

## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

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

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## 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.

### *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.*

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

**AUGUST 24-30, 2020**

**MON - 8/24 - St. Bartholomew**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**TUES - 8/25 - Ss. Louis, & Joseph Calasanz— NO MASS**

**WED - 8/26 - Weekday**

**5:30PM:** All Souls

**THURS - 8/27 - St. Monica**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**FRI - 8/28 - St. Augustine**

**7:30AM:** Vladimir Yukalo by the family

**SAT - 8/29 - Vigil of the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time—**

**4:00PM:** Michael Thomas by the family, 1st anniversary

**SUN - 8/30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time—**

**Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm**

**8:00 AM:** Members of the Parish

**10:30AM:** Luke & Laurette Coté by their daughter, Ida and  
Courtney Turgeon by Mr. & Mrs. Emile Duchemin, 1st anniversary

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 8/30/2020**

**Jer: 20:7-9**

**Rom: 12:1-2**

**Mt: 16:21-27**

**St. Patrick Catholic Community  
Welcomes You!**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The Catholic Church invites you to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process for those who are:

- ◆ Unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life
- ◆ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Baptized in the Catholic faith or another Christian faith tradition, but never received any formal faith formation.

Inquirers please contact Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311 or [pattih2015@comcast.net](mailto:pattih2015@comcast.net).



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](http://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 August 16, 2020**

**\$4,676.**

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## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/30/2020)

Another controversy raised by our summer series on the Saints is that some Christians believe the Catholic tradition of honoring saints breaks the First Commandment.

What is the First Commandment?

Why does our recognition of the Saints (including the Virgin Mary) not violate that commandment?

### Answer to last week's question (8/16/2020)

There are 72 books in a Catholic Bible, 27 in the New Testament and 45 in the Old Testament. Of those, most Protestants reject 6 of the Old Testament books as "Apocrypha."

"Apocryphal" in Greek means "hidden," but the early Church used it for books supposedly written by the Apostles but whose actual authors were unknown. These books, the Magisterium determined, were of varying quality – some devotionally useful, some dangerously heretical – but none of them "canonical" – on the list of books considered inspired Scripture. These books are frequently called in the popular press "Hidden books of the Bible" and it is suggested that they were "suppressed" by a tyrannical Church determined to control the narrative about Jesus to their own beliefs.

Those aren't the books that Protestants mean by "Apocrypha." They use the term to refer to books which were included in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures (called the Septuagint) that was used in Palestine at the time of Jesus. Later Jewish scholars rejected those books as inauthentic because they were believed to have been written in Greek, not Hebrew. When Luther did his translation of the Bible, he left those books out, reasoning that the Old Testament should include only the books accepted by the Jews. In response the Catholic Magisterium in the Council of Trent listed the books of the Old Testament, including those disputed texts.

Today most Catholic Bibles refer to those books as the "Deuterocanon" – deutero means second in Greek.

Ironically, the discovery and ongoing work with the Dead Sea Scrolls has shown that all six of the disputed books existed in Hebrew before the birth of Jesus and most were probably written in Aramaic. Canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Both of her confirmed miracles involved someone's being healed of deafness.

*Give blood.*



Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. American Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
**Saint Patrick Church**  
**34 Amherst Street**  
**Milford, NH 03055**  
**Friday, August 28, 2020**  
**1 :00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: stpatrick to schedule an appointment.

## Authority: gift and responsibility

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

Matthew's gospel reveals Jesus' messiahship. Among the story's many ideas, the themes of revelation, foundation, and authority are sometimes missed.

**Place of revelation.** Caesarea Philippi, located north of the Sea of Galilee, is in the territory of Dan. In extrabiblical writings current in the first century, God reveals the *divine mysteries of heaven* to Enoch in the same area. Jesus may have associated Peter's confession with God's revelation ("flesh and blood has not revealed this, but my heavenly Father"). In Jesus' time, the town included a temple to Pan, built at the mouth of an underground grotto. People believed the grotto was an *opening to the underworld*. This local feature may have led Jesus to mention "the gates of hades."

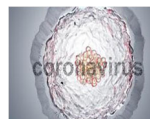
**Foundation on rock.** After Simon names Jesus as messiah, Jesus gives Simon a new name: "Rocky" or "the Rock" (in Aramaic *Kephas*, in Greek *Petros*). Simon is the solid foundation of *rock* (in Aramaic, *kephas*, in Greek *petra*) on which Jesus *will build* his believing community. This *ekklesia* can come into being only after Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Spirit.

