

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 1, 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).

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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.



First Friday Adoration August 6, 2021

NEW TIME 6-7PM

Following the 5:30pm Mass from 6-7pm, we will have an intentional hour of prayer. Each month, we pray for a specific intention that affects our universal church. Our goal is to use this most holy time of prayer to call on God's involvement and blessing in these specific areas of need in our Church. We ask you to consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of First Friday Adoration.

AUGUST 2-8, 2021

MON - 8/2- Ss. Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard

7:30AM: All Souls

TUES - 8/3- Weekday - NO MASS

WED - 8/4- St. John Vianney

5:30PM: Jessica Robert by Paula James

THURS - 8/5- The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

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

FRI - 8/6- The Transfiguration of the Lord (First Friday)

5:30PM All Souls

SAT - 8/7- Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary time

4:00PM - All Souls

SUN - 8/8 - The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Normand & Fleurette Laquerre by Collette Gendron and for the intentions of Stanley Marchocki by his sister, Kathy



In order for our Staff to put together the yearly Calendar, the offices will be closing at **NOON** on **Monday, August 2nd.**

READINGS 8/8/2021

1 Kgs 19:4-8
Eph: 4:30, 5:2
Jn: 6:41-51



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.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF AUGUST 7-8

Saturday 4:00PM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

George Lemelin
Pauline Nepveu
Gary McCartney
Pauline Nepveu
Susan Niquette

Sunday 8:00AM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Amy Guthrie
Jeanne Donnelly
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Kathy Marchocki
Jackie Kelly
Steve Dudley
Mary Ellen Dudley
Judith Hohenadel

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 25, 2021: \$6,966

GIVE+ONLINE



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/1/2021)

Jesus and the Apostles criss-crossed the land, mostly on foot, proclaiming the Gospel. Many of the famous episodes recorded in the New Testament occurred on these “road trips.” Can you recall the story associated with each of these roads?

- 1) The Road from Capernaum to Nain
- 2) The road from Jericho to Jerusalem
- 3) The road from Jerusalem to Emmaus
- 4) The road from Jerusalem to Gaza
- 5) The road from Caesarea Philippi to Damascus

Answer to question 7/25/2021

Many scholars, Jewish, Christian and Muslim, have struggled with this foundational event over the centuries (Muslims believe that it was Ishmael rather than Isaac who was the sacrificial victim.)

From the very early days of Christianity, the story was seen as a type of the sacrifice of Jesus, the only-begotten son offered by His Father, God. Jewish tradition emphasized that Isaac was a “willing” sacrifice, as their scholars believed he was a young man, not a child, at the time, and Jesus willingly entered into the sacrifice by His prayer in Gethsemane. Like Isaac, Jesus carried the wood for the offering, his cross up to the peak where the sacrifice would be offered.

Some scholars take note of the Hebrew of Abraham’s answer to Isaac’s question – not “The Lord, Himself, will provide an offering,” but “The Lord will provide Himself an offering.”

Bread of life: coming down from heaven

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus’ everyday ministry. This week’s readings focus on the bread coming down from heaven.

Gospel (Jn 6:24-35)

John’s gospel continues the story of Jesus feeding five thousand (Jn 6:1-71). Today’s pericope, from Jesus’ “bread of life” discourse, explains and interprets Jesus’ sign. Jesus uses the crowd’s misunderstanding to reveal his *identity* and *mission*.

What sign can you do? Jesus’ feeding sign when “Passover was near” recalls Israel’s wilderness experience. The wilderness wanderings connect Moses, God’s gift of *manna* (“the bread from heaven”), and God’s giving of *Torah*, God’s never-failing nourishment and presence. Because Jesus claims to be *greater than* Moses (“on [the Son of Man] God has set his seal”), the crowd wants Jesus to “do a sign” *greater than* both manna from heaven and God’s life-giving presence in Torah. Jesus answers that *he is* the one-coming-down from heaven; he is *God’s very presence* come down; he *gives life* not just to Israel (as Torah did), but to the whole world.

Give us the physical bread over and over. The crowd continues to misunderstand Jesus’ teaching about his feeding sign. They ask that Jesus give them the same *physical bread* from heaven” again and again.” The Greek adverb *πάντοτε/πάντοτε* means an “ongoing giving,” a continual repetition of the *same action*.

