

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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regarding the Coronavirus**



All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;

No matter your family or marital status;

No matter where you are in the practice of faith;

You are always welcomed here at St. Patrick.

The Church is opened daily 9-5pm

Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti

MAY 11-17, 2020

MON - 5/11- Easter Weekday—Mass Intention: ———

TUES - 5/12- Ss. Nereus & Achilleus — NO MASS

WED - 5-13- Our Lady of Fatima—Mass Intention: George Cosmo by his wife, Jane

THURS - 5-14 - St. Matthias - Mass Intention: ———

FRI - 5/15 – St. Isidore- Mass Intention: ———

SAT - 5/16 - Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter— *The Church will be open from 9-5pm*

Mass Intention: Bob Huss by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee

SUN—5/17 - 6th Sunday of Easter —*The Church will be open from 9-5pm*

Mass Intentions - Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley, Members of the Parish, Lawrence, Betty & Mary Beth Conrad by the family

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY Fr. Dennis in private.

Please remember in your prayers:

The Staff & Residents of Crestwood Nursing Home, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Rita LaJeunesse, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Leo Ouellette, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Connie Gonzalves, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, Maureen Yergeau, Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Janine Hartwell, Hope Kelly, Thomas Martel, Donna Thomas, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, 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, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, 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, 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.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

Your weekly donation can be dropped off in the mail slot near the glass door.

or

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



Where are we going? Show us!

During the Easter season the readings ask the believing community to examine the meaning of Jesus through his teachings and post-resurrection appearances. This week's readings focus on what comes next in discipleship.

John's gospel is from Jesus' "farewell discourse" at the Last Supper. John uses a spiral narrative form to circle around ideas about faith in Jesus and his works; Jesus' departure, absence, and return; and Jesus' relationship with the Father. The abandoned and fearful disciples, standing in for us, make two important requests of Jesus:

How do we know the way? Thomas' question expresses the disciples' fear about Jesus' death and *what will happen to them* without him. Thomas asks Jesus to *tell them the way forward*. In response, Jesus reveals that Jesus' way is the *only way* that leads to truth and to life. As used throughout John's gospel, "truth" means Jesus is the *authoritative revelation of God*; "life" means *Jesus is the saving act of God*. The disciples must continue to *follow* ("believe," "have faith") Jesus because he alone *reveals God and gives eternal life*.

Show us the Father. Philip's request sums up the spiritual quest of all humans: to *experience the divine*. To know Jesus is to know that he *reveals* the Father. All Jesus' words and works come from the Father who *remains-in-relationship* with Jesus. The oneness of the Father and Jesus has its roots in the Jewish concept of "the sent one" who completely identifies with the "one who sent." In the Johannine view, Jesus is completely dependent on the Father (Jn 5:19-30). The disciples have seen the divine Father because they have seen the incarnate Son.

Jesus' resurrection has many meanings and many implications. The Easter season lasts six weeks, allowing us time to reflect on this cosmos-changing event. Luke describes a crisis in the early *ekklesia*, and how the Spirit showed the way forward. The First Peter author reminds unsure newly baptized disciples that they are part of God's living temple-in-progress. In the gospel, Jesus explains to confused and fearful disciples that the Father and he are their way forward. Our own time is full of uncertainty and fear; we want to know what happens next. Are we looking to Jesus who is the way? Are we putting our faith in the one who shows who and what is true? Are we seeking the divine in these extraordinary days?

---Terence Sherlock

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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!*

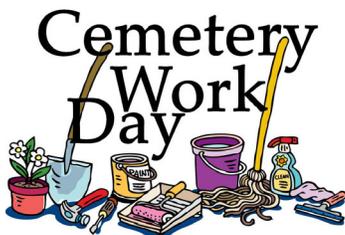
NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (5-3-2020)

Like Mark, Luke was not one of the Twelve. How did he come to write a Gospel?

Answer to last week's question (4-26/2020)

Matthew was a "publican," or tax-collector, in the town of Capernaum, the home town of Peter and Andrew, James and John. The story of his calling is recorded in Matthew 9:9. Mark and Luke tell the same story but name him Levi, making him one of several of the disciples known by more than one name. Tax collectors were despised by the Jews who considered them collaborators with the Roman occupiers. Many of them demanded excessive payment, enriching themselves with what was above the amounts owed by the taxpayer .



