



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5pm. Closed at Noon on Friday

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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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:00 A.M.; 8:45 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M.

Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass, unless otherwise indicated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 7:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

(Except Dec 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us.

Whether you are a parish community member, friend, or visitor just know that your presence enlivens our celebration.

Pastoral Council Members

Chairperson: Chris Conard

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,

Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time— August 25, 2019

August 26-SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

MON - 8/26- Weekday

7:30AM -

TUES - 8/27 - St. Monica

7:30AM -

WED - 8/28 - St. Augustine

5:30PM -

THURS - 8/29 -

The Passion of
St. John the Baptist

7:30AM -

FRI - 8/30 - Weekday

7:30AM -

SAT - 8/31 - Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Grover Farwell by Lucille, Linda, Diana Grover III

SUN - 9/1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John

8:45AM - Members of the Parish

10:45AM - Luke & Laurette Coté by Ida Caveney

**No
weekday
Masses
this week**

Readings: 9-1-2019

Sir: 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb: 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk: 14:1,7-14

WEEKEND OF: August 18, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(145) Envelopes		\$3,512
Loose Offerings		\$2,130
Total Sunday	\$7,085	\$5,642

ASSUMPTION: \$1,182

NH MISS/MIG/REF MINISTRY NH: \$1,420

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.

GIVE+ONLINE



August 26-September 1, CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues: 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
 Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer group (SPC)
 Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group (C/H)
 8:30AM—Labor Day float decorating (Parking Lot)
 Sun: Coffee & donuts



**St Patrick Knitting Ministry
New Time & Place**

Do you like to knit or crochet (or would like to learn)? Please join us on Tuesday evenings beginning September 10 in the church hall at 7:00PM. This is an informal group that meets weekly and knits for charity. We will be making prayer shawls, chemo caps and items for our January Hat & Mitten Tree. Please bring your own yarn and needles. Beginners Welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF August 31-September 1, 2019

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:**
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura D., Dianne H.,
Lector: Chris J.
Greeters: Gary M., Dianne H.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** John & Sam Lundstedt
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Amy Guthrie
Lector: Kath J.P
Greeters: Skip G., John M., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Willa A., Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Juanita, Mike & Ann G.
Lector: Joe R.
Greeters: Steve S., the Migneaults, Pat K.
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Claire B., Katherine P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jane N., Tony & Michelle V.
Lector: Eric Jensen
Greeters: The Hohenadels, The McGinleys

FORMED (The Catholic Faith on demand) is coming to our parish after Labor Day. More info on this program will be in the bulletin at a future date



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The date for our **Yard Sale** will be **October 5th**. Keep on collecting any items, that might be junk for you and a treasure for someone else, until that date.

Faith Formation Ministry

Sign in
Your Kids



Faith Formation registration for 2019-2020 are available at the office, on the back tables at the entrance of the church and on the website. We are still accepting registration for the fall Faith Formation.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 20, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

THANKS YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE BLOOD this past Friday

Your commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference! Your team registered 31 total donors, collected 31 pints of blood and recruited 5 first-time donors helping to fill the Missing Types. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the life-saving blood they need.



Remembrance bulletin board

We wish to honor and pray for our brave men and women serving in the military throughout the world. If you have someone that you would like us to remember & pray for please bring in a photograph of your loved ones serving in the military with their name and they will be placed on the board.

Women of St. Patrick Prayer Group

How do women live and share their Catholic faith and beliefs in their daily lives? St. Patrick's offers a women's prayer group designed to support Spirit-filled Catholic women as they come together in prayer, study, reflection and sharing to foster their own spiritual journey and life of faith in Jesus. We meet on Wednesday evenings following Mass at 6:05 PM for 1 hour in the parish center. There is no attendance commitment so come when you can, please do not let your irregular schedule hinder attending. The women's group is open to all women 18 years and older.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8-25-2019)

As summer winds down and the harvest season is upon us, over the next few weeks we'll be looking at the holidays of the Jewish calendar.

This week: the Law given to Moses included Three "Assembly" or "Pilgrimage" feasts – three annual holidays on which all the people were to gather to offer sacrifice. What were they? (See Leviticus 23)



Answer to Last Week's Question: (8-18-2019)

As Mary was the first person to believe that Jesus was the Son of God and the model of total obedience to Him, her bodily resurrection is precisely what every Christian is looking forward to, as we profess every time we say the Creed. But hers was not the first example of an assumption.

Genesis 5 includes Enoch in a list of the generations of Adam's descendants. His lifespan, at 365 years, is much shorter than the others in the list (he was the father of the man with the longest life, Methuselah). Of all the others, the record says "he lived so-many years, and then he died." Of Enoch, it says "all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." The writer of Hebrews cites Enoch as an example of faith pleasing to God: "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

In 2 Kings 2, we read the story of the end of the life of the great prophet Elijah, who was taken up to Heaven in a "chariot of fire" as his successor, Elisha, watched.



