



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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saintpatrickmilfordnh.org
for more information and events**

Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti



HOLY COMMUNION OFFERED

SATURDAY: 4PM

SUNDAY: 8AM & 10:30AM

Procedure to be employed are in this bulletin

JUNE 1-7, 2020

MON - 6/1- Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church — Mass Intention: ——

TUES - 6/2-Ss. Marcellinus and Peter— NO MASS

WED - 6/3- St. Charles Lwanga—Mass Intention: ——

THURS - 6/4 - Weekday - Mass Intention: ——

FRI - 6/5- St. Boniface - Mass Intention: Mary Clare , Jack and Kathleen Milan by John

SAT - 6/7- Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity— The Church will be open from 9-3pm.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED STARTING AT 4PM

Mass Intention: ——

SUN—5/31 - The Most Holy Trinity Sunday—HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED at 8AM and 10:30AM

Mass Intentions - Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley, Members of the Parish

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, 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, 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.

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

or

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easy way to give to the parish.

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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-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

The many forms of the gift of the Spirit

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season, and concludes the readings that examine the meaning of Jesus' post-resurrection continuing presence. This week's readings ask the believing community to reflect on the gift and work of the Spirit.

The gospel is John's story of Jesus' intimate gift of the Spirit to the believing community on the night of his resurrection. Jesus commissions and empowers the disciples to continue the Father's work.

Continuing Jesus' mission. Jesus transfers his mission from the Father to the disciples. The disciples will be the agents for future believers' *sanctification*. The Spirit renders the absent Jesus present within the community as a *witness to the world*. The disciples continue Jesus' work to make God's *salvation* known. Baptism is the primary sign of sanctification and salvation.

Investing with the Spirit. Jesus' breath recalls God's creative breath in Genesis (Gn 2:7) that brings Adam to life. In this action, Jesus makes the gift of the Spirit the beginning of the *new creation*. Jesus promised that the Spirit is *with* the community and *in* the community and *will remain* with the community forever. However, to continue Jesus' mission, the community must *grow*, so that the *world will come to know and believe* that Jesus is the Sent One of the Father.

Jesus' gift of the Spirit has many meanings and takes several forms. Scripture suggests that the historical outpouring of the Spirit happened only once, but that the gospel writers' report different times and places (the cross, Easter Sunday evening, Pentecost), based on their theological meanings. The *ekklesia* may have associated the gift of the Spirit with Jesus' resurrection appearances. The Spirit's coming marks the *ekklesia's* foundation as a wider community than the original Twelve. Where do we find the Spirit's presence? Is our encounter of the Spirit's gifts dramatic like Luke, full of fire and noise? Or is our Spirit encounter intimate like John, a word and brush of breath? Does the gift bring unity or division? Mission or indifference?

---Terence Sherlock

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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

**** ADJUSTED ACCESS TO CHURCH** Effective on Saturday, May 30, 2020, the Church is opened for prayer and adoration weekdays Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday 11:30 -5:00 pm.

**** ADJUSTED CONFESSION TIME** The Sacrament of Penance (individual confession behind the screen) is available on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm.

UPDATE ON THE NEW 125th ANNIVERSARY ALTAR Many parishioners banded together to provide for our church a new altar in celebration of our 125th Anniversary. Thanks to all of you again! The altar was ordered in February and was due to be delivered this month. However, the company in New York State was closed due to the COVID pandemic in March. We were notified this week that the company will soon be reopening and the new altar is expected to be delivered in late June.

PARISH FINANCES Good News! Parishioners have been generously responding to our appeal to support the parish financially by mailing in or on line giving their weekly offering to the parish. Our weekly income is increasing! Thanks! 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 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.

God Bless You and Stay Safe and Healthy! Fr Dennis

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE: Distribution to the homebound has not resumed. Safety concerns make it ill advised to begin the distribution of Holy Communion to the homebound. If you seek to bring Holy Communion to someone in your own household who is unable to come to the church, please contact Fr Dennis to make arrangements.



