

Palm Sunday — March 28, 2021



Saint Patrick Catholic Church
34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

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

DAILY MASS: MONDAY & TUESDAY at 7:30 AM
WEDNESDAY at 5:30 PM
There are no morning Masses on THURSDAY & FRIDAY of Holy Week by Church Law.

THE TRIDUUM (Three Days) will be Livestreamed to the Church Hall & on our website

HOLY THURSDAY - April 1, 2021



MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Church following Mass
9:00 PM Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - April 2, 2021



9:00 AM Good Friday Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Good Friday Service with Communion

EASTER VIGIL - April 3, 2021

N.B. There are NO CONFESSIONS and NO MASS AT 4 PM on Saturday - the Vigil of Easter

7:00 PM Easter Vigil Celebration

EASTER SUNDAY - April 4, 2021

Masses: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



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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.

ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD 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.

MARCH 29-4 APRIL 4, 2021

MON - 3/29- Monday of Holy Week

7:30AM: Special intentions of Lucille Farwell
Reconciliation 11am-1pm, 5-7pm

TUES - 3/30- Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30AM: All Souls

WED - 3/31- Wednesday of Holy Week

4:15-5:15PM - Reconciliation

5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 4/1- Holy Thursday

7:30AM: NO Mass

7:00PM: All Souls

9:00PM: Night Prayer

FRI - 4/2 - Good Friday (Fast & Abstinence)

9:00AM: Morning Prayer

7:00PM: Good Friday Service

SAT - 4/3 - Easter Vigil

7:00PM: Our newly initiated Catholics

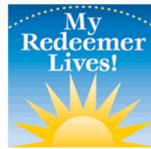
SUN - 4/4- Easter Sunday —

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Helen Marchocki by her daughter, Kathy
and John & Barbara McMahon by the family

11:30AM - 11:45AM **HOLY COMMUNION ONLY**



**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

The sanctuary will burn this week in memory of Robert Swallow by his wife

READINGS 4/4/2021

Acts: 10:31a, 37-43
Col: 3:1-4
Jn: 20:1-9

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!

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

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.

Weekend of MARCH 21, 2021: \$4,572

Facilities Repairs: \$1,339

GIVE+ONLINE



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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (3/28/2021)



It's Palm Sunday and so palms are an obvious symbol for us to discuss this week. Palm branches were a symbol of victory and peace in the Ancient Near East, not only among the Jews but also the Greeks and the Egyptians. For Christians they became a symbol of the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Palms were often carved on the tombs of martyrs. In art a palm branch and a crown symbolize martyrdom. But do you know **why** the people who had gathered in Jerusalem were carrying palm branches?

Answer to last week's question (3/21/2021)

John's introduces his vision of heaven with the statement "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'" (Rev. 1:8) This echoes the prophet Isaiah's proclamation "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.'" (Is. 44:6) A few verses later, Jesus identifies Himself to John: "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever." And then, as the vision is drawing to its triumphant close, He declares "'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'" (Rev 21:6-7)

Entering Jerusalem; entering Holy Week

As we enter Holy Week and the *Triduum* celebration, the Palm Sunday readings introduce ideas and motifs that carry through this week's liturgies. We see Jesus in triumph, celebrating an intimate meal with friends, betrayed, and suffering a saving and transformative death. Today's readings invite us to explore Holy Week's contrasts and contradictions.

Mark's gospel is the passion narrative, in either its full or short form. At its center, Mark's passion combines two early passion stories with two different theologies:

Understanding from scripture. This first and older passion story uses *words and images from the psalms and prophets* to explain how Jesus, God's righteous, innocent servant, could have suffered crucifixion. When we hear about dividing garments (Ps 22:18), the two crucified revolutionaries (Is 53:12), and Jesus' crying out (Ps 22:1), we learn Mark's theology of *Jesus' death foretold in Hebrew scripture*. (See today's first reading, which provides many of Mark's scripture references.)

Overcoming powers of evil. The second and later passion tradition interprets Jesus' death as a *conflict between the powers of light and darkness*. When we hear Jesus ironically condemned and mocked as "King of the Jews" (Mk 15:2), darkness over the world (Mk 15:33), the Temple's curtain being torn (Mk 15:38), and the gentile centurion's confession (15:39), we learn Mark's theology of *Jesus' transformative death that leads to his exaltation and triumph* over the powers. (See today's second reading, which also uses this motif.)

Palm Sunday begins the celebrations of the liturgical year's most important feasts. The passion narrative, the story of our salvation, is rich and deep, and deserves a full and careful hearing. The processional reading sets the stage, while Isaiah and Paul's letter give context to Mark's gospel. Where do we see ourselves in Mark's passion story? Do the prophets and psalms words come together for us to give meaning to Jesus' self-gift? Do the events and actions of others move us to see the truth in the centurion's comment? Or is Golgotha just another soundbite in our busy, passer-by lives?

-Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Ashley Holland, Janet Ramsdell, Joyce Nelson, Jeff Svelest, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Julia Frawley, Jean Moro, Lucille Farwell, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Baby Owen, Christian Beck, Shawn Dufrairie, Laura McGettigan, Jen, Kim Salem, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Tiffany Brown, the Staff & Residents of all Milford long term care facilities, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, 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, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, 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, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Marc Belanger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Anne Ronsov, Scott Dickinson, Joseph Koprek, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, 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, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

Please call the parish office at 673-1311 when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

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**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — April 13, 2021
Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — April 14, 2021

**YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES 6-12**

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — April 11, 18
All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.



St. Patrick's Helpers: Do you have a small project or a list of projects that you need completed around your house? How would you like to have "masked" Knights of Columbus take care of this for you? We are offering handy-man services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund.

If you would like to learn more or if you think that you have the "perfect project" for St. Patrick Helpers, or if you are interested in helping us, please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

RICE BOWLS ARE COLLECTED AT THE HOLY THURSDAY MASS AND PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR GIFT TO THE ALTAR AT THE OFFERTORY TIME.

Good Friday – The Holy Land The Church throughout the world shares its treasures with religious institutions responsible for the maintenance of the Holy Places throughout the Holy Land.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FROM
APRIL 1– 4 (Triduum & Easter)**

Holy Thursday 7:00PM Church

Lector	Ron Calo
Eucharistic Minister	Sr. Marcelle Dianne Hamilton
Greeters	Gary McCartney Steve & Mary Ellen Dudley
C/H	
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Sharkey
Greeter	Steve Santinelli

Good Friday 7:00PM Church

Lector	Mike Carter (V) Amy Guthrie (N)
Eucharistic Minister	Bernie Kalfelz Dianne Hamilton
Greeters	Gary McCartney Sue Pasquale Susan Niquette
C/H	
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Sharkey
Greeter	Steve Santinelli

Easter Vigil 7:00PM Church

Lector	Mike Carter Jeanne Donnelly
Eucharistic Minister	Diane Bergeron Sr. Marcelle
Greeters	Gary McCartney Susan Niquette Diane Bergeron
C/H	
Eucharistic Minister	Sue Pasquale
Greeter	Sue Pasquale

Easter Sunday 8:00AM Church

Lector	Amy Guthrie
Eucharistic Minister	Ron Calo John Ordemann
Greeters	Steve Santinelli
C/H	
Eucharistic Minister	Sally Wilkins
Greeter	

10:30AM Church

Lector	Kathy Marchocki
Eucharistic Minister	Tony & Michelle Varga
Greeters	Steve Dudley Bernie Quinn Judy Hohenadel
C/H	
Eucharistic Minister	Henry Anthony
Greeter	Mary Ellen Dudley

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 2021

If the gospel accounts stopped just after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, how would you imagine the next few days playing out? The scene could easily be imagined as a hero's entry in advance of his great triumph soon to follow. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, his disciples must have felt the same weight of expectations, the impact of what Jesus' entry meant, not just for themselves, but for everyone. If Jesus was the promised Messiah, the events to come were not just concerned with the realities of one Passover in Jerusalem or the fate of the people of Judah but with the world and, yes, the world to come. What could one do but wait with sharp expectancy for events to unfold?

And yet one unnamed woman does more than wait. Her actions interpret not only Jesus' entry as the expected king, but the sort of king Jesus must be. After his entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus went to Bethany. In Bethany, *"a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head."* In this action, she simply supports the reception accorded Jesus as he entered Jerusalem as the king ... the Messiah ... the "anointed one". Her actions tell us that she not only understands that Jesus is the anointed one but that she has a need or responsibility to anoint him. But who is she to anoint a king? The people gathered around Jesus, however, ask a different question: *"Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor." They were infuriated with her.*

Their question is not without merit, for in scolding her they probably were attempting to voice Jesus' concern for the poor seen throughout his ministry. Jesus asks another question, *"Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her?"* Somehow the concerned disciples have missed something. *"She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me."* Jesus's response is not an attempt to mark out poverty as an everlasting social problem but to note that her *"good thing for me"* has focused proper attention on him. Whether or not she knows the full implications of what she has done, she has directed those present to see Jesus as the Messiah.

Her identification of Jesus as the Christ by anointing went deeper, however, than even she knew, for she could not have known that she had *"anticipated anointing Jesus' body for burial."* Faithful women will later seek to care for Jesus's broken body after his death in order to anoint it with burial spices, but they would not find a body. The unnamed woman, though, already had anointed Jesus not only as a king but as the humble King who emptied himself out in death. The humility of Jesus is reflected by the generosity of this woman, who pours out all that she has as a witness for him.

Given the universal significance of Jesus' passion week, her anointing might seem a little thing, but it is the most any of us can do: she recognizes Jesus, and gives all she has for him, not understanding completely that her actions helped to prepare the King, first for his death and then for his triumph, but knowing somehow ... he is the Messiah. The significance of her actions is felt when Jesus says, *"Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."* We, too, are called to recognize Jesus the Messiah (the Son of God) as a servant willing to give himself up to death **FOR US**.

Fr. Dennis



Confession will be heard
Monday, March 29 from 11am-1pm and 5-7pm
Wednesday, March 31 from 4:15-5:15PM

**NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY,
APRIL 3rd**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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