

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — August 15, 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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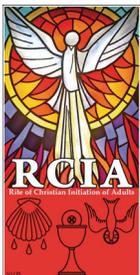
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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Laura Ilsley, Jerry Guthrie,
Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli



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.

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.

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.

AUGUST 16-22, 2021

MON - 8/16– St. Stephen of Hungary

7:30AM: In celebration of Marylin White's 90th birthday
by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee

TUES - 8/17– Weekday - NO MASS

WED - 8/18– Weekday

5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 8/19– St. John Eudes

7:30AM: Ken & Lorraine Lorden by Jane Provens

FRI - 8/20 St. Bernard

7:30AM Intentions of Lucille Farwell

SAT - 8/21- Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - *Marian Dougherty*

SUN - 8/22– 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

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

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

READINGS 8/22/2021

**Jos: 24:1-2a, 15-17,18b
Eph: 5:21-32
Jn: 6:60-69**



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 projects 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 August 8, 2021: \$5,739
Facilities Repairs: \$1,549**

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 21-22**

Saturday 4:00PM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Terri Magnus
Dianne Hamilton
Gary McCartney
Pauline Nepveu
Susan Niquette**

Sunday 8:00AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Ron Calo
Sally Wilkins
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron**

10:30AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Michelle Varga
Tony Varga
Steve Dudley
Mary Ellen Dudley
Judy Hohenadel**

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/15/2021)

Continuing with the Exodus journey, do you remember why the Israelites wound up “wandering in the wilderness” for 38 years after they arrived at Canaan aka The Promised Land?

Answer to question 8/8/2021

Plagues: When Pharaoh refuses to release the Israelites, God sends a series of ten plagues to pressure Pharaoh into complying. Passover: The last plague is the death of all the Egyptian firstborn. God instructs the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and mark their doorposts with blood. This sign of faith protects their firstborn from the plague.

The Crossing of the Red (or Reed) Sea: after Pharaoh changes his mind and sends his chariots after the Israelites, God opens a path across the water for their escape.

Manna: When their provisions run out, the Israelites complain that Moses has brought them to the wilderness to starve. For the rest of the journey, God sends the miraculous manna each morning, which they use to make bread.

Moses receives the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai: two months after leaving Egypt, the Israelites arrive at the base of the mountain where Moses had first encountered God in the burning bush. Moses goes up the mountain to be instructed by God. Golden Calf: After 40 days on Mount Sinai, Moses returns to find the people worshipping a golden calf Aaron made in response to their demands.

Mary's assumption: the first disciple taken up to God

On the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the readings ask us to think about Mary's role in salvation and her discipleship.

Gospel (Lk 1:39-56)

Luke's gospel reports the encounter between Elizabeth and Mary, and Mary's song, the *Magnificat*. Her canticle of praise has the following structure and themes:

Movement. Mary's praise moves from what God has done *for her* to what God has done *for believers in all generations*. In the same way, Mary's praise moves from God's works *in the past* (“our fathers”) to God's help to “his children *forever*.” The titles that Mary assigns *to God* (“Lord,” “Savior,” “Holy”), others in Luke's gospel will give *to her son*.

God's reversals. God transforms Mary from “lowly *servant*” to *blessed* by “all generations.” God shows mercy to *all*, but disperses the *arrogant* (“the proud in their conceit”). God raises up “the *lowly*,” but casts down *rulers*. God fills the *hungry*, but sends away the *rich* with nothing.

God fulfills the promise of salvation. God *shows mercy to Israel* in fulfilling the promise to Abraham. Mary *personifies* Israel; the “mercy” God shows to her reflects the mercy God shows to all God's people. As the mother of Jesus (Jesus' name means “YHWH saves”), Mary's “*yes*” is key to the completion of *God's saving plan*.

Summary and reflection

The *Assumption* readings invite us to explore Mary's symbols and their meanings. John the Seer's woman stands for the *ekklesia*; Mary, “mother of the church,” takes on the woman's symbols. Paul explains the resurrection of all believers; Mary, as the “first disciple” experiences personal resurrection first. God blesses Mary because of her faith; her “*yes*” leads to the Incarnation. Mary's words and actions *always point to Christ*, not to herself. The new Eve, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, points to her redeeming child. The first disciple embodies the resurrection promised to all believers. The *Theotokos* praises God, the source of all salvation. In what ways can our discipleship imitate Mary's words and actions?

Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

A 7 year old girl, Mary Emrich, Bernie Quinn, Alyssa McCloat, Julie & David Spokane, 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, 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, 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!

Read: Faith Basics: Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary

Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

Watch: The Daily Rosary for Peace: Fatima Hope for the World

Watch (Children/Family): The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

Read and Pray: To Jesus through Mary (.pdf)



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.

The Family Faith Formation program will be offered once a month (total 7 times) through ZOOM on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:30pm or Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Pick one.

If you are already registered for Family Faith Formation: please e-mail me (re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) ASAP with your choice of day and time.

Youth Ministry will be offered twice a month (total 12 times) on Sunday evenings through ZOOM from 6 to 7:30pm.

You are invited to join Lunch Bunch as a volunteer.



Cooks prepare one component of a buffet lunch to be served at The Mill, Beechbrook, or Granite Square, once

a month on Monday. We would love to have you join our group. For more info, please email Kathy Sharkey at sharkeykat@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 603.673.9722. Many Thanks.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

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

Kids sleepwear, NEW underwear for Men, Women children all sizes are needed.

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



Our thanks go to: Ron & Rolande Vigneault, Elaine Pratt, Susan Niquerte, Pauline Nepveu, Gary McCartney, Richard Desantis, Dianne Hamilton, Irene Prunier, and Paul Bergeron for their help in putting together the welcome back mailing.



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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

Is an event that is not described in the biblical tradition, has nevertheless been a part of the church's tradition since the early centuries. It emerged out of reflection among the faithful on the profound role Mary had in the salvation of all humanity, especially in her openness and faithfulness to God. Her openness and faithfulness to God were most profoundly witnessed in her bearing and giving birth to the Son of God, her son Jesus. It was understood that her role in the divine plan warranted her being taken bodily to heaven, to be in the home of God, the one to whom she gave a home in God's earthly sojourn.

Some have seen support for the church's teaching regarding Mary in the image of the *"woman clothed with the sun"* in Revelation. The woman certainly could stand for Mary, since the woman "gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod." Remember, the woman had *"on her head a crown of twelve stars,"* which could signify the twelve tribes of Israel or the twelve apostles, so referencing the church. Later, the woman *"fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God."*

The point is that Mary is in heaven with her Lord and she is not simply the stuff of legendary myth or symbolic numbers. She was an actual flesh and blood woman, chosen above all people, male or female, to play the most significant human role in the divine salvific plan. We should never lose track of her humanity. There is this temptation to dehumanize her, but this pays no justice to her faithfulness or to Mary as a model woman, someone women and men can follow as exemplary in trust and joy.

When Mary heard the word from the angel, she went to confide in another woman, not in the men of her family. She traveled *"in haste"* to the Judean hill country to see her relative Elizabeth. It was Elizabeth to whom Mary entrusted her momentous news and Elizabeth, far from questioning Mary, was open to Mary and her greeting. The Holy Spirit filled Elizabeth and she cried out, *"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"*

Elizabeth was there for Mary, open to her joy and faithfulness, open to being with her and listening to her story. It was in response to Elizabeth's belief, recall, that Mary recited the ***Magnificat***. In this song of praise, Mary speaks of her joy at being chosen, of being blessed in spite of being what she calls *"lowly."* More significantly, Mary places her own role in the context of God's promises and faithfulness to the people of Israel and the lowly and forgotten of the world. So often the lowly and the forgotten in the world are comprised of women, like Mary and Elizabeth, whose roles are denigrated and whose bodies bear the brunt of abuse and pain.

Mary did not just stop by to talk to Elizabeth; she needed to stay with Elizabeth and so *"Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home."* They were women together because though Mary had been called and chosen for a role unique among women, had been set apart to return bodily to God's kingdom, she needed another woman, a friend and relative, to talk to, to be with, to share her story.

Fr. Dennis