

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) — June 6, 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.

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).

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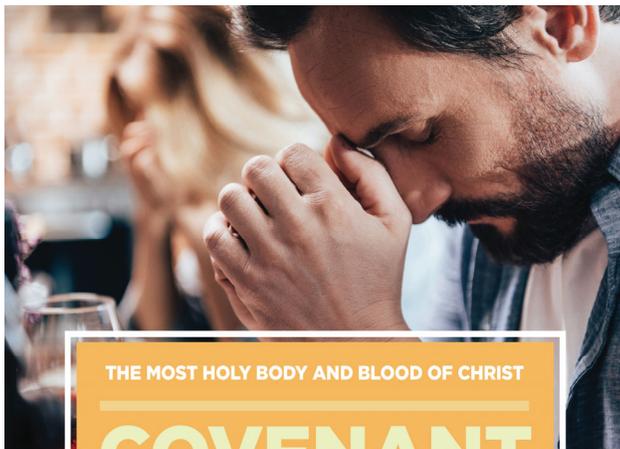
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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

COVENANT

He said to them, "This is
my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for
many." - Mk 14:24

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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.

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

JUNE 7-13, 2021

MON - 6/7- Weekday

7:30AM: Intentions of Lucille Farwell

TUES - 6/8- Weekday - NO MASS

WED - 6/9- St. Ephrem

5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 6/10- Weekday

7:30AM: Helena Vander Heyden by Jane Provins and James Roccio by his wife, Marie

FRI - 6/11 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30AM: Katherine Schaefer by Jane Provins

SAT - 6/12 - Vigil of the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Julie Hammond by John Milan

SUN - 6/13 - The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Robert Naber by the family

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

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 6/13/2021

Ez: 17:22-24

2 Cor: 5:6-10

Mk: 4:26-34

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

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 30, 2021:	\$4,272
Heating and AC	\$1,616
Vanco for the month of May:	\$10,593

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 (6/6/2021)

Many people misunderstand what is perhaps Mary's best-known title, "Mother of God." Some think it suggests that she was herself divine, or somehow pre-existed God, which is of course not what it means. But – what does it mean? What does it teach us about Jesus?

Answer to question 5/30/2021

By calling Mary "Woman," Jesus was emphasizing her unique role in salvation history. Back in Eden, after the Fall, God had made an extraordinary promise to "the Woman:" that her offspring would crush the head of the serpent – that is, would destroy Satan's power. (Gen. 3:15) As Eve was the mother of the living (Gen. 3:20), Mary becomes the New Eve, mother of those who enter into eternal life – the other time Jesus uses this title for her is from the Cross, when He gives her as a mother to John, and so to all of us. This is more explicit in Revelation 12, where the serpent makes war on the "rest of the offspring" of the Woman who bore the Child, "those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus."

Eucharist: an ongoing covenant relationship

On the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ* (in Latin: *Corpus Christi*, "the body of Christ") the readings ask us to think about the Eucharist as covenant, memorial, and future promise.

Gospel (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26)

Mark's gospel is from the Last Supper section. The pericope has two parts: *Jesus' instructions* for the meal (Mk 14:12-16) and the Eucharistic *institutional narrative* (Mk 14:22-25), which use prophecy and liturgical actions to suggest the Eucharist's multiple meanings.

Just as he had told them. Jesus' prediction about "a man with the water jar" continues Mark's theme of Jesus as the *eschatological prophet*. (In Jesus' time, only women carried water in jars balanced on their heads; men carried water in leather skins slung over their shoulders.) Hebrew scripture tells similar stories about Jewish prophets, especially Elijah and Elisha. Mark includes Jesus' prediction to show Jesus as God's chosen *prophet* and suffering servant who gives his life for many.

Blood of the covenant. For all ancient people, *blood is life*. By associating "blood" and "covenant," Jesus associates this meal with the *covenant ratification* in Ex 24:1-8 (see today's first and second readings). The Mosaic covenant *ratified* Israel as God's people; Jesus' covenant *renews and ratifies* a new people for God. Jesus understands that his death will bring about a covenant community that will *benefit all humans*.

Drink it new in the kingdom of God. Jesus' vow to not drink wine is a *prophetic action* that recognizes his coming *death* as well as the coming *messianic banquet* of God's kingdom. In this way, the Last Supper *liturgically connects* the past (Passover meal and Mosaic covenant), the present (the renewed covenant), and the future (Jesus' passion, death-and-resurrection, and future coming of God's kingdom).

Summary and reflection

The *Corpus Christi* readings invite us to explore the many meanings of Eucharist. Exodus describes how Moses as mediator ratified the Sinai covenant with sacrificial blood. The *Hebrews* author's analogy compares the imperfect human high priests' repeated sacrifices with Christ's once-and-for-all perfect ratification and redemption. Mark shows how Jesus' words and actions at the Last Supper foretell and fulfill the messianic meal of God's kingdom through a new ritual and covenant. Eucharist is more than the familiar institutional narrative we hear at liturgies. What does the Eucharist reveal about our place and our responsibilities in God's covenant? What does the Eucharist teach about our relationship with Christ and what or who mediates our relationship? How does the Eucharist direct our words and actions as prophets, mediators, and disciples of God's Word?

Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Doris Fay, John Milan, Julie Hammond, 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 Dufraire, 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, 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, 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, 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW HAMPSHIRE

Thanks to all who have already contributed to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. At the moment, here is our 1st report:

St. Patrick Parish, Milford

\$8,130.00 received of \$25,800.00 goal

Thanks to your support since the COVID-19 crisis began - **More than 4,300** individuals & households across New Hampshire have reached out for assistance around food, housing, energy and other essential needs. **More than 2,600** Mental Health Counseling sessions have been conducted for individuals facing increased stress, anxiety and difficult life changes. **More than 122,000** pounds of food have been delivered to homebound and disabled elderly across Greater Manchester and Nashua. While there is still much uncertainty – and life, as we know it, is on a degree of pause – our work will carry on. **Our mission and commitment to serving the needs of individuals and families in need is unbreakable**, especially in a time like this. So, once again, I ask every person to demonstrate their Christian generosity and commitment to God's people. As St. Francis of Assisi said: *"it is in giving that we receive."* I ask that you support Catholic Charities New Hampshire by making a pledge or contribution to this year's appeal. Your support will help make a difference in the lives of many of our neighbors locally and around the state.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT OR PLEDGE USING THE APPEAL ENVELOPE SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL. MAKE SURE TO INDICATE YOU ARE FROM "ST PATRICK CHURCH MILFORD" AND MAIL DIRECTLY TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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 4. Enter our zip code 03055
 5. Register with your name and email address
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<https://watch.formed.org/contact/support>.

FORMED:

Watch: *The Sanctuary Course for Catholics* - 8 sessions - Exploring the Intersection of Faith and Mental Health

Read: *Heart of the Redeemer* by Timothy O'Donnell in preparation for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 11th.

Watch: *The Angel of Biscay: The Life & Message of Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF* (devoted to the Holy Eucharist and the Immaculate Heart of Mary) June 12th Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Catholic Charities NH Hosting Unemployment Online Support Group

For those who may be struggling with job loss – or looking for the next opportunity – Catholic Charities NH is offering a free online support group to help you effectively navigate the complex job search process. "Unemployed: What Now? How do I Find A Job?" is a five-part series where you will learn best practices around targeting prospective employers, resume writing and interviewing, as well as how to best apply your unique skills to your own search. The program will be held via Zoom for five consecutive Thursdays (at 10 a.m.) starting June 24. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/unemployment or call 603-752-1325.



"St. Patrick Helpers" We 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 JUNE 12-13

Saturday 4:00PM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Terri Magnus
Bernie Kalfelz
Gary McCartney
Pauline Nepveu
Susan Niquette

Sunday 8:00AM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Ron Calo
Kathy Sharkey
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Michelle Varga
Tony Varga
Steve Dudley
Mary Ellen Dudley
Judy Hohenadel



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

We have just celebrated an Easter season culminating with the Ascension and the Pentecost event which brought the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, and the Solemn feast of the Holy Trinity. Today, before we return to Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ offered once for all time for the salvation of the world. This past year, we were quarantined and kept apart from Mass ... now, some have returned ... others watch Mass from home. It is good for us all to remind ourselves that the Mass – the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ –

is our community gathering to partake of that sacrament which most sets us on the pathway to heaven.

The sacrificial nature of the Eucharist is clear from Jesus' words and actions at the Last Supper, but hearing the words of institution over and over can become a part of a rote behavior that obscures their life-giving meaning. In the words of Mark's gospel, *"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.'"*

Our Masses are not alien to the Last Supper. They are an inherent part of Jesus' actions, which he interprets for his apostles prior to the crucifixion. Jesus is not only the sacrifice for the sins of the world but also the perfect high priest and that through the offering of himself as the perfect sacrifice, Jesus "is mediator of a new covenant: . . . those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance." Jesus' words over the bread and wine, then sharing it with his disciples, signifies his giving them a share in the forgiving power of his death. And that forgiving power has as its goal eternal life with Jesus. But it was not just those who sat at the table with Jesus who are able to share in the forgiving power of Jesus' sacrifice; Jesus opened the way for all to share in the eternal inheritance.

The Eucharist gives us the ability to share in the power of Christ's saving death here and now, but it also prepares us for our eternal inheritance. With the rest of God's family, we will share in the messianic banquet. Jesus tells us *"many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven"*. Only the true bread of heaven, the perfect High Priest, could offer himself once for all and so pave the way for our entry into the temple made not with hands.

Fr. Dennis



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

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes

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