

Pentecost Sunday — May 23, 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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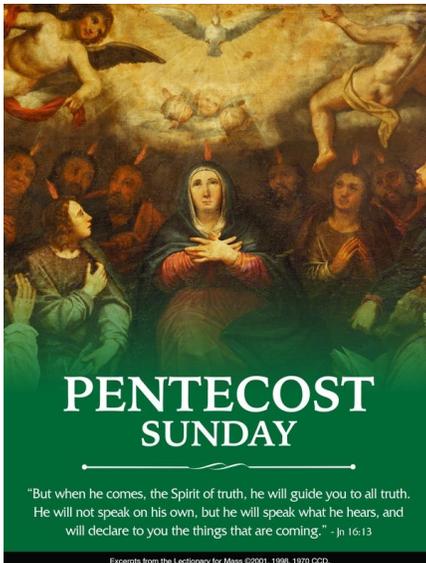
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.; 10:30A.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 24-30 2021

MON - 5/24- Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:30AM: All Souls

TUES - 5/25- Ss. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII & Mary Magdalene de Pazzi - NO MASS

WED - 5/26- St. Philip Neri

5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 5/27- St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:30AM: Tess Lischkge by Vesta Philbrick

FRI - 5/28 - Weekday

7:30AM: Evelyn O'Neil by Jane Provins

SAT - 5/29 - Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity

4:00PM: Anne Herlihy by Janet Herlihy

SUN - 5/30 - The Most Holy Trinity

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: All Souls

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

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 5/30/2021

Dt: 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom: 8:14-17

Mt: 28:16-20



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Anne Herlihy by Janet Herlihy

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 16, 2021: \$5,176
Catholic Communications: \$901
Ascension: \$508

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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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS



Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (5/23/2021)

In the New Testament, the presence of the Holy Spirit (as in the Descent of the Holy Spirit we celebrate today) is manifested by two symbols. Can you name them, and can you remember where they appear in the Old Testament?

Answer to question 5/16/2021

The Tau Cross is shaped like the Hebrew letter Tau. It was beloved by St. Francis. In Ezekiel's vision (Ez. 9:7), God instructs his angel to mark the foreheads of the righteous with a Tau, so that they will be spared at the judgment.

Latin Cross is the name for the shape most of us think of when we hear the word: a longer vertical bar with a shorter crossbar about halfway between the middle and the top of the vertical.

Papal cross – a symbol of the Roman primacy, a staff with three crossbars, indicating the rank of the Pope among the other Patriarchs.

The Greek Cross, with equal-length bars, is one of the most ancient forms of the Cross.

The Patriarchal Cross or Archbishopal Cross has two crossbars at the top. (The Episcopal Cross has just one.) (check on the Facebook page for a comparison of Bishop Libasci's coat of arms with that of Archbishop O'Malley's).

A Calvary or stepped Cross is a cross atop three steps, representing Mount Calvary, also representing Faith, Hope and Charity.

The term Byzantine Cross can refer to a cross that widens at the ends of the crossbeams, or to a cross (also called Orthodox Cross) with two crossbeams at the top and a third, slanted one, toward the bottom.

Celtic Crosses were spread into Europe by missionaries from Ireland in the early middle ages. The Celtic cross has a circle, or halo, imposed on the junction of the vertical and horizontal beams.

Easter time: the gift of the Spirit and start of the ekklesia

In the Easter season, Jesus appeared to his disciples and explained his resurrection's meaning. He revealed himself as good shepherd, true vine, and one who laid down his life. He prayed for us whom he sends to continue his mission. Pentecost is the final Easter season celebration. This week's readings ask us, the believing community, what the Spirit's outpouring means.

Gospel (Jn 20:19-23)

John's gospel is a post-resurrection appearance in which Jesus bestows the gift of the Spirit. Luke presents the resurrection, ascension, and coming of the Spirit events using a symbolic chronology (40 days, ten days); John presents the same events in narrative groupings (Peter and the other disciple, Mary Magdalene, the disciples without and with Thomas). Today's pericope shows the connection between Jesus' commission and the gift of the Spirit.

So I send you. As the Father consecrated and sent Jesus into the world (Jn 10:36), Jesus now gives the Spirit to *empower his disciples* to continue his work. Jesus promised (Jn 14:16-17) the Spirit to help them *make the Father's name known* and *love one another*. Like the Father and Son, *the Spirit remains* or abides within the sent disciples, enabling them to *bear witness* (Jn 15:26-17).

