

7th Sunday of Easter — May 16, 2021



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

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

All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;
No matter your family or marital status;
No matter where you are in the practice of faith;
You are always welcomed here at St. Patrick.

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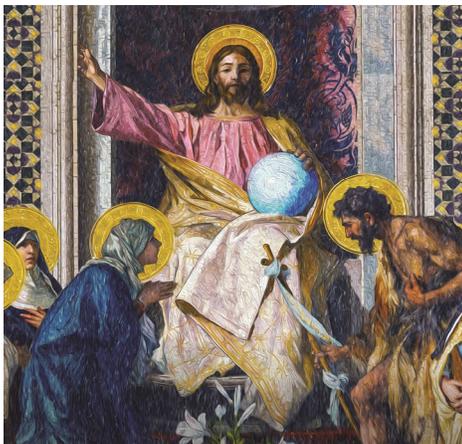
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.; 10:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M.

Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass,
unless otherwise indicated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

7:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

(Except Dec 25th, Christmas &
Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

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

MAY 17-23, 2021

MON - 5/17- Easter Weekday

7:30AM: Capt. Gerald L. Peterson, USMC first div. by Vesta Philbrick

TUES - 5/18- St. John I- NO MASS

WED - 5/19- Easter Weekday

5:30PM: Jane Pratt by her sister, Elaine

THURS - 5/20- St. Bernadine of Siena

7:30AM: Patricia Conard by Josef Zund

FRI - 5/21 - St. Christopher Magallanes

7:30AM: Intentions of Lucille Farwell

SAT - 5/22 - Vigil of Pentecost

4:00PM: All Souls

SUN - 5/23 - Pentecost Sunday

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Luke Caveney by his mother, Ida

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

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 5/23/2021

Gn: 11:1-9
Rom: 8:22-27
Jn: 7:37-39

For anyone who would like to stop in for private prayers. These are the times when the Church is opened.

Monday - Friday: 9-5pm
Saturday: 9-3pm
Sunday: **Closes at Noon**

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!

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 May 9, 2021: \$6,389
Facilities Repairs: \$2,594

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 (5/16/2021)

Obviously, the Cross is the most common symbol in Christianity. St. Paul points out that “the word of the Cross is folly” to those who are perishing – how can an instrument of torture and death be a sign of hope? But, he says, “to those who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Many different forms of the Cross exist in Christian imagery. Can you match each cross with its name?

Tau Cross Latin Cross Papal Cross Greek Cross Patriarchal Cross Calvary Cross Byzantine Cross Celtic Cross

Answer to last week’s question 5/9/2021

The Lily is a symbol of purity, and in the early Church it was frequently used in representations of virgin martyrs. It is also strongly associated with the Virgin Mary.

In the Song of Solomon 2:1, the bride describes herself as “A rose of Sharon, and a lily of the valleys.”

The rose mentioned in this verse, and the roses that blossom in the Messianic kingdom in Isaiah 35, are not the flowers we call roses. (Crocus, the plant that produces saffron is a closer translation.)

In Greek and Roman mythology, roses were associated with the goddess of love and frequently with divine healing. With the Christianization of the Roman Empire, these meanings were gradually transferred to Mary. St. Ambrose reported a legend that the Rose in the Garden of Eden was thornless, but grew thorns after the Fall, so that its beauty and fragrance reminded humans of the Paradise they could no longer enter into except through suffering. He went on to call Mary a “Rose without thorns” since she was preserved from sin.

In Numbers 17 the rod of Aaron blossomed and bore almonds to prove that he was chosen by God to be the high priest. Almonds were a frequent motif in the ornamentation of the Tent of meeting, indeed the lampstand that stood before the veil was carved to resemble an almond branch, with each lamp being a blossom. Because Mary was chosen by God to give birth to the Great High Priest, she is often shown holding or surrounded by almond blossoms. (Also see the discussion of the mandorla on the Facebook page in response to the question about Haloes April 11th.)

Eastertime: Jesus and disciples in transition

In the Easter season, Jesus has appeared to his disciples and explained his resurrection's meaning; revealed himself as good shepherd, true vine, and one who has laid down his life. In today's final Easter season reading, he prays for those whom he now sends into the world to continue his mission. This week's readings ask us, the believing community, how change affects our discipleship.

Gospel (Jn 17:11b-19)

John's gospel is from Jesus' final discourse, from the section called his “final prayer.” This pericope has two parts: Jesus asks the Father to become father to the disciples; and Jesus requests that the Father make the disciples holy.

Caring for fragile disciples. Jesus asks the Father to care for (“keep”) the disciples *as a human father cares for his children*. The fragile disciples face a hostile world; they will survive only if the Father keeps them in the *Father's name*. The Son has made “the name” (the reality of God) known to his disciples. By gathering the disciples into the reality of God, the Father creates a *unity* among all the disciples, repeating the *oneness of the Father and Son* (“that they may be one as we are”).

