



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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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 on the website under Coronavirus

JUNE 8-15, 2020

MON - 6/8- Weekday— Mass Intention: ———

TUES - 6/9-St. Ephrem — NO MASS

WED - 6/10- Weekday—Mass Intention: James Roccio by his wife, Marie

THURS - 6/11 - St. Barnabas - Mass Intention: Grace Schaefer by Siobhan Dalton

FRI - 6/12- Weekday - Mass Intention: Carl Schaefer by Siobhan Dalton

SAT - 6/13- Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ— *The Church will be open from 9-3pm.*

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED STARTING AT 4PM

Mass Intention: Robert Naber by his wife, Eileen

SUN—6/14 - The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ —

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE OFFERED at 8AM and 10:30AM

Mass Intentions - Helena Vander Heyden by Jane Provins, Members of the Parish, Thomas Quinn & John Pepin 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, 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, 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.

Go to our website saintpatrickmilfordnh.org under NEWS & EVENTS and scroll to "giving" then follow the instructions.



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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 Trinity: mystery of God's love

Unlike other liturgical feasts that celebrate events, Trinity Sunday celebrates a mystery: *the mystery of God's own inner life*. The feast's Lectionary readings trace the human experience of the mystery of God's love.

In John's gospel, Jesus teaches Nicodemus about a new birth from above. Jesus then begins a discourse about God's love and its impact on the world. Each person chooses to accept or to reject God's gift of life in the Trinity.

God offers the world salvation. The Father's love for the world leads the Father to give his only Son for the world's salvation. This gift of love, which is a sharing in God's own life ("eternal life") requires a response: *faith*. Faith is not intellectual agreement with or assent to an *idea*, but rather *personal commitment* to Jesus and *continuing action* to his mission.

The world chooses salvation or condemnation. John presents a *realized* eschatology that includes a *self-judgement* theology. In *traditional eschatology*, a person must wait until the end of time for the Son of Man to judge everyone in the world. In John's *realized eschatology*, a person judges himself or herself now, based on each person's *acceptance* or *rejection* of God's revelation in Jesus, and each person's *actions that flow from that choice*. The *Son* does not condemn the world, each *person* either accepts the witness of God and believes in "the name" (the reality of the Son of God), or refuses the witness and so condemns himself or herself and perishes (remains without eternal life).

The Trinity Sunday readings invite us to consider our own personal experience of the Father, Son, and Spirit, a God who reveals an ever-deepening mystery of God-in-relationship. A *rationalistic Trinitarian theology, divorced from human life and experience, has no meaning*. Only in exploring the Trinity's mystery do we see the Trinity's radical human consequences. *God is love*: the Father whose name means "I will-be-in-relationship with you;" the Son whose meaning is to make the Father's love known and visible; and the Spirit who is both the abiding loving presence and the acting communicative word. If the Trinity is simply a doctrine we assent to, we have failed as disciples. The Trinity is God's life into which God invites us. We are surrounded by and enveloped within God's love. How can we not be changed? How can we not see others in a different way? How can we not live and act the Trinity's love?

---Terence Sherlock

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

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (6-7-2020)

Last month we noted that it is possible that the Apostles Matthew and James the Son of Alphaeus were brothers. We know there were two other pairs of brothers among the Twelve. Who were they?

Answer to last week's question (5/31/2020)

The Spirit of God was a "mighty wind" that swept over the waters at Creation. When God sealed his covenant with Abraham, Abraham saw a flaming torch and a firepot pass between the split sacrificial animals (as if carried by an unseen person). God spoke to Moses from a fire that did not consume the bush in the desert, and appeared in smoke, fire and wind on the top of Mount Sinai. A pillar of fire and smoke led the Israelites in the desert and settled on the Tabernacle when they encamped.

Later, when God appeared to Elijah at Mount Sinai, he manifested his presence with a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire before speaking in a "still, small voice."