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Pastor's Bulletin - May 25, 2020

**ON MAY 19, 2020, BISHOP PETER LIBASCI DECREED THAT
HOLY COMMUNION, OUTSIDE OF MASS,
BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FAITHFUL BY MAY 30, 2020**

WHAT FOLLOWS ARE THE PROCEDURES THAT WE WILL EMPLOY TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE

FIRST, this Decree is meant to allow for the reception of the HOLY EUCHARIST OUTSIDE OF MASS pending the resumption of public Masses at a future date to be announced. There is NO OBLIGATION for any Catholic to receive Communion at this time.

SECOND, it is critical that if you have tested positive for or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you must stay home. IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 SUCH AS FEVER, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, OR OTHERWISE FEEL SICK, YOU ALSO MUST STAY HOME FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS.

THIRD, all who come to church to receive Communion MUST WEAR A MASK and PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. It is recommended that the faithful receive Communion in the hand. Masks can be removed (only for a moment) if you choose to receive Communion on the tongue. GLOVES MAY NOT BE WORN by those giving or receiving Communion.

FOURTH, pews will be closed off. Holy Water Fonts will be empty. Hand sanitizer will be available. Stationary Offertory Boxes will be available to receive your Sunday Offering. Avoid large group gatherings inside and outside of the Church.

**EFFECTIVE SATURDAY MAY 30, 2020
HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH:
SATURDAY 4:00 PM SUNDAY 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM**



Pentecost Sunday 2020

Fr. Dennis' Reflection – St. Patrick – Milford

The Holy Spirit came to Jesus' first followers on Pentecost empowering the frightened pack of disciples to become bold evangelists. The curse of the Tower of Babel was reversed in one amazing outburst. At Babel, people were divided. In this Babel scene played backward, the devout Jews from Elam, Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Pamphylia and the like now hear the Good News of what God has done through Jesus each in their own native language.

The gospel is spoken not in confusing babble but with a crystal clarity that leaves the hearers cut to the quick. Before this amazing day is over, 3,000 devout Jews will be baptized as followers of Jesus, the Christ. The result of Pentecost was to take a diverse group of people and to bring them together into a common understanding of what God's deeds of power meant to their lives.

Yet, not everyone understood what was happening in their midst. The account of that day in our reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that some onlookers took the excitement for a drunken mob. Certainly, it feels safe to explain the disciples' behavior as coming from heavy drinking. It might also be comforting to some to simply interpret Pentecost to an outbreak of religious hysteria. But the Pentecost experience was not due to alcohol and hysteria. The Pentecost of the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples on that 50th day after the Passover. Whatever caused some in the crowd that day to wonder whether the disciples had been drinking was not all there was to the event.

We know that there was something more because of the immediate and the lasting impact of that day. The immediate effect was to begin sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who were far off as well as with those who were near to the Jewish faith. The centuries-long change is that the way of Jesus became a light to the gentiles. It is in this change, which began in these earliest days of Christianity, and which expanded through the ministry of both Peter and Paul to invite everyone into the Reign of God, that we see something more than an emotional event is taking place.

The main aspect of Christianity that was transformed in that first Pentecost was that the gospel moved beyond Israel and Judaism and became a unifying event. Pentecost showed that what unites us is God's spirit and that is more important than what divides us. Pentecost is a time to remember that God's spirit is still present in a mighty way.

For when we encounter nothing less than the presence of God, we come to know that we cannot limit who God is and how God acts, no matter how we might try. We who follow Jesus now are called to act on our love of God as much as those first disciples were called to share God's love. We are to share the love of God freely, without limiting who God might love.

We are to take this Good News that God loves us, and share that gospel in our deeds as well as our words with everyone we meet, as we leave worship, going in peace to love and serve the Lord. We are empowered to do this as we celebrate another birthday of the Church!

Fr. Dennis

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