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Please remember in your prayers:

Thomas Martel, Donna Thomas, Skip Gautier, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Michael Strong, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Brenda Lamarre, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Jack & Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Ronald Rood, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Marie Roccio, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Tiffany Brown, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Rob Erickson, Dan Nelson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Marc Belanger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Jack Long, Barbara Powers, Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek, Bobby Holland, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, Jeffrey Yorio, Lisa Yorio, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Susan Yorio, Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, Jeffrey Bryant, Crystal Heaney, Leah Stigliano, Philip McPhee, William Thompson, Sammy Tinaglia, Joseph Sherlock, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, Mary & Dick Almy, Steven Perez, Elda Paduano, Meaghan Pezze, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

Please call the parish office when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

SHARE Summer Challenge

Did you know summer is the busiest time for food pantries? Many children eat both breakfast and lunch at school, but summer break brings on food insecurity. We have gone over our goal of 1,000 items for our SHARE Summer Challenge it would be nice if we could raise another 1,000 before the end of the summer. Please keep on giving.



NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola can be dropped off at the SHARE office or in the Church Hall. Thank you for your donations.

The many, the few, the narrow door, and God's feast

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings expose some assumptions surrounding who will enter God's kingdom.

Luke's gospel continues Jesus' teaching on the road to Jerusalem. Many first-century Jews believed that "all Israelites have a share in the world to come," but the Pharisees taught that only a "remnant" would be saved. These conflicting ideas stand behind the question "The ones being saved--are they only a few?" Jesus answers by turning the question around and telling a disconcerting parable:

The narrow door saying. Although the Lectionary says "*strive* to enter," the Greek verb actually means "to fight" or "to labor" or "to struggle." Jesus tells his hearers that "the many" will try to push their way through a crush of people at a door that is too narrow, and that "the few" (those *truly worthy* to enter) *will have to struggle* to get in. Entry requires choices and action; *group affiliation doesn't count*.

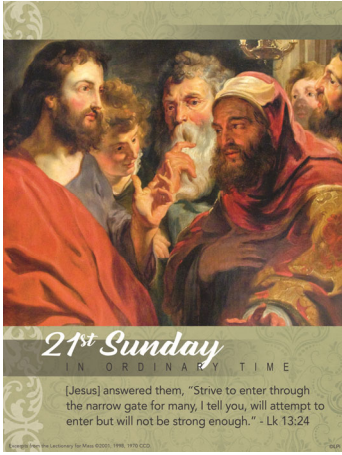
The house-master who locks the door. Not only must the worthy few contend with the unworthy many, but *the time to enter is short*. The house-master will lock the narrow door at some point, and no one else will be admitted to the messianic feast. Simply knowing the house-master won't get you in. Unless the house-master *knows you* (that is, you are a disciple), you are excluded from God's kingdom, the messianic feast, and eternal life. Only those who hear the call to *metanoia* (change your minds/hearts) and act now will feast forever.

This week's readings introduce God's end-time feast and its potential guest list. Many assume that they are already on the guest list because they have the right affiliation: ethnic, national, social, religious, or financial. But the parable tells a different story. The feast's door is narrow; only those who hear and act on Jesus' words will feast. Do we think we're invited because we know the housemaster, or because the housemaster recognizes us as disciples? Do we think we have time before the door is locked because we heard some teachings, or do we know we have to change our hearts and minds now?

-Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's gospel, Jesus urges us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate."

In the gospel Jesus continues on the road to Jerusalem. He is now about halfway through the journey that he began in chapter 9 of Luke's gospel. Along the way Jesus meets Samaritans, women, men, children, Pharisees, scholars, people who are lame, people who suffer from leprosy, people who are blind, a rich official, and tax collectors. To each of these diverse groups, Jesus proclaims the same message: the kingdom of God is at hand. In all that he does

Jesus speaks the kingdom and lives the kingdom.

Today's gospel gives us another vision of what this kingdom is about. The way to enter is "narrow," but inside the kingdom we will find people from every race, nation, and tongue. We might be surprised about who we don't find, however. Jesus issues the warning that some of those who knock on the door and tell the Lord, "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets," will not find welcome inside the kingdom of God. Instead the master of the kingdom will say, "I do not know where you are from."

Entry to the kingdom does not depend on physical proximity to Jesus. Even those who spend their lives in the church, eating and drinking at the table of the Lord, cannot stop there, passively living a faith that demands much more from us, our very selves. In order to enter the kingdom we must be *from* the kingdom. Our words and actions must proclaim this kingdom as Jesus' did. Can we be found among the poor, vulnerable, and lost? Do we offer welcome and hospitality to all that we meet? We are called to be kingdom people. Where are you from?

Fr. Dennis



Are you proud to be Catholic?

Are you proud of our great parish, St. Patrick Church?

Let's share this joy with our neighbors during the Labor Day Parade! Please help us decorate our float on Saturday August 31 at 8:30am in the Church Parking Lot. St. Patrick (from our Parish Hall) will be riding on the float! Bring green ribbons, shamrocks, streamers, balloons and washable paint/chalk. We will be deco-

rating a white pickup truck and trailer. Then join us for the parade and be ready to sing our favorite Catholic songs! Details to follow.

IN NEED OF REPAIR

For the next 2 weeks you will notice a big lift in the parking lot. The Rectory had leaks in the attic. While they are here, they will also be repairing any slates on the Church roofs that could be loose or with holes that could leak in the church attic.