

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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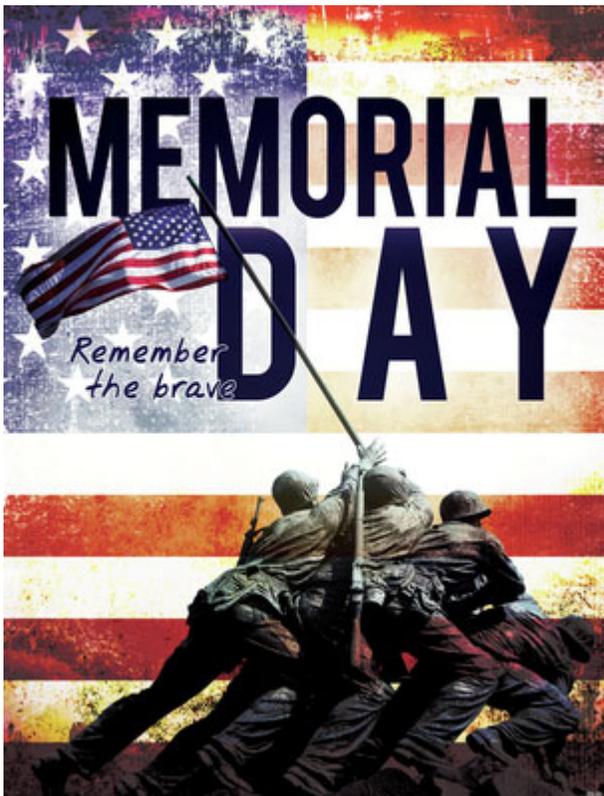
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saintpatrickmilfordnh.org
for more information and events
regarding the Coronavirus**



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

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

MAY 25-31, 2020

MON - 5/25— Ss. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VI & Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (MEMORIAL DAY)

Mass Intention: ———

TUES - 5/26— St. Philip Neri— NO MASS

WED - 5-27— St. Augustine of Canterbury—Mass Intention: Tina Gaidmore by Jane Provins

THURS - 5-28 - Easter Weekday - Mass Intention: ———

FRI - 5/29 – Easter Weekday - Mass Intention: ———

SAT - 5/30 - Vigil of Pentecost— *The Church will be open from 9-5pm*

Mass Intention: Anne Herlihy by the family, 23rd anniversary

SUN—5/31 - Pentecost Sunday—*The Church will be open from 9-5pm*

Mass Intentions - Members of the Parish

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

Please remember in your prayers:



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, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Sillowy, 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



Completing work, preparing for the Spirit

On this final Sunday of 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 reflect on the completion of Jesus' work and the coming of the Spirit.

John's gospel concludes Jesus' Last Supper "farewell discourse." The prayer is called the "high-priestly prayer" because Jesus appears in a priestly role of *intercessor* and *mediator*. John uses a spiral narrative structure to circle around ideas about glory, revealing, and relationships.

Glorification. Jesus prays for *mutual* glorification. Jesus glorifies the Father through the cross: the Son's act of *perfect love and obedience* to the Father. The Father glorifies Jesus by transforming his humanity into divine glory through the *resurrection*. The disciples glorify the Father by *keeping the Father's word*, as Jesus instructed them.

Revelation. Jesus has completed the task the Father gave him: he has *made God known to the disciples*. The disciples, taught by Jesus, consent to the Father's working in them. They keep the Father's word by *receiving Jesus in faith* ("believed that you sent me").

Relationship. Jesus prays for his disciples, whom he sends into an unbelieving world. He places the disciples *within the communion of the Father and the Son*, expressed in mutual belonging ("they belonged to you; you gave them to me; they are yours; everything of mine is yours; everything of yours is mine"). This is the eternal life of God: *God is love*. Jesus calls disciple to this same selfless love.

Jesus' resurrection has many meanings and many implications. Over the last six weeks of the Easter season, the readings have invited us to reflect on this cosmos-changing event. This week's readings look forward to the work of the Spirit. Acts shows a faithful believing community waiting for the promised Spirit. The author of 1 Peter reminds the newly baptized that they are God's presence in a world that rejects God. Jesus prays that his disciples remain-in-relationship as they face a faithless world. Only Jesus' gift of the Spirit enables disciples to live in a world that rejects God's love. In a world filled with hate, are we keeping God's word to love one another? In a world designed to destroy faith, do we continue to make God known to others? In a world of transactional relationships, do we choose to live in continuous communion with others and God?

---Terence Sherlock

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

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 (5-24-2020)

John's Gospel is very different from the other three, including descriptions of a number of events that the others do not mention, as well as a greater emphasis on Jesus' divinity. John was an eyewitness, and one of Jesus' first followers. He appears numerous times in the Gospel, but he never uses his own name. How does he identify himself?

Answer to last week's question (5/17/2020)

Jesus ascended into Heaven from the Mount of Olives. (Luke's Gospel says He led the disciples "as far as Bethany" and in Acts he writes "Mount Olivet" – but Bethany is located on the slope of Olivet so these are not contradictory statements.) The Mount of Olives had great significance for Jesus, during His lifetime it His frequent retreat when He was in Jerusalem. The Garden of Gethsemane was located at the base of the mountain, and contained a press where the olives were pressed for oil ("Gethsemane" means "oil-press.")



TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

*Marie Blanche Belanger
Septina (Tina) Gaidmore
Gerald O'Neil
Barbara Powers
Carl Schaefer*

YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS



Memorial gifts to our church are always welcome and very much appreciated. If you wish to make a gift, please send it to the church office and designate in whose memory or honor the gift is being given.



The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).



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Pastor's Bulletin - May 18, 2020

LIVE STREAMING MASSES

A complete list can be found at: www.catholicnh.org/livestreamed-masses AND on the FORMED platform ...
log onto PARISH WEBSITE www.stpatrickmilfordnh.org

ACCESS TO CHURCH As has been our practice 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.

IS GOD STILL GOOD DURING THE PANDEMIC? I was deeply touched by this question posed in an opinion piece I read this week entitled: *A Question from Quarantine*. We can all agree that these weeks have become the most surreal and unsettling days of our lives! We are all trying to make some sense of the challenges (and there are many) Covid19 has placed before us. It took me a while to process through the confusing, contradicting and unending media reports and learning many new ways of daily living and communicating ... but my prayers brought me to turn off the media and look to the "opportunities" this time presents. I've been given that extra time to reach out more to those I sometimes take for granted and to do things I don't normally do. One of those things was to take out a stored box of photograph albums I haven't looked at in years and to recapture the good memories and to find consolation and remember how much I have been blessed in my life. This pandemic, no matter how long it will last, will not define my or your lifetime. The goodness of God defines our lives. The goodness of God is always more than the eye can see. Amid this great time of testing, let us look for the tangible signs of hope and spiritual relief. The author of the piece concluded: *"Despite how things may look or feel, God is bringing purpose and determination to the bent and broken among us"* ... even if we do not see it on TV, on "Zoom", or on my I Phone. IS GOD STILL GOOD DURING THE PANDEMIC? I say a resounding YES!

PARISH FINANCES 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 your weekly income for our continued existence and vitality. Anything you can do to help us by mailing in your weekly/monthly donation or donating online would be appreciated and very helpful.

PARISH ADDRESS

NB For the last 4 years, the parish no longer has a Post Office Box in its address. All mail should be directed to **St. Patrick Church – 34 Amherst Street – Milford, NH 03055.**

Pray for Patience + God Bless and Stay Safe and Healthy! Fr Dennis

Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet and gentle in these days of sickness and separation, in disappointments, in the thoughtlessness of others, in the insincerity of those I trusted. Let me forget myself so that I may enjoy the happiness of others. Let me always hide my little pains and heartaches so that I may be the only one to suffer from them. Teach me to profit by the frustrations and sufferings that comes across my path during this time. Let me so use them that they may mellow me, not harden or embitter me; that they may make me patient, not narrow or proud or overbearing. As I meet with one cross after another, let me whisper a word of love to You. May my life be lived in the full power of goodness. Amen.



Memorial Day – May 25, 2020

Even though Memorial Day will not be celebrated in the usual way, we should **NEVER FORGET THEIR SERVICE ... THEIR SACRIFICE!** The origins of this National Day of Prayer are found after the conclusion of the Civil War. In 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic, Major General John A. Logan, began what was called Decoration Day. Decoration Day was set aside as a day to honor the war dead by decorating their graves with flowers. General Logan said the following regarding this practice of remembrance and respect:

We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten (as a people) the cost of a free and undivided republic.

Although we may not know the individuals that we honor today, we are mindful of the collective dedication of those many men and women who saw the value of freedom, justice, and peace as something for which they were willing to sacrifice, even with the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. We are therefore inspired by their example and we seek to preserve and carry on that spirit in our lives and in our country, fighting for those same values that are threatened today both from within and from without. When speaking of the memory of our beloved deceased who have made this sacrifice, many talk about giving something back in gratitude for the gift they have so generously given to us.

It is our faith that bridges the mysterious gap between the living and the dead, reminding us that even death cannot separate us from them. Our faith in the communion of saints makes us aware that what unites us with the dead is more than just a memory or the carrying on of an ideal. We believe that we remain united in the bonds of grace given in our Baptism with those who have died and that we continue to assist one another through our prayers for them and their prayers for us.

This is the overarching reason that we are here today, to implore God's mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed, that through our prayers, those who are still in need of purification may be cleansed and share in the gift of eternal life which we all hope to attain. We also count on the prayers of those who are already enjoying their reward and who desire with great love for us to be likewise found worthy to join them in the Heavenly Kingdom.

May our observance of this Memorial Day be an opportunity for us not just to remember those who have died for our country, but may we truly give back to them in the most effective and powerful way possible, by offering our prayers for them, especially as we commend them to God's mercy. And let us not forget that Christ conquered sin and death so that we might be reunited with Him and all of our beloved dead in the glory of eternal life. May God give us this grace. Amen.

Fr. Dennis

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