**Keys to the kingdom.** Keys symbolize *access and authority*, as shown in Eliakim's story in today's first reading. Eliakim's keys control entry and exit to the royal palace; Peter's keys control *access to the kingdom of the heavens*. Jesus also gives Peter (and later the community) the *authority to bind and loose*. This binding and loosing includes the power to define community rules and exceptions, to impose and lift excommunications, and to perform exorcisms. Jesus promises that *God will ratify and stand behind* what Peter and the others enact.

This week's readings ask us to think about authority. God replaces Shebna the prime minister because he fails to protect God's people. Jesus invests Peter with authority only after Peter realizes that Jesus is messiah and God's son. All authority flows from God for the good of God's people; God holds those who have authority accountable for their actions. How do we use the authority God has granted us? Do we use authority for our own benefit or to improve others' lives? Do we hoard authority to disempower others or share decisions to enable justice? Do we believe we are accountable to God or to no one?

--Terence Sherlock

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[saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) for more information and events regarding the Coronavirus



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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 Monica**

**Study:** Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage  
**Study:** Lectio: Prayer; Session 5: Contemplatio: The Gaze of Love  
**Listen:** Catholic Teaching on Marriage and Annulments

**Saint Augustine of Hippo**

**Watch:** Restless Heart  
**Watch:** Augustine: A Voice for All Generations  
**Kids:** Catholic Heroes of the Faith: The Story of Saint Augustine

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti  
603-673-1311**

*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

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan,  
Jerry Guthrie, Jude Lorman,  
Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,  
Steve Santinelli



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Patti Fay McDonagh, Donna Thomas, Doris Fay, William Lawson, 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, 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 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.***

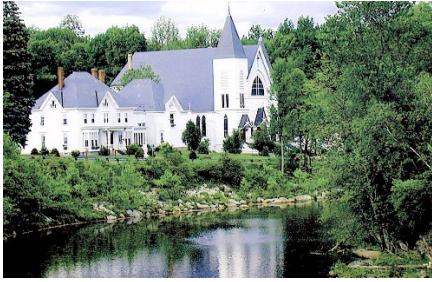
**Pope Francis' Prayer for Spiritual Communion:**

*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**

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.



**St Patrick Church – Milford, NH**  
**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**1895-2020**

*Christ with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us!*

**A History of St. Patrick Church – Milford, NH**  
**Established August 1895**

**The present St. Patrick Church on 34 Amherst Street is the gathering place for Catholics and guests in the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Milford, Mont Vernon.**

In addition, we offer a brief history of the former **Infant Jesus of Prague Mission** on Main Street, Route 130, Brookline, NH: Infant Jesus Chapel, as a mission of St. Patrick, was built largely through the efforts and generosity of Dr. Charles A. Bruschi of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Bruschi purchased the property on which the chapel rests in 1939. Because construction took place during the war years, materials were difficult to obtain, resulting in a church built of materials and furnishings from various and unique sources. The task was finished in a year and a half and deeded to the Diocese of Manchester, debt free. The first Mass was celebrated on June 20, 1943, with dedication of the chapel two weeks later on July 5. The Rt. Rev. Jeremiah S. Buckley, Vicar General of the Diocese of Manchester, officiated. Across the street from the chapel and set in an outdoor shrine is an Infant of Prague statue made of marble which was carved by a Roman Sculptor. The statue was also donated by Dr. Bruschi and was dedicated on October 13, 1949. In 1983, plans were begun to build a meeting hall at the rear of the chapel and it was completed the following year. It was dedicated to Dr. Bruschi during a ceremony on March 4, 1984, by the Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D., Bishop of Manchester. The chapel was closed on September 9, 2007. On April 4, 2008, the chapel was sold to the Town of Brookline, NH.

**PASTORS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

(1)	Rev. George Marshall	1895-1915	(8)	Rev. James Fennessey	1971-1975
(2)	Rev. Henry Lennon	1915-1937	(9)	Rev. William Shanahan	1975-1982
(3)	Rev. Edmond Quirk	1938-1946	(10)	Rev. John Barrett	1982-1986
(4)	Rev. T. Francis Hogan	1946-1957	(11)	Rev. Richard Thompson	1986-1994
(5)	Rev. Walter Blackenship	1957-1962	(12)	Rev. Andrew Cryans	1994-2006
(6)	Rev. William Dolan	1962-1969	(13)	Rev. John Keegan, SJ	2006-2016
(7)	Rev. Laurence Gardner	1969-1971	(14)	Rev. Dennis Audet	2016-present

**CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

Fr. Dennis