Gift of the Spirit. Jesus' breathing on the disciples is John's version of Luke's Pentecost event. Just as God *breathes life* into the first human (Gn 2:7), so Jesus *breathes the Spirit* into the disciples, giving them his power to complete his mission. The Spirit *unites* the disciples to the risen Jesus and makes the disciples a "new creation." The Spirit is *with* the community and *in* the community and *will abide* with the community forever, but the community must *reach beyond itself* ("so I send you") to accomplish Jesus' instruction

Summary and reflection

Jesus' resurrection has many meanings and many implications. After Eastertime's reflection on this cosmos-changing event, we enter the age of the Spirit, who comes to inhabit and to guide the believing community. Luke describes how the Spirit's outpouring affects the disciples and their hearers. Paul teaches how the Spirit's gifts affect each believer and the community's unity. John shows how the Spirit enables and emboldens the disciples to continue Jesus' mission. How has our receiving of the Spirit changed our lives and the lives of others? Has our encounter with the Spirit enabled us to communicate the good news? Are we using the Spirit's gifts to benefit others and build up the community? Is the indwelling Spirit leading us to make the Father's name known and to love others?

-Terence Sherlock

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



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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<https://watch.formed.org/videos/bernadette-the-princess-of-lourdes>

Middle School: Watch: Catholic Heroes of the Faith

<https://watch.formed.org/search?q=Catholic+Heroes+of+the+Faith>



If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin in an email. 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.



"St. Patrick Helpers" are looking for men/women to help with small project in the community. Your expertise and talents would be greatly appreciated. Interested? Please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.



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.

Please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
FOR
WEEKEND OF MAY 29-30

Saturday 4:00PM

Lector	George Lemelin
Eucharistic Minister	Dianne Hamilton
Greeters	Gary McCartney
	Pauline Nepveu
	Susan Niquette

Sunday 8:00AM

Lector	Ron Calo
Eucharistic Minister	Sally Wilkins
Greeters	Steve Santinelli
	Sue Pasquale
	Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

Lector	Jude Lorman
Eucharistic Minister	Jackie Kelly
Greeters	Steve Dudley
	Mary Ellen Dudley
	Judy Hohenadel



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2021



The gospel read during the Mass on Pentecost day tells us of Jesus's appearance to his apostles in Jerusalem on Easter evening. He is suddenly there, even though the doors were locked, as the evangelist notes; he shows his hands and side to his disciples. Should we not connect this action with the greeting Jesus gives his disciples, "Peace be with you"? This is not an ordinary greeting. In John's view, it is connected with the wounds, because peace flows from the passion and resurrection.

Now Christ "sends" his disciples: "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" He is not sending them to a place, but giving them a mission that they must carry out. What is the mission? It is that of forgiving sins, as Christ immediately makes clear. Since, however, Christ draws a parallel between his action in sending the disciples and the Father's action in sending him, he is also telling the disciples that they are to continue the work that Jesus himself has been doing for the reconstruction of the world. They too are to do the Father's work. As Jesus reveals the Father and makes him known, so the disciples are to reveal Jesus and make him known.

St. Luke tells us in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles of how the Spirit came upon the disciples as they were gathered in the upper room. St. Luke thus puts the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost. John, however, in the gospel reading, speaks of the Spirit being given on Easter evening. Is there contradiction here between Acts and John? Is John mixing Pentecost and Easter together? According to some scholars of the Bible, John is not blending the two events, but neither is he distinguishing them; he is interested, rather, in giving expression to the paschal mystery as a one united event.

When we say that the church was born on Pentecost, we are undoubtedly oversimplifying. After all, the church was born from the pierced side of Jesus Christ on Mount Calvary, while the various appearances of Christ after his resurrection were so many stages in the formation of the church. The church was born on Mount Calvary and born of his resurrection, no less than she was born of the Spirit on Pentecost. The whole first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is concerned with this gradual formation that was going on even before the Spirit was poured out on Pentecost. We may say that St. Luke lays greater emphasis on the historical facts, while John is more concerned with the close connection between the crucifixion, the resurrection, the appearances, and the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Dennis