

# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 4, 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.

**STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF THE BOSTON PROVINCE (BOSTON, FALL RIVER, SPRINGFIELD, MANCHESTER, AND PORTLAND) LIFTING THE DISPENSATION OF THE SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION, EFFECTIVE THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 19 AND 20, 2021.**

*Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we the Bishops of the Boston Province, (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.*

*This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration.*

*To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.*

To read the entire statement, go to parish website [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) and click on Pastor's Notes

**Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

**Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)**

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**OFFICES WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, JULY 5TH.**

## **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:**

5:30 P.M.

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

## **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.*

**JULY 5-11, 2021**

**MON - 7/5– Ss. Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal**

**7:30AM: NO MASS (OFFICES CLOSED)**

**TUES - 7/6– St. Maria Goretti- NO MASS**

**WED - 7/7– Weekday**

**5:30PM: All Souls**

**THURS - 7/8– Weekday**

**7:30AM: All Souls**

**FRI - 7/9- St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

**5:30PM: Joan B. Cookson by her husband Norm, 2nd anniversary  
Kathryn Rios by the family**

**SAT - 7/10 - Vigil of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**4:00PM - Arthur Hart by the family**

**SUN - 7/11 - The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Church closes at Noon on Sundays**

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

**10:30AM: Luke Caveney by his mother, Ida  
Robert Naber by the family**

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

**READINGS 7/11/2021**

**Am: 7:12-15  
Eph 1:3-14  
Mk: 6:7-13**



**“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](mailto: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 Knights of Columbus and other volunteer parishioners take care of this for you? We are offering handy-men/women services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund. Go on the St. Patrick website and look at the different project that this group of volunteers have accomplished.

Please contact Pauline Nepveu at [pnepveu54@gmail.com](mailto:pnepveu54@gmail.com) or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR  
WEEKEND OF JULY 10-11**

**Saturday 4:00PM**

|                             |                        |
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| <b>Lector</b>               | <b>George Lemelin</b>  |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | <b>Dianne Hamilton</b> |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | <b>Gary McCartney</b>  |
|                             | <b>Pauline Nepveu</b>  |
|                             | <b>Susan Niquette</b>  |

**Sunday 8:00AM**

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| <b>Lector</b>               | <b>Ron Calo</b>         |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | <b>Dawn Block</b>       |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | <b>Steve Santinelli</b> |
|                             | <b>Sue Pasquale</b>     |
|                             | <b>Diane Bergeron</b>   |

**10:30AM**

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| <b>Lector</b>               | <b>Jude Lorman</b>    |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | <b>Jackie Kelly</b>   |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | <b>Steve Dudley</b>   |
|                             | <b>Tony Varga</b>     |
|                             | <b>Michelle Varga</b> |

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.

**Weekend of June 27, 2021: \$4,597**  
**Peter’s Pence: \$1,085**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (7/4/2021)

There are countless titles of Mary which refer to her as "Our Lady" - whether of a particular place, or a particular virtue, or a particular doctrine. "Our Lady of Grace," "Our Lady of Guadalupe," "Our Lady of Perpetual Help." What is the significance of this beloved title? And how does it teach us about Jesus?

### Answer to question 6/27/2021

Mary is "Mother of Mercy" because Jesus, in His Life, Death and Resurrection, is literally the Incarnate Mercy of God, and she is His mother. The Divine Person who (as the Word spoken by the Father) brought the universe into existence, willingly chose to become that most vulnerable of creatures, a human infant, entirely dependent upon the merciful love of a human mother. This He did out of mercy, because as St. Peter wrote, "it is not his will that anyone should perish." (2 Peter 3:9, see also Matt. 18:14) Mary is also our merciful mother, because just as she showed mercy to those around her during her life (her kinswoman, Elizabeth, and the young couple at Cana), she continues to pray for all her children, and to say to us "Do whatever He says." In *Lumen Gentium* the Church teaches "by her manifold intercession, she continues to obtain for us the graces of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she takes care of the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led into their blessed home."

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### Disciples as prophets

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on prophets who experience rejection yet continue their witness.

#### **Gospel ((Mk 6:1-6)**

In Mark's gospel, Jesus has just completed a series of successful teachings and "mighty works," concluding with raising Jairus' daughter from the dead. Now he returns to Nazareth, his home town, and faces personal rejection.

**Amazement and rejection.** In the first century, Nazareth's population was a few hundred people; Jesus knows, is known by, and is related to everyone there. Mark says the people are *amazed* by Jesus' *wisdom and mighty deeds*. How could a local boy be so smart and powerful? Questions about Jesus' family suggest *indignant skepticism*, not a sincere pursuit of truth. Although the townspeople *ask the right questions* (the same questions that Mark's *ekklesia* ask), their attitude is wrong. "Wisdom" and "mighty deeds" are *attributes of God*, but the people can't bring themselves to make the connection. A local craftsman can't be inaugurating God's kingdom! Familiarity, which breeds contempt ("offense"), becomes an *obstacle to their faith*.