Making the disciples holy. The phrase “holy Father” is based on the Jewish belief of God's fundamental *holiness* (Lv 11:44-45). Jesus' holiness flows from his *oneness* with the holy Father. He *reveals God* to the disciples and prays that they may be caught up in the same oneness and *so become holy as he is holy*. The disciples are *made holy* because they *accept Jesus' revelation* (“in truth”) of God. Jesus *sends them* “to make God known;” their mission *requires that they be holy*.

Summary and reflection

Jesus' resurrection has many meanings and many implications. The Easter season closes this week after six weeks of reflection on this cosmos-changing event. In Acts, Luke shows the apostles preparing Jesus' followers to become the believing community. John the Elder's letter concludes his recommendations to faithful disciples on remaining in relationship with God, who is love. John's gospel recounts Jesus' prayer to the Father to care for disciples and make them holy as he begins his return to the Father. The readings present disciples facing transitions in personal relationships, their own community, and in the *ekklesia*. How do we meet change? Do we look to our faith traditions to guide us to the “next thing?” Do we continue to pray and to live out our mission while the “next thing” takes shape? Do we trust in the Father's care and holiness as the “next thing” emerges?

-Terence Sherlock



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Janet Ramsdell, Joyce Nelson, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Jean Moro, Lucille Farwell, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Baby Owen, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Jen, Kim Salem, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Conrad Bergeron, 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 Sillowy, 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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Send your email address to

the parish office's email address:
diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com and you will be added to our mailing list.



Knights of Columbus
Father Don Jacques Council #3035,
Milford, NH

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
FOR
WEEKEND OF MAY 22-23

Saturday 4:00PM

Lector	Suzanne Price
Eucharistic Minister	Pauline Nepveu
Greeters	Gary McCartney
	Dianne Hamilton
	Irene Prunier

Sunday 8:00AM

Lector	Will McGrath
Eucharistic Minister	John Ordemann
Greeters	Steve Santinelli
	Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

Lector	Kathy Marchocki
Eucharistic Minister	Henry Anthony
Greeters	Steve Dudley
	Tony Varga
	Michelle Varga



Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

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

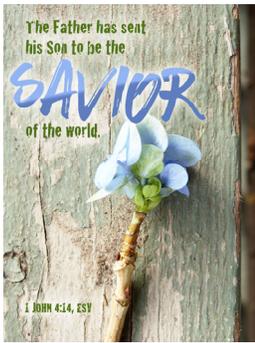
- ♦ Unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life
- ♦ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith
- ♦ Baptized in the Catholic faith or another Christian faith tradition, but never received any formal faith formation.

Inquirers please contact Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311 or pattih2015@comcast.net.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal

These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.



7th Sunday of Easter

From Easter to Pentecost all the readings present different aspects of what it means to be a witness. The gospel concludes the farewell discourses with a selection from what has been called his “high priestly prayer,” one long prayer to his Father, so powerful and so poignant that it should be read in its entirety. We are invited to listen as Jesus, whose death is imminent, gives voice to his deepest hopes for his loved ones. Jesus prays that the disciples may experience that unity he shares with his Father, that they may share in his joy, and that they will be consecrated in truth. Jesus also prays for their protection in a hostile world. He comes from above, from presence with God, to an alien world that does not accept him, and then returns to the Father.

Jesus takes away the sin of the world, and God so loved the world that he gave his only Son; he is the living Bread that will be the life of the world. Yet “the world” often symbolizes the power of evil organized against Jesus and his followers. Though other New Testament writings have a more positive attitude toward the world, in John, Jesus and the disciples come to the world not to change it but to challenge its values. The mission should not be lost amid the contemporary change of attitude.

The readings this Sunday before Pentecost provide a bridge between the continued celebration of the resurrection and yearning for God’s Spirit, which will come only after the departure of Jesus. Jesus’ prayer anticipates the coming of the Spirit of truth. Today—after so many acts of hatred, prejudice and violence —this final wish of Jesus that his Father make the church holy in truth has a dramatic relevance. The High Priestly Prayer in the Gospel of John opens for us the way of a disciplined and holy life. It gives us the tools for forgiveness of God, self, and others.

Fr. Dennis



Memorial gifts to our church are always welcome and very much appreciated. If you wish to make a gift, please send it to the church office and designate in whose memory or honor the gift is being given.

Remembrance bulletin board



We wish to honor and pray for our brave men and women serving in the military throughout the world. If you have someone that you would like us to remember & pray for please bring in a photograph of your loved ones serving in the military with their name and they will be placed on the board.



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Jane Pratt by her sister, Elaine