



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon & 1-5pm & Friday 9-Noon

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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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.

Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti

Eucharistic



Adoration

On Friday, August 7th we will resume with our intentional hour of prayer during first Friday Eucharistic adoration. This will take place between the hour of 7:00-8:00pm. Each month, we pray for a specific intention that affects our universal church. Our goal is to use this most holy time of prayer to call on

God's involvement and blessing in these specific areas of need in our Church. There will be special prayers offered during this hour and we ask you to prayerfully consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of first Friday adoration which runs from 6pm – 8pm the first Friday of every month.

**FACE MASKS REQUIRED AND
SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICED**

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply.

**THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN
FOR PRAYER & ADORATION
Monday-Friday from 9am—5pm
Saturday from 9am—3pm
Sunday: 11:30am—5pm**

AUGUST 3–9, 2020

MON - 8/3 - Weekday

7:30AM: Rita Therrien by Vesta Philbrick

TUES - 8/4 - St. John Vianney— NO MASS

WED - 8/5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

5:30PM: Joseph & Aubeline Bilodeau by Lucille Farwell

THURS - 8/6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30AM: All Souls

FRI - 8/7 - St. Sixtus II

5:30PM: Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John

6:00-8:00PM - Adoration

SAT - 8/8 - Vigil of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time— *The Church will be open from 9-3pm.*

4:00PM: Special Intention by Jane Provins

SUN—8/9 - 19h Sunday in Ordinary time—

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Beverly Pelletier by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Wilder

10:30AM: Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley

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READINGS 8/9/2020

1Kgs: 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom: 9:1-5

Mt: 14:22-33

UPDATE FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE July 22, 2020

-- Holy Communion for the Homebound

Until further notice, for the safety and health of the homebound, Holy Communion for the homebound should only be brought by **someone living in the same household as the** homebound person. When it is deemed appropriate and safe, the diocese will issue some **further** guidelines. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can continue to make contact and pray with parishioners by phone or electronically. Encourage the homebound to watch the Mass on television or on the internet and to make a "Spiritual Communion".



Congratulations are extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sickles on the baptism of their son, Conrad Joel
&

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Wilder on the baptism of their son, Joseph Lawrence.



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 regular basis.

Collection weekend of July 26, 2020

\$4,987.

GIVE+ONLINE



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team
(8/2/2020)

The title of Beati, or Blessed, may be given by the Pope if a person has been declared a martyr or if a miracle in response to their intercession has been verified. This is a declaration of the expectation that the person is in Heaven is "Worthy of Belief." At this stage the person's feast day is declared (generally the day of their death, unless it is already a major feast), and it can be celebrated locally.

Can you name these three recently-named American Beati?

I was a simple farm boy from Wisconsin. I worked as a logger, a street car operator, a prison guard and a hospital orderly before responding to God's calling me to priesthood. But my difficulty with schoolwork almost kept me from ordination.

My parents were immigrants from what is now Slovakia, but I grew up as a Jersey Girl. I graduated from high school at 15 and became a teacher. Although I was just 24 when I died, my notes on living a holy life were published after my death.

I was a parish priest in Connecticut who founded a men's group to provide support and insurance to Catholic men, who were forbidden to join such popular groups as the Masons. The Mass for my beatification may be delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, ironic as I died during the pandemic of 1889-90, which is believed to have been caused by a (different) coronavirus.

Answer to last week's question (7/26/2020)

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was a wildly popular radio and later television host despite anti-Catholic prejudices in the early twentieth century. His cause for beatification stalled over an argument between two dioceses over the final resting place of his body.

Fr. Augustus Tolton attended seminary in Rome and was ordained at St. John Lateran. He was sent back to his hometown to serve in that diocese, but because of opposition from the bishop, he requested a transfer to the Diocese of Chicago, where he founded a black parish but ministered to all people regardless of their race or ethnicity.

Mother Henriette DeLille was forced into a "common-law marriage" as a teen, one of the experiences that drove her desire to resist the system of placage, or concubinage, that was common in New Orleans at the time.

Pierre Toussaint supported his owner's widow with his earnings after the man died, and when she remarried, she instructed her husband that Pierre was to be freed when she died. Among his many philanthropic and charitable efforts, he was instrumental in the construction of St. Patrick Cathedral.

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on God's superabundant banquets.

Matthew's gospel is the story of Jesus feeding over five thousand people in the wilderness using only five loaves and two fish. Only this miracle of Jesus is recounted in all four gospels. In its retellings the story has acquired multiple layers of meaning.

Matthew's context. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus' miraculous feeding follows and is connected to the Baptizer's execution, which takes place during Herod's banquet. Matthew juxtaposes *Herod's banquet* with *Jesus' banquet*. Herod's banquet at a royal court is about pride, arrogance, scheming, and murder. Jesus' banquet in the wilderness is about healing, trust, and sharing.

Looking back. Jesus' feeding many in the wilderness echoes God's feeding Israel with manna in the wilderness (Ex 16). In Jesus' time, many Jews believed that, as a *sign of the messianic age*, God would again provide bread from heaven. The story also recalls other miraculous feedings: Elisha provides for the widow of Zarephath during the drought (1 Kgs 17:12-16) and Elisha feeds a hundred men with a few loaves (2 Kgs 4:42-44).