"The Knights of Columbus will be leading a "Clean Up the St. Patrick Cemetery Day" on May 16. The cemetery is located on Merrimack Road in Amherst. We will start at 9am and should be wrapped up by noon for lunch. Please bring and only use your own collection of spring clean up tools and supplies. In the interest of maintaining safe distances, please work in small independent groups. If you plan to work until lunch and would enjoy a pizza for your group, please email your pizza request to

jturner@myteamengineering.com. Please also direct any questions to John Turner at the same email or 493-6036. Thank you for your help. If you cannot join us, please pray that our project is productive and fun!"



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05/4/2020

Pastor's Bulletin

LIVE STREAMING MASSES

A complete list can be found at: www.catholicnh.org/livestreamed-masses

ACCESS TO CHURCH

As has been the case since March 22, the Church remains opened for prayer and adoration every day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance (individual confession behind the screen) is available on Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

PARISH FINANCES

I first want to acknowledge that we are so very aware of many parishioners who have been furloughed/laid off and the 30,000,000 who lost jobs these past weeks. Families are hurting right now and they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Where are we at since the suspension of Sunday Mass back in March? On the average in years past, the month before Easter, Easter Sunday, and the month after Easter, we parish would receive approximately \$97,000.00 in our Sunday Offertory. In the same period of time during this pandemic, we have received \$52,000.00 in mailed in and electronic giving. I am sincerely grateful to those who are able to continue to support the parish financially by mailing in or on line giving their weekly offering to the parish. We depend on weekly income for survival. Anything you can do to help us by mailing in your weekly/monthly donation or donating online would be appreciated and very helpful.

A PRAYER TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Most Merciful and Triune God, we come to You in our weakness. We come to You in our fear. We come to You with trust. For You alone are our hope. We place before You the disease present in our world. We turn to You in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care. (mention your particular concerns and prayers now) Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

Blessings!

Fr. Dennis

5th Sunday of Easter 2020
Fr. Dennis' Reflection – St. Patrick – Milford

The opening words of this weekend's gospel are addressed to the disciples, and we can imagine, they are addressed to us as well: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."* During these unprecedented weeks of pandemic, these words are meant to bring hope and comfort to everyone in the world. However, these words were first written to a community that were experiencing a very different type of crisis. Their crisis was about who or what God was! We recall that Jesus was crucified for, among other things, blasphemy. The early Christians believed in Jesus. They had faith in Jesus. They also believed God and had faith in God. Centuries later, and after many disagreements and councils, the Church firmly taught its understanding of God and developed it to a point where a common "creed" (statement of beliefs) was held. But, in the early days after the resurrection of Jesus, that creed was still distant.

In our own lives, we might be patient with ourselves and others who have difficulty with grandiose concepts of God as Trinity and instead root our knowledge of Jesus in the Scriptures and personal experience, for that is what the early Christians did. Ultimately, Christianity is about service in the name of Jesus rather than knowledge in the name of Jesus. Therefore, we have faith in Jesus, as we have faith in God. We strive to die to ourselves in our own limited understanding, so that we might live to serve in his name. Such is the paschal mystery.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we continue to hear in the Gospel of John Jesus' "I am . . ." statements. *"I am the way and the truth and the life."* In essence, this is similar to last week's gospel where Jesus said, *"I am the gate"* through which the sheep enter the sheepfold. Today Jesus says HE is the way to the Father.

These "I am . . ." statements confused the disciples. These "I am . . ." statements inspired countless generations of theologians in their teaching about God as Trinity. Several times, Jesus says he is in the Father and the Father is in him. He also says whoever has seen him (Jesus) has seen the Father and that he (Jesus) is going to the Father. And there is no mention of the Spirit! Not yet ... it's coming!

These "I am . . ." statements are often the bane of modern mathematicians and engineers. The relationship between Jesus and the Father cannot be reduced to a mathematical formula; it is not an engineering problem. In the first verse of John's gospel he says, *"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the word was God."* The word was in a dynamic relationship with God." This dynamic relationship is by definition not static. It is not reducible to scientific explanation, as we might expect in a chemistry lab. God is just beyond explanation. These "I am . . ." statements are Jesus using imagery, metaphor, and analogy to give us a sense in what cannot be humanly understood.

The gospel reading invites us to enter into this dynamic relationship between the Father and the Son, God and the Word. By reading these "I am . . ." statements, may we be open to all that God has in store for us, by embracing the divine and casting aside any preconceived limitations on who and what God is and his goodness.

Fr. Dennis

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