

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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- September 13, 2026



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

MASS INTENTIONS -

September 14-20, 2026

**MONDAY: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross—
September 14** (in the center)

7:30am—All souls

**WEDNESDAY: Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian—
September 16** (in the Church)

5:30pm—For Daniel Edwards by The Zund & Edwards families and for George B. Whelton by Justin Mazimpaka

**THURSDAY: Ss. Robert Bellamine & Hildegard
of Bingen—September 17** (in the Center)

7:30am—All souls

FRIDAY: Weekday —September 18 (in the Church)

7:30am—All souls

**SATURDAY: Vigil of the 25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time —September 19—**

4:00pm—All souls

**SUNDAY: The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—
September 20**

8:00am— For the people of St. Patrick Church

10:30am—For the soul of Bob Callahan by his wife Ivana and for Kevin & Kathleen Caveney Girard by Ida Caveney

PRAYER REQUEST

Doug McNamara Chris Nelson, George W. Rose, Nancy Moro, Shaelagh Dillon, Brenda Crisafulli, for Charlie' 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.

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.

Once a month a detail of all donations will be published in the bulletin.

For people who are still not able to attend Church in person because of age or medical concerns, Masses can be viewed from your home and live-streamed at the scheduled Mass times through Facebook or YouTube



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.

Family Faith Formation Class Schedule

Sunday Morning - Grades K-5,

2026

September 13
October 4
November 1
December 6

2027

January 10
February 7
March 7
April 4 (last class)
April 5 (last class)

Sunday Evening - Grades 6-12, 6pm

2026

September 13, 27
October 4, 18
November 1, 15
December 6, 20

2027

January 10, 24
February 7, 21
March 7, 21
April 4, 18 (last class)

LARGE BASKET FOR FAIR

We are looking for extra large wicker baskets for this year's penny sale at the church fair. If you have some and would like to donate them, please bring them to the office during office hours. Thank you for your help



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

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

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. Thanks to those whom already have brought some items.



BIBLE STUDY



Adult Bible Study classes with Sally Wilkins are beginning this week:

Tuesday evenings 6:30-8, we will be doing a course on the Dead Sea Scrolls, with video lectures from noted Biblical scholar Dr John Bergsma and group discussion focused on the related Scripture passages.

Thursday mornings 9:30-11 we will be continuing our study of the book of Isaiah. Open to new members, the second half of this great book includes many familiar passages, prophecies of the Suffering Servant and the Triumphant restoration of the Kingdom.

Pre-registration is not required for either class. We have Bibles, if you don't have one please wait until after the first class to purchase one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 14-20, 2026

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:30pm—Bible Study—SPC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:15pm—OCIA—SPC

6:15pm—Pastoral Council/Finance Mtg—C/H

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30am—Bible Study—SPC

9:30am—Knitting Ministry—SPC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30am—Men of St. Joseph—C/H

PRAYER REQUEST

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

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.

MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

Sunday Offertory- in church	\$29,154	
- Vanco online	\$11,780	\$40,934
Facilities Repair-in church	\$2,080	
-Vanco online	\$725	\$2,805
Heating & A/C - in church	\$0	
-Vanco online	\$155	\$155
Misc Offertory Collections		
- in church	\$0	
- Vanco online	\$270	\$270
Mission Cooperative		
- in church	\$5,101	
- Vanco online	\$20	\$5,121
Misc Diocesan Collections		
- in church	\$0	
- Vanco online	\$104	\$104
TOTAL AUGUST DONATIONS		
- in church	\$36,335	
-Vanco online	\$13,054	\$49,389
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:		
PLEDGES - GOAL	\$2,300,000	
RECEIVED	\$2,661,397	116%
YTD PAYMENTS	\$2,132,131	
-Vanco online	\$410,780	\$2,542,911

THE LAST STEP

\$163,760



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A-2026)

God tells Moses to do a strange thing in today's first reading. He wants him to take a bronze serpent and put it on a pole so that all of Israel can see it. Why would God ask Moses to do that? Our God is a God of life and healing, and we know that God plans to use this bronze serpent as a means to heal Israel. But why would God make healing dependent upon looking at a bronze serpent? In order to answer this question, we have to appreciate what the serpent stands for. It stands for Israel's sin. Israel grumbled against God in the desert and broke their trust in God's plan. So, the serpent is failure, disbelief, fault. How is it connected to healing? One would expect that if you were seeking healing, you should look at something positive. Would it not be better for God to tell Moses to put an angel on a pole, so everyone could look at that? But the scriptures say it is the other way around. If we want to reach life, we must first see what is against life. If we want healing, we must first face our sickness. God tells Moses to put a serpent on a pole so that we understand that if we want to get to what is right, we must first confront what is wrong.

When we fail, when we sin, when we hurt someone by our words or deeds, our first impulse is to brush that offense aside and move on. "It wasn't my best day, but let's not linger on the past. Let's look to the future." But denying our fault, dismissing our sin, does not lead to healing. It is only when we really see the consequences of our actions, how deeply our words cut, that we can truly feel the need for forgiveness. It is only when others see that we appreciate the damage that we have done, that they become willing to accept our apology.

This truth does only apply on a personal level. For years ISIS has been advancing in Iraq, but it took the sight of a gruesome beheading before America began to respond. Domestic abuse is a scourge in our country. But it took a video before a pro football player was dismissed. We need to see what is wrong, and we cannot be dependent upon our news media to provide us with videos. We need to see on our own what is wrong in our political system, in our prison system, in our educational system. Only then can we move towards healing.

In order to get to what is right we must first see what is wrong. In order to attain life, we must confront the serpent. Our God intends to bring us to life and healing. So, let us make today the day that we face the things that we have done wrong so that by God's grace we can come to life. Let us look deeply at all that is broken in our society, so that we can become partners with God in healing our world.

A Prayer to Heal A Divided Nation

Dear God, Help us to rebuild this nation by seeking out your image in the face of others, finding the best in us to serve those who are the least, the lost and the lonely. Help us to remember the words of one of your servants of old who reminded us that 'perfect love casts out fear'. Help us perfect our love. We are your people. You know us by many names. You are our God. We know you by many names. May we find strength in our diversity and seek the courage to live into what is written on every piece of currency in this nation: In God we Trust. In God. We Trust. For only in you can we live in safety. Only in you will we find justice. Only in you will we know the peace that passes all human understanding. Amen.

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