**Amazement and no mighty deeds.** Mark tells us repeatedly that *people are amazed* by Jesus' words or mighty deeds. Here *Jesus is amazed* by the people's unbelief. Jesus comes as one who *compels belief*, not as a magician to dazzle his audience. Jesus' mighty works invite people to *deeper faith and discipleship*. Those *not open* to God's power or whose *preconceptions* become a stumbling block *cannot experience Jesus' mighty works*. Faith is the door to the human heart, but that door *opens only from within*.

#### **Summary and reflection**

This week's readings ask us to think about prophets, disciples, and rejection. God calls Ezekiel to be a prophet to a people who may or may not listen. Paul concludes that his apostleship and discipleship is a paradox: despite Paul's human weaknesses, Christ's indwelling gives Paul the strength necessary to continue his apostolic work. Jesus' words and works amaze his hometown, but their amazing unbelief keeps them from seeing who the prophet really is. Jesus calls disciples to be prophets of God's kingdom. As prophets, are we silenced when others reject our witness to the gospel? Do we use our own weaknesses as an excuse to hide Christ's strength within? Do we allow comfort and familiarity to deaden Jesus' call to faith and to witness?

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: [LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com](http://LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com)



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Rev. Jack Roche, Irene Hendrickson, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, David Pfeifer, for a 70 year old man, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, 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 Dufraigne, Laura McGettigan, Jen, Kim Salem, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Conrad Bergeron, Tiffany Brown, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Sean, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, 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, Rob Erickson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Helen R, 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.**

**FORMED:** it's available to all parishioners for use free of charge. An annual second collection helps to defray the cost.

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  3. Click I belong to a parish or organization
  4. Enter our zip code 03055
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- To make life easy, put FORMED in your computer favorites. If you have any questions registering, contact ParishCare for technical support:  
<https://watch.formed.org/contact/support>.

#### **FORMED:**

**Study:** *The Wild Goose*, Segment 12: *The Spirit's Freedom*

**Listen:** *Put not Your Trust in Princes*

**Listen:** *Men, Women and the Mystery of Love* by Dr. Edward Sri

**Watch:** *Changing Sides*: Abby Johnson

**Read:** *Ask the Bible Geek* by Mark Hart



#### **Prayer for the Fourth**

Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father’s world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants. On Independence Day and every day, “O let us never forget that though the wrong seems often so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—Sandy Hyland

#### **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](mailto:pattih2015@comcast.net).



#### **FAITH FORMATION**

**It is now time to register your child(dren) for the Faith Formation Program 2021-2022.**

**Registrations are available on our website under Faith Formation, in the Office during office hour and at the entrance of the church.**

**In order for us to get the supplies we might need we need to know how many children will be in the program.**

**Helps us plan by registering now...Thank you**

#### **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.**

#### **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.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)



Viktor Frankl, the Austrian Jewish psychotherapist who endured four years in Nazi death camps, knew, by bitter experience, that “*what gives light must endure burning*”. In his celebrated book *Man’s Search for Meaning*, he remembered the light that radiated from those who remained decent human beings in the midst of the darkness of suffering and dehumanizing conditions.

Each reading this Sunday is about those who were singled by failure and vulnerability, but who continue to be a guiding light to their communities. Ezekiel is sent by God to the people named as rebels, who are obstinate, defiant, and deaf to God’s word. Paul finds himself facing opposition both from those who regard themselves as “super apostles” and who tout around the word of God for their own reputation, and also from the members of the Corinthian church who have fallen under their influence. And Jesus is found to be unacceptable and offensive in his own hometown of Nazareth.

When Jesus is invited to teach in Nazareth’s synagogue on the Sabbath, he fails to live up to the expectations of his hometown. What Jesus spoke to the synagogue assembly we are not told, but they were the authoritative words of the one who has healed, raised from the dead, and proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom. But in some way, the listeners consider that Jesus’ words go against their own comfortable interpretation of family customs or established religion traditions. Jesus embodies the old saying “familiarity breeds contempt” in the assembly whose perceptions are closed to any surprising presence and action of God that would violate their own expectations and insight, and consider their own wisdom to be superior to that of Jesus. They ask the right questions, but their prejudice supplies them with the wrong answers, and amazement deteriorates into offense and rejection.

If the synagogue assembly is amazed at Jesus and has no faith in him, St Mark comments ironically that Jesus is amazed at their lack of faith that leads to Jesus’ powerlessness, because for his deeds of power to be effective they must be worked in the context of faith. Jesus has failed to call forth faith where he might have most expected to find it. That the “*Word was made failure and died among us*” is the source of our hope, not despair, for as Maria Boulding, OSB, writes: “*If you have ever been sickened by the failure of some enterprise into which you put your best efforts and the love of your heart, you are caught up into the fellowship of Christ’s death and resurrection, whether or not you thought of your experience in that way. God had dealt with our failure by himself becoming a failure and so healing it from the inside. This is why we can meet him in our failure; it is a sure place for finding him, since he has claimed it. So central is failure to the Easter mystery that a person who has never grappled with it could scarcely claim to be Christ’s friend and follower*” (*Gateway to Hope*). We may still be more inclined to listen to those who appear on the celebrity circuit rather than those with whom we rub shoulders daily. We need humble discernment on the authenticity of prophets. May we always remember: “*what gives light must endure burning*”.

Fr. Dennis