-1311



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A-2026)

There is not enough food at the beginning of today's gospel. Jesus and disciples find themselves in a deserted place with a crowd of over five thousand people, and all they have is five loaves and two fish. But the disciples know what to do. They come to Jesus with the problem. He feeds the multitude, and all are satisfied. When they collect the leftover fragments, they fill twelve baskets. So, the peculiar thing about today's gospel is that there is more food at

the end there was at the beginning. That makes today's gospel an example of faith. Faith tells us that when we are in need and come to the Lord, we can find ourselves having more at the end than we had at the beginning. This applies to all areas of our life.

We might be struggling with a serious loss, disorientation, or depression. Our life might lack focus or direction. Faith tells us that we should bring this to the Lord and say, "I have no energy, no hope." Then we should trust that Jesus will act. Faith does not promise us that our depression will immediately evaporate. But it challenges us to believe that if we allow the Lord to guide us, we will not only work our way through the loss, but we can end up a better person than we were before. We might be dealing with a serious hurt from a family member or a friend. We carry the anger from that hurt with us daily, and our heart shutters every time we think of it. This gospel tells us that we should bring the hurt to Jesus and tell him, "This hurt is killing me, I can't move forward. I don't have the strength to forgive." Now the gospel does not promise us that our hurt will immediately disappear, but it does challenge us to believe that healing is possible. If we place ourselves in the Lord's hands, we will not only come to a point where we can be free of hurt, but we can also end up being a wiser person for having worked through it. Our whole world continues to be paralyzed by the Coronavirus. We're tired of it. We want it to be over. Today's gospel tells us to bring that concern to Jesus and say, "I don't have the patience or the strength to do this much longer. I'm so tired of worrying about my family and friends. I don't know what to do." The gospel does not guarantee us that we will have a vaccine tomorrow or that we and the people we love will never become infected. But it does invite us to place ourselves in Jesus' care, believing that we can not only survive this pandemic but also learn things about ourselves and our lives that will continue to enrich us even when the virus has been defeated.

It is easy to panic when there is not enough food, when there is so much hunger and only five loaves and two fish. But today's gospel tells us that coming to Jesus can make a difference. If we ask him and trust him, we will not only find enough food for today, but we will also have twelve baskets full out of which we can build a better and richer tomorrow.

A Prayer for Forgiving Others

Giver of abundant mercy, who asks me to forgive seven times seventy, my heart is angry, wounded, and broken. Hold me in this turmoil, and strengthen me so I can extend the forgiveness that has been offered me. Mountain-mover, may your tremendous power work to mend my relationship with _____. Bring me to a peace that allows me to desire their good (or at least not want bad to come to them). Protect me and my heart, as I walk forward in faith and learn how to give my suffering to you. Amen.

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