Looking forward. Jesus' miraculous feeding anticipates both the Last Supper (Mt 15:36-37) and the final banquet in the kingdom. Jesus' *taking*, saying the *blessing*, *breaking*, and *giving* the bread to the disciples exactly match his actions at the Last Supper (Mt 26:26). Hebrew scripture's prophets use images of *feasting and banquets* to imagine life in God's kingdom, such as Isaiah in the first reading. Jesus' banquet not only satisfies the crowd's *immediate physical hunger*, but also shows that God's kingdom is now present and can fill their *spiritual hunger* as well. Following Matthew's "day of parables," Jesus' feeding miracle becomes a *parable-in-action of the kingdom*.

This week's readings ask us to think about abundance and scarcity. Isaiah promises that God will provide abundantly for exiles returning to a ruined country. Paul describes God's love as empowering believers to overwhelm human and demonic powers. With a few loaves and fish, Jesus feeds a multitude and has abundant leftovers. How do we approach God's gifts? Do we see a world and a life of limited resources that we must hoard for our own needs? Is every human and divine encounter a calculation of what we must give and what we can get? Or can we imagine a life open to abundance from God and others? Can we put aside some of our scarcity fears to experience the kingdom?

---Terence Sherlock

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

The rhythm of rest

Does God indeed need to rest? Of course not! But did God choose to rest? Yes. Why? Because God subjected creation to a rhythm of rest and work that he revealed by observing the rhythm himself, as a precedent for everyone else. In this way, he showed us a key to order in our private worlds.

Gordon McDonald

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A gift for you**

Go to FORMED.org – sign up
Click on “I belong to a parish or organization”
Enter 03055 and choose St. Patrick Church 34
Amherst St.
Enter your name and the email you will be using.
For questions please call the Faith Formation
office at 673-4797.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Watch: True Reformers – Saint Ignatius Loyola

Watch: Ignatius of Loyola

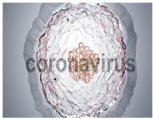
Listen: Discernment of Spirits

**St. Alphonsus Liguori, Patron of Vocations and
St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests**

Study: YDisciple (Youth/Teens): Called: Discover
Your Vocation

Watch: Light of Love – The call to religious life as
a sister

Study: Symbolon: Penance and Anointing of the
Sick



Visit our website at:
saintpatrickmilfordnh.org for more
information and events regarding the Coronavirus

(DIY) VBS

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions we
cannot hold VBS at the church this sum-
mer.

However we are excited to present a fun
new program (DIY) VBS we know you and
your children will enjoy at home.

For more information contact the Faith
Formation Office at 673-4797

Register for
CLASSES

It is the time of the year to register your child
(ren) for the Faith Formation Program.
For more information call Sue at 673-4797 or
email your questions to:
re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

Registration form is on our website
saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

Please remember in your prayers:



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Doris Fay, William Lawson, Irene Hendrickson, Lillian Esielionis, Bill & Kevin Duffy, Joyce Nelson, Tiffany Brown, Jeanne Jacques, the Staff & Residents of all Milford long term care facilities, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Rita LaJeunesse, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Connie Gonzalves, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Hope Kelly, 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, 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, Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koplek, 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.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY



Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola. **These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office.**
PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A-2020)



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

After three weeks of hearing Jesus preach and teach in parables, we now move into the next chapter of Matthew's gospel, one in which Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This event was retold a number of times, with various pieces of the story being accented or downplayed, as well as connections made with the Old Testament prophet Elisha and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Indeed, the gospel story as we have it (or them) makes it nearly impossible to reconstruct the historical event, as the story had been the subject of theologizing for some time prior to being written down, and then again by those who wrote it down—the evangelists themselves.

For those who have a familiarity with the Old Testament, the connection to Elisha (2 Kings) seems clear. In that story, the prophet tells his servant to give bread to the people so they can eat. The servant objects that the bread is not enough for the number of people who need to eat. Elisha merely repeats his command and says, "For thus says the LORD: you will eat and have some left over" (2 Kgs 4:43). The connection between that story and what we have in Matthew seems crystal clear. The evangelist, or somebody who told the story before him, made the connection between Jesus' acts and those of Elisha.

And yet there is a connection to the Last Supper too. Four verbs serve as the link between the multiplication story and Jesus' actions the night before he died. In both settings, Jesus *takes* bread, *says a blessing*, *breaks* the bread, and *gives* it. Both the eucharistic tones and the allusions to Elisha are clear.

Jesus' actions are those of a prophet and so much more. The Gospel of John uses the story to launch into the bread of life discourse, but in Matthew, we have the narration of the miracle without any such extended discourse on the part of Jesus. We are reminded by this miracle story, a version of which appears six times in the gospels (!), that Jesus feeds the hungry and in so doing is a model for his followers to do the same.

Bread is such a simple but profound sign. It does not occur naturally, but requires human effort. Grain must be crushed to form flour. Flour is mixed with water or some other liquid to form dough, and the dough must be leavened with yeast to rise. Then the baking begins and we finally have a loaf of bread, sustenance that will fill us up and last. The human effort required to make bread is significant, and it involves time, all of which perhaps explains why so many of us simply buy bread today. Even so, there are not many things that taste better than a good loaf of homemade bread.

Fr. Dennis

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!*