

Second Sunday in Lent — February 28, 2021

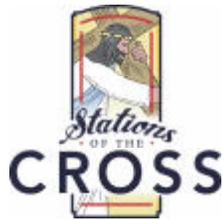


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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon & 1-5pm & Friday 9-Noon

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply.



Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00PM on Fridays during Lent

Reconciliation will be offered every Wednesday during Lent from 4:15-5:15PM

On Friday, March 5th: Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross NO Holy Hour.

For anyone who would like to stop in for private prayers. These are the times when the Church is opened.

Monday - Friday: 9-5pm
Saturday: 9-3pm
Sunday: **Closes at Noon**

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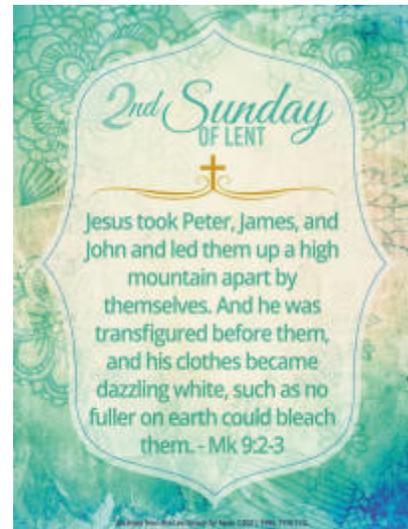
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

MARCH 1-7, 2021

MON - 3/1- Lenten weekday

7:30AM: Kathleen & Carl Halberg by Jane Provins &
Special intentions by John Milan

TUES - 3/2- Lenten weekday—NO MASS

WED - 3/3- St. Katharine Drexel

4:15-5:15PM - Reconciliation

5:30PM: Marc Guerin by the family of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scanlon

THURS - 3/4- St. Casimir

7:30AM: Dorothy(Darby) Lorden by Jane Provins

FRI - 3/5 - Lenten weekday(Abstinence)

5:30PM: Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John

6:00PM: Stations of the Cross (led by Knights of Columbus)

SAT - 3/6 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM: Edward Callahan by the family

SUN - 3/7- 3rd Sunday of Lent—

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Robert Champagne by Robert, Jr. & Kathy Duchesne &
John Dessanti by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dessanti

11:30AM - 11:45AM HOLY COMMUNION ONLY

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READINGS 3/7/2021

Ex: 20:1-17
1 Cor: 1:22-25
Jn: 2:13-25



Pope Francis' Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen!

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti
603-673-1311**

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Weekend of February 21, 2021: \$3,784.
Ash Wednesday collection: \$1,155.

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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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (2/28/2021)

Fortitude (which is literally “strength” but here is often interchangeable with “courage”) is the third cardinal virtue. How is courage important in our efforts to live righteously?

Answer to last week’s question (2/21/2021)

“Justice” is the inclination to give to others what is their due – God, who is due our complete worship and submission; other humans, who are due all that is proper to human dignity, and even the earth and its creatures, which are due our respect and stewardship as gifts from God. Justice offsets our human selfishness by directing us to consider what is due to others in all our actions and attitudes.

In common use we sometimes treat “just” and “fair” as synonymous, but this can cause us to fall short of justice. In Scripture and in Catholic doctrine, the virtue of justice demands that we act in ways that consider and prioritize the needs of those who, for whatever reason, are deprived of what is just in light of their human dignity. So “equal” treatment may not always be “just” treatment, and “just” actions may require preferential treatment.

Lent: no cross, no glory

In the season of Lent, the believing community follows Jesus as he is tested, transfigured, cleanses the temple, explains how God loves, and announces his hour has come. This week’s readings ask us to see Jesus in his transfigured glory and in his transformative suffering.

Mark’s gospel tells his version of Jesus’ Transfiguration. This story might be more accurately called a *christophany*: a revelation of who Jesus really is.

Fulfillment of scriptural promises. Elijah and Moses represent Hebrew scripture: Moses, the lawgiver, represents the *Torah*; Elijah, the prophet *par excellence*, represents the *Prophets*. Mark shows Jesus in *conversation with* and *as fulfillment of the Law (Torah) and the Prophets*.

God’s beloved Son. The *cloud* that overshadows or envelopes them recalls the cloud that covered Sinai when *God was present* (Ex 19:9). From this cloud, a *voice* identifies Jesus as God’s Son, as God had done at Jesus’ baptism (Mk 1:9-11). God announces Jesus’ *identity at the start of his ministry* and *at the start of his journey to Jerusalem*.

Suffering servant. Just before his Transfiguration, Jesus tells the disciples he must “suffer greatly, be killed, and rise on the third day” (Mk 8:31). After his Transfiguration, he commands the disciples to tell “no one until *after* the Son of Man has risen from the dead” (Mk 9:9). Mark wants his believing community to understand that Jesus’ *glory* comes *after his suffering, transformational death and resurrection*. What is true for Jesus is also true for his disciples: “no cross, no glory.”

Lent’s readings call us to walk with Jesus as he prepares for his transformative death. Today’s readings ask how we trust God. Abraham trusts that if God demands Isaac’ life, God will somehow still give Abraham descendants. Paul tells the Romans that they can trust that God is for us because God has already acquitted us and Christ continues to intercede for us. Mark shows that disciples can trust Jesus as God’s Son and fulfillment of scripture. As disciples, how do we express trust? Like Abraham, can we trust that God will provide what we need, despite seeming impossibility? Like Paul, does our hope spring from the trust that God is always for us? Like the confused disciples, can we trust that God will bring us to glory even when we experience our daily cross of frustration, loss, and exclusion?

-Terence Sherlock

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Listen: The Logic of Being Catholic - Dr. Ray Guarendi

Listen: Freedom Through Forgiveness

Study: YDisciple, Called, Session 1: What is a Vocation?

Read with Children: The Young People's Book of Saints

Listen: Swimming Upstream

Listen or **Watch:** Devotionals by Dennis and Angelina Girard - The Rosary, Divine Mercy and Way of the Cross

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — March 9, 2021
Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — March 10, 2021

**YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES 6-12**

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — March 7, 21
All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.

**A Virtual Lenten Evening of Reflection
for young adult Catholics**

"The Saving Grace of Beauty"

Date: March 12, 2021-----Time 7:00pm to 9:00pm
There is no cost. For more information contact Faith Formation at 673-4797.

Knights of Columbus

**Father Don Jacques Council #3035,
Milford, NH**



St. Patrick's Helpers: Do you have a small project or a list of projects that you need completed around your house? How would you like to have "masked" Knights of Columbus take care of this for you? We are offering handy-man services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund. If you would like to learn more or if you think that you have the "perfect project" for St. Patrick Helpers, or if you are interested in helping us, please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
MARCH 6-7, 2021**

4:00PM

Lector	George Lemelin
Eucharistic Minister	Bernie Kalfelz
Greeters	Gary McCartney
	Pauline Nepveu
	Susan Niquette

8:00AM

Lector	Amy Guthrie
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Sharkey
Greeters	Steve Santinelli
	Sue Pasquale
	Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

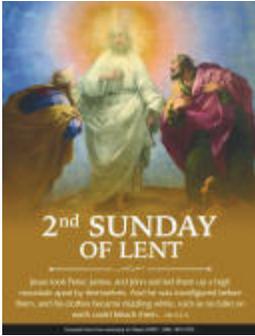
Lector	Will McGrath
Eucharistic Minister	Dave Couture
Greeters	Steve Dudley
	Bernie Quinn
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***Knights of Columbus
Scholarship application***

Attention high school seniors: the Knights of Columbus Fr. Don Jacques Council #3035 is pleased to offer two \$1000 scholarships to members of St. Patrick's parish who will graduate from high school this spring. For an application, please visit the parish website (<https://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org/>) under resources or pick one up at the back of the church after Mass. Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2021. Submit any questions and completed applications to scholarship@kofc3035.org.

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2nd Sunday of Lent (B-2021)

The readings present a compendium of themes that shape the Lenten season. The first reading concludes the cycle of narratives about Abraham found in the Book of Genesis, which unfold from his call, with the promise that he and Sarah will be the parents of many nations, through the covenant and the birth of a son, the bearer of the promise (Isaac), and reaches its pinnacle in God's command that Abraham offer Isaac as a holocaust. As one of the most treasured subjects of Christian art, the denouement of the story is familiar. At the last moment "the Lord's messenger" intervenes; Isaac is spared, and the promise is renewed: *"Because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly"*.

In both Judaism and Christianity Abraham is "the standard" of faith who, when tested was found loyal, who "hoped against hope", and who by faith, . . . when put to the test, was reluctantly willing to offer up his son, Isaac, because he believed in a God who could raise up the dead. Also, in Jewish tradition, Isaac is transformed into a model of self-sacrifice who went willingly to his death.

"Transformation" might be a better term to describe today's gospel story, since Jesus, though in the form of God, took on the "form of a slave" (Phil 2:6-7), and is now transformed and seen as an exalted member of the heavenly court. The narrative is dense with biblical allusions. The dazzling white clothes are a symbol of divine presence in Daniel 7:9, while the presence of Elijah and Moses has been interpreted in a number of ways. They are symbols of the prophets and the Law; both are people who did not taste death but were exalted to heaven; they are faithful prophets who suffered because they followed God's word.

The deeper focus of the account emerges from the divine voice at Jesus' baptism: *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him"*. The transformation follows the first of three predictions by Jesus of his death by crucifixion, which the disciples consistently do not want to hear. Peter's desire for three booths seems an attempt to substitute divine presence for the way of the cross. The same three disciples who witness Jesus' transformation fail to watch with him during his agony in the garden. Mark's readers and we ourselves are to hear the voice of a Jesus who says that the way to glory is only through the cross. The passage is also followed by one of the most dramatic stories in the gospel, the exorcism from a young boy of a destructive demon which the disciples of Jesus are powerless to combat.

The transfiguration is not a kind of midpoint encouragement to the disciples. They will continue to misunderstand Jesus and will flee at his arrest; and Peter denies him. The deeper meaning of this Gospel passage for Mark and for us during Lent is that, even after moments of transcendence and transformation, we must come back to earth, continue to hear the voice of Jesus, and follow him on the way to the cross. The experience of transfiguration experience is meant to be compared with the struggle of good against evil. As we journey through Lent, the readings of the 2nd Sunday of Lent encourage deep faith and trust in God.

Fr. Dennis

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