

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 18, 2021



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

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

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:

5:30 P.M.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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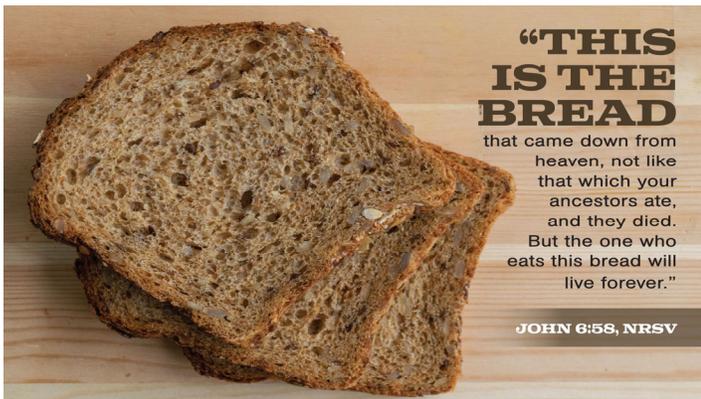
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Jay Duffy, Cemetery Sexton 673-1311

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.

The Church is opened every day until 5:00pm for people to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday it closes at Noon time.



JULY 19-25, 2021

MON - 7/19- Weekday

7:30AM: Grover C. Farwell, Jr. by his wife, Lucille

TUES - 7/20- St. Apollinaris- NO MASS

WED - 7/21- St. Lawrence of Brindisi

5:30PM: Doris Fay by the family

THURS - 7/22- St. Mary Magdalene

7:30AM: Edwin Bernasconi by Jane Provins

FRI - 7/23- St. Bridget

7:30AM Donald Pelletier by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Wilder

SAT - 7/24 - Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00PM - Charles & Bernie Kallfelz in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary

SUN - 7/25 - The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the parish

10:30AM: Richard P. Caveney by his wife, Ida

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

READINGS 7/25/2021

**2 Kgs: 4:42-44
Eph: 4:1-6
Jn: 6:1-13**



Follow the "St. Patrick Helpers" on our website under "resources" look at the different projects they are able and willing to do. If interested... 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 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 or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

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 July 11, 2021: \$9,593
Facilities Repairs: \$2.417

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF JULY 24-25

Saturday 4:00PM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**George Lemelin
Sr. Marcelle Laperle
Gary McCartney
Pauline Nepveu
Susan Niquette**

Sunday 8:00AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Amy Guthrie
Sally Wilkins
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron**

10:30AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Kathy Marchocki
Joanne Couture
Steve Dudley
Michelle Varga
Tony Varga**

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (7/18/2021)

Christian interest in typology can be traced back to Jesus himself, who in the Easter encounter with the heavy-hearted disciples on the road to Emmaus “interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27) This was not the first time Jesus had pointed to an Old Testament figure as a pre-figuring of his mission. When the scribes and pharisees asked for a sign of his authority, he said he would give them no sign “except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” How was Jonah a “type” of Jesus? (Matthew 12: 39-40, Luke 11: 30).

Answer to question 7/11/2021

The connection between the Ark of the Covenant which God told Moses to construct as part of the Temple and the Virgin Mary is an example of typology: a way of interpreting Scripture which St. Augustine described as “The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” In Exodus, God commanded Moses to construct a cube-shaped cabinet, made of wood overlaid with gold. He told Moses to place the Covenant (the stone tablets with the Commandments) into this Ark. Later Aaron’s rod (which blossomed to show he was the High Priest), and a jar of manna were added to the Ark. The cover for the cabinet was described as the “Mercy Seat,” and it was there that God’s glory would appear to show he was present to the Israelites.

Early Christian scholars quickly noted that God chose Mary as the place where He would become Incarnate, and that she carried within her womb the Incarnate Word, the great High Priest, and the Bread of Life.

Discipleship: action, reflection, compassion

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus’ everyday ministry. This week’s readings focus on good practices for shepherds and disciples.

Gospel (Mk 6:30-34)

In Mark’s gospel, the apostles (“the sent ones”) return and report to Jesus “all they had done and taught.” The crowd interrupts the disciples’ ongoing formation and elicits Jesus’ compassion, which becomes another teaching moment for the disciples.

Discipleship training, interrupted. Last week, Jesus sent the Twelve to preach and to heal. Today they return and report their results. Jesus invites his disciples to *refresh themselves with him* in the wilderness. In this scene, Mark offers discipleship’s essence: *doing* what Jesus does (mighty works and teaching) and *being with* Jesus. But the crowds interrupt the disciples’ quiet time; they don’t even have time to eat (later in this story they end up serving the hungry crowd). Disciples must balance *service* (doing and teaching) with *reflection* (resting). When disciples lose this balance, their service can become self-serving and their reflection can become self-pity.