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The Most Holy Trinity

Study: Symbolon – The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, and The God Who is Love

Listen: The Holy Spirit – The Third Person of the Trinity **Study:** The Wild Goose – Breath of God

Saint Anthony of Padua

Watch: Saint Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua **Kids:** Lukas Storyteller – Saint Anthony of Padua



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Pastor's Bulletin - June 1, 2020

ON MAY 19, 2020, BISHOP PETER LIBASCI DECREED THAT HOLY COMMUNION, OUTSIDE OF MASS, BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FAITHFUL SINCE SATURDAY MAY 30, 2020 HOLY COMMUNION IS AVAILABLE AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH ON SATURDAY 4:00 PM and SUNDAY 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

PLEASE REFER TO LAST WEEK'S PASTOR'S BULLETIN (ON THE PARISH WEBSITE) OF THE PROCEDURES THAT WE NOW EMPLOY TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE

ALSO, FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

Even though we cannot return fully to public celebration of the Mass immediately, I am very hopeful that we will have public liturgies available soon—even if they will inevitably come with modifications. In the meantime, priests continue to celebrate Holy Mass privately, and to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to individuals. Churches continue to remain open for private individual prayer at designated times. **My dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect.**

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.

LIVE STREAMING MASSES

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

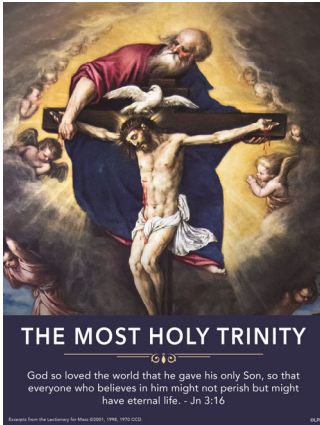
**** ADJUSTED ACCESS TO CHURCH** Effective on Saturday, May 30, 2020, the Church is opened for prayer and adoration weekdays Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday 11:30 -5:00 pm.

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

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. **Sunday Offering boxes are now available (when you come to communion) in the Church.** 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



The Most Holy Trinity 2020

Fr. Dennis' Reflection – St. Patrick – Milford

The feast of the Holy Trinity always brings us first to a humble admission that words and language about who God is will forever be inadequate. Only the language of love is strong enough to carry the weight of the Trinity. God is love ... God is a verb and not a noun ... God is a relationship of three persons ... that's about all you can say.

God is love. Our hearts and our minds have an infinite capacity to know and love others; we never can know enough about another enough, particularly one we love. We can never love another enough; we can never be loved enough by another. We ourselves always want to be known and loved more by those whom we love.

God is a relationship of persons who are infinitely and forever revealing themselves. Our one God is Three Persons ... a mystery for sure. But when you think about it, doesn't it take family to form an individual? Doesn't it take family in which an individual can form and shape their self-identity? And doesn't it take individuals to form and make a family? Now that's precisely the inner life and nature of God! - in whose image and likeness we are made, and in whose life we live, and move, and have our being.

Well, "so what?" some ask. Well, this is why it matters. God is a loving relationship. God is personal ... meaning that God reveals Himself to others ... so He is relational. If He were not ... if God was alone – then God would live in HELL not in HEAVEN. Hell, it seems to me, is our unwillingness or inability (for whatever reason) to share or reveal our inner self, to give our inner self to others in love. It's life lived in utter isolation ... hell is our choice ... it's life lived for eternity the way we lived while on earth.

God, we must remember, also wants to love you. God wants to share His life with you. God wants to reveal himself to you. God wants to show himself, to share himself, to give himself to you in love. God's very nature and inner life urge it, demand it. Love simply has to give itself to others. That's why we pray and address our prayer to God – WHO ART IN HEAVEN!!

If we fail to pray, how can God reveal himself to us? If we never spend time alone with him, how can He share His life with us? If we don't let him, how can God give His love to us? Those who feel alienated from God might be those who aren't letting him give Himself to them, share Himself with them.

We must, you see, live life in the life of God. It is our destiny to live life as God lives life. We must live as persons who are revealing, who are loving, and who are sharing. And to the extent that we live in God's life, we'll live in heaven. And to the extent what we miss our destiny and fail to live lives like that, we'll live in utter pain, we'll live in hell.

That's why the Church places this Sunday, this Trinity Sunday, before us each and every year ... pandemic or no pandemic! That's why Trinity Sunday matters, and matters very much in your life, and in mine.

Fr. Dennis