

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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 16, 2026



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

MASS INTENTIONS -

August 17-23, 2026

MONDAY: Weekday— August 17 (in the center)

7:30AM—For the soul of John Haydusko by his daughter, Dianne Hamilton

WEDNESDAY: St. John Eudes— August 19 (in the Church)

5:30pm—For the soul of George Thompson by Doris Nolan and for Larry Robbins by the family

THURSDAY: St. Bernard—August 20 (in the Center)

7:30am—All souls

FRIDAY: St. Pius X —August 21 (in the Center)

7:30am—All souls

SATURDAY: Vigil of the 21st Sunday in

Ordinary Time —August 22—

4:00pm—For the soul of Marion Dougherty by her daughter, Loretta

**SUNDAY: The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—
August 16**

8:00AM— For the soul of C.J. Turner by Gary McCartney and for Crawford & Celestine Peters by Vesta Philbrick

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



George W. Rose, Michael, 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.

BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to the Parish Community
Abigail Anne, daughter of
Isaac & Jennifer Shreves

Faith Formation REGISTRATION

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS August 17-23, 2026

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30am—Knitting Ministry—SPC

11:00am—Staff meeting—SPC

SATURDAY, August 22

7:30am—Men of St. Joseph—C/H

PRAYER REQUEST

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

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.



Join us for the **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Please bring your backpacks with you on

Sunday August 23
= at 11:30 am =

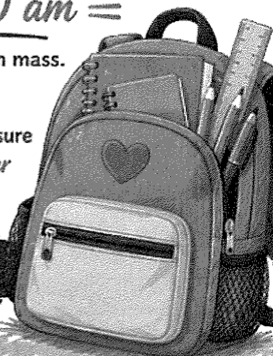
After the 10:30 am mass.



We also have a small gift for each child so be sure to see a social member before leaving.



Located in the church hall.



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.

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-non.popescu@nh-cc.org.

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.

FORMED

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR WHAT TO WATCH "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.

DivorceCare is a non denominational support group for divorced and separated adults. Our next DivorceCare support group begins Monday, Sept. 14 from 7 to 8:30 pm, in the Upstairs Conference Room at One Church, 56 Old Bedford Rd in Bedford, NH. At a weekly DivorceCare meeting, group participants will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on divorce and recovery topics. After that is small group discussion to allow people a time of sharing, support, and personal application of what they learned on the video. Group participants will receive a workbook-free of charge- to take home, filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal road to recovery. Please feel free to contact me, or visit divorcecare.org if you have questions or wish to register. All are welcome, and you may start the program at any time.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A-2026)

Many people are going through a difficult time ... personally, socially, religiously. What stance should we take as Christians in such an environment? The Canaanite woman in today's gospel provides a direction. In a setting of fear she speaks what she believes is true. This woman believed that Jesus could cure her daughter, and so she cries out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!" To make this request she had to overcome the fear she would not be heard because she was a woman in a male-dominated society and the fear she would be rejected because she was a Canaanite seeking help from a Jew. And even after Jesus' initial rebuff, she continues to cry out, "Lord, help me!"

This Canaanite woman is an example to us, the example of courage to speak truth in a setting of fear. What is the truth we believe? You can answer this question as well as I can. We know that Jesus is opposed to violence. He teaches that those who live by the sword will die by the sword. He asks us to turn the other cheek and pray for our enemies. So when people in our family, our workplace, or school begin to suggest that a particular person or group should be shot, attacked, or hurt, we need to find the courage to speak out and say, "No, that is not what I believe as a Christian." We believe that Jesus came to save all people and that every person is a son or daughter of God. So, when people around us begin to imply that any particular race, religion, sexual orientation, or culture is evil and deserves our hate, we need to find the courage to say, "No, that is not what I believe as a Christian."

The biggest mistake we could make is to think that the issues of violence and hatred do not apply to us. We cannot say it is not my problem because I don't live in the Iran or the Ukraine. I am not a Jew or a Moslem. When it comes to issues of hatred and racism, history has amply shown that we either stand or fall together. An attack against any particular group is an attack against us all.

During Adolph Hitler's rise to power, many Germans decided to keep quiet and see what would happen. They watched as the Nazis targeted one group after another for elimination. The ineffectiveness of this silent approach has been immortalized in the words of Martin Niemöller, a Lutheran pastor. He writes:

*First, they came for the communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a communist.
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me.*

Like the Canaanite woman, we need to find the strength and courage to speak the truth of what we believe in a fearful situation. We must speak Jesus' message of nonviolence, inclusion, and acceptance. We must speak out for others, because we stand or fall together.

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