I am the bread of life. Correcting the crowd’s confusion, Jesus states plainly that *he is* the bread of life. Jesus gives himself as a *food* (manna) and is *God’s presence* (Torah) that produces eternal life for *all* who believe. To feed on God’s wisdom or Torah means to take it in, to learn from it, and to allow it to transform (*metanoia*) one’s life.

Summary and reflection

This week’s readings ask us to think about the meaning of food from heaven. In Exodus, Moses asks God to give the Israelites food in the wilderness, and interprets its meaning. The Ephesians author contrasts believers who have experienced the *metanoia* of turning toward God with those who have rejected the good news and who have turned away from God. John shows how Jesus’ feeding sign reveals Jesus as the one coming down from heaven to reveal God, to be God’s presence to all, and to give eternal life to all who believe. How do we experience and live the sign of God’s care, presence, and life? Do we murmur about the things we give up (time, money, behaviors) to be counted as a church-going Christian? Have we fully experienced the *metanoia* that turns us toward God and away from relationships and things that don’t serve God? Do we keep asking God for the same sign over and over, failing to recognize the greater truth of God’s life and presence hidden in plain sight?

Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Joe Zund, Bernie Quinn, Alyssa McCloat, Julie & David Spokane, John Johnston Jr., Rev. Jack Roche, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, 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!

FORMED:

Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori (Patron of Vocations) (8/4 The Cure' d'Ars, 8/5 Dedication of St. Mary Major, 8/6 Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Watch: Light of Love (Vocation Video)

Read: The Young People's Book of Saints

Study Youth: YDisciple: Called, Session 3: Called to Holy Orders

Watch: Jubilee: 700 Years Seeking Forgiveness

Study: Lectio: Peter, Session 6: In the Shadow of the Galilean

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 2: Divine Revelation

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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?



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 began July 28, 2021 @ 6:15pm.



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

Catholic Young Adult Retreat "Rest and Renew"
For Young adults ages 21 to 35 are welcome to join the Diocese of Manchester, NH and Portland, ME September 10 – 12, 2021 at Camp Marist in Effingham, NH.

Cost: \$125.00 - For more details and to register go to <https://yaretreat2021.eventbrite.com>

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola

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.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

After the multiplication of the loaves the crowds hail Jesus as prophet and want to make him king, so he withdraws from them. When they find him, they ask, *“When did you get here [Capernaum]?”* The question serves as a cover for Jesus to say that they were interested only in bread to fill their stomachs without seeing that it was a symbol of the “food that endures for eternal life” and which the Son of Man will give. Highly condensed in this answer is a summary of the whole ministry of Jesus. He will come to bring eternal life, that is, the fullness of life to people, and this will be brought about through the cross, when the Son of Man who is lifted up will draw all people to himself.

The misunderstanding continues in the next question posed by the crowds, who seek some easy way to perform the works of God (such as the multiplication of loaves). St John’s Jesus responds with another foundational theme of the gospel: *“This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.”* At the conclusion, the Evangelist John will comment, *“But these [things] are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name”.*

Believing is the aim of the whole gospel and challenges readers to accept the extraordinary claim that, in the very text of the gospel, they encounter the transcendent God in the person of the Word made flesh ... Jesus. Yet another misunderstanding is posed to Jesus, where the crowd seems to oppose this “work” with the gift of manna in the desert (a miraculous work of God), which Jesus again counters by saying that the manna was not a miracle of Moses, but God’s gift of bread from heaven, and that God’s bread from heaven gives life to the world, and he is the Bread of Life, so that *“whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”*

The next major section of the discourse extends from this saying to its repetition when, in clear eucharistic language, Jesus will speak of *eating his flesh and drinking his blood*. Two major themes are woven into the tapestry of this discourse which help to shape eucharistic theology today. In the Jewish tradition the manna in the desert came to be associated with the giving of the Torah (the first 5 books of the Old Testament), so that believers are nurtured by God’s teaching as were their ancestors in the wilderness, and the wisdom of God is often portrayed by the metaphor of food.

Throughout the first section of the discourse, while speaking of the bread of life, Jesus uses language of believing, drawing near, and listening, terms that are associated more with the digesting of wisdom than eating. The full participation in eating the body and drinking the blood of Jesus follows upon personal commitment and love which draws a person to absorb the teaching of Jesus and imitate his life given for others. St John’s Jesus today says the bread of God that comes down from heaven *“gives life to the world”* and *“whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”* Jesus then says, *“I will not reject anyone who comes to me.”*

Baptized Christians, in the words of today’s second reading, *“form a new people created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.”* How do we participate in the fullness of this life?

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.