Jesus’ compassion for the lost. Jesus has a deep *physical and emotional reaction* to the crowd and their needs. The Greek verb *σπλαγχνίζομαι/splanchnízomai*, translated here as a “heart moved to pity,” actually means “to have an emotional and physical reaction in one’s ‘inner parts.’” In Hebrew scripture, the same emotional/physical response lies behind God’s “merciful love” (*rahûm* or *rahâmîn*): “with *everlasting love* I will have *compassion* on you” (Is 54:7-8). Jesus *feels compassion* for a leaderless people and *acts* to address their spiritual hunger (and later in the story their physical hunger as well). Mark’s story teaches the believing community that disciples must also *be concerned for* and *act on* people’s physical and spiritual hunger.

Summary and reflection

This week’s readings ask us to think about teachers and disciples, shepherds and sheep. Jeremiah warns the Jewish leaders that they are bad shepherds of God’s people, but promises God will continue to care for the flock. The Ephesians author reminds his hearers that Christ’s transformative death unites and reconciles both gentiles and Jews to their common Father. Jesus calls his disciples to reflection after their mission, but encounters a lost people in need of care and leadership. Disciples live in tension between serving others and being with Jesus. As good shepherds, are we true to God’s messages, rather than our own? As disciples-in-formation, do interruptions of “doing and teaching” take away from being alone with Jesus in prayer and silence? As believing community members, do we find in God’s merciful love a model of concern and care for others?

Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Julie & David Spokane, John Johnston Jr., Rev. Jack Roche, 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 Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Jen, 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

Are you signed up for FORMED? It's easy. Just go to www.formed.org and click on SIGN UP. Click on "Sign up as a parishioner", add our zip code "03055" and follow the prompts from there. You'll have a wealth of Catholic movies, studies, books, audios and more. Get signed up today and feed the faith of your ENTIRE family!

This week of July 18th

Study: Footprints of God: Mary

Watch: Mary of Nazareth

Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

Read: Mary: God's Yes to Man



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. Sessions begin July 28, 2021 @ 6:15pm.

Time for a pop quiz!

Tests don't end once you finish school. Churchgoers of all ages can regularly conduct these quick assessments:

- The worship test:
Do I faithfully attend worship services and Bible studies?
- The weather test:
Am I a "fair weather" Christian? Do conditions that wouldn't keep me from work keep me from church?
- The work test:
Am I willing to put my talents to use for my church? Can the congregation count on me to help however possible, or am I too busy elsewhere?
- The wallet test:
Do I regularly contribute or tithe? Am I giving my "first fruits" to God so the church can conduct his work?



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:

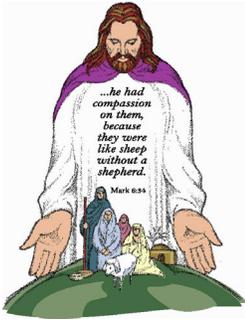
Baptisms: We rejoice with parents at the birth of a new child. Parents are encouraged to initiate preparation for baptism prior to the child's birth. Call the Parish Office at 673-1311 for information and pre-baptism instruction.

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 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)



The prophet Jeremiah sounded a warning over 2500 years ago, shaming those who would mislead the Lord's flock: *"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord."* It is also a current problem, made tragically clear in many crises in the history of the Church. Each of us is responsible before God for our behavior. God chastises the shepherds and others who have *"scattered my sheep and driven them away."* Through Jeremiah, God promised that the scattered "remnant of my flock" would be gathered up and good shepherds raised up to guide them.

While the historical context of the Babylonian exile is clear in these promises to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah, a future context is also evident in God's promise to *"raise up a righteous shoot to David,"* who *"shall reign and govern wisely."* This promised Messiah was raised up as the Good Shepherd not just for the people of Israel, but also for all of the sheep who did not belong to that one fold. And it was through the life of the Good Shepherd that we "who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ". The shepherd not only protected his sheep, but gave up his own life to bring us to life eternal.

This compassion for the flock, both those who knew the voice of the shepherd and those who were not yet aware of their heritage as God's people, gave new life to all that Jesus did in his mission. His work was for the life of his flock. Jesus also raised up shepherds to continue to guide the flock. After being sent out to evangelize, the apostles reported back to Jesus on *"all they had done and taught."* The Good Shepherd's compassion extended to these protégés, who Jesus knew needed rest, so he took them to a deserted place. Yet Jesus, when he *"saw the vast crowd,"* did not turn from the flock and focus on the shepherds. Jesus' compassion was poured out on the sheep, *"for they were like sheep without a shepherd."* Jesus' compassion instead was a model for the shepherds who would continue his mission. In responding to the needs of the flock, Jesus gives us the priorities of the Good Shepherd: serve the people; care for the people; build up the people.

These are the priorities not just of the Good Shepherd; they must be the priorities also of the successors to the apostles, who have been called to shepherd the people. The Good Shepherd gave himself up for the sheep; woe to those shepherds who give up the sheep to protect themselves.

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.