

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 22, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas &  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).

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

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

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

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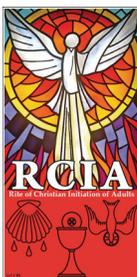
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**Jay Duffy, Cemetery Sexton 673-1311**

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.



#### 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).

*The obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass has been reinstated.*

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

**AUGUST 23-29, 2021**

**MON - 8/23— St. Rose of Lima**

**7:30AM:** Florida Audet by the family

**TUES - 8/24— St. Bartholomew - NO MASS**

**WED - 8/25— Ss. Louis & Joseph Calasanz**

**5:30PM:** All Souls

**THURS - 8/26— Weekday**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**FRI - 8/27 St. Monica**

**7:30AM** All Souls

**SAT - 8/28— Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00PM - All Souls**

**SUN - 8/29— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

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

**10:30AM:** Sophia Nickerson by the Kokko family and  
Luke & Laurette Cote by their daughter, Ida Caveney

**Weekly Calendar of Events August 23-29**

6:15pm—Wednesday: RCIA—SPC  
6:00pm—Thursday: Pastoral Council-SPC  
7:30am—Saturday: Men's prayer Group-C/H

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

**READINGS 8/29/2021**

**Dt: 4:1-2, 6-8**  
**Jas: 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**  
**Mk: 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**



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](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 August 28-29**

**Saturday 4:00PM**

**Lector**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Greeters**

**George Lemelin**  
**Albert Boucher**  
**Gary McCartney**  
**Dianne Hamilton**

**Sunday 8:00AM**

**Lector**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Greeters**

**Jeanne Donnelly**  
**Kathy Sharkey**  
**Steve Santinelli**  
**Sue Pasquale**  
**Diane Bergeron**

**10:30AM**

**Lector**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Greeters**

**Chris Janson**  
**Henry Anthony**  
**Steve Dudley**  
**Tony Varga**  
**Michelle Varga**

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 August 15, 2021: \$4,948**  
**Nh/Miss/Migl/Relief fund: \$976**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



**Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/22/2021)**

After Moses died and the Israelites honored him with 30 days of mourning, his designated successor, Joshua, led the people into the land of Canaan which God had promised to Abraham 480 years earlier. What miraculous event marked that entrance?

**Answer to question 8/15/2021**

The Israelites remained at Sinai for almost two years, building the portable Tabernacle according to God's instructions. From there they travelled to an oasis named Kadesh near the border of Canaan – the Bible says it is an eleven-day journey but they took about two months to traverse it, moving or remaining in camp based on the action of the pillar of cloud/fire. From Kadesh Moses sent representatives of the tribes to scope out the land. They reported that the land was bountiful but occupied by giants, and the people refused to go forward. God accepted their decision, declaring that, except for Joshua and Caleb, none of those who had left Egypt as adults would enter the Promised Land.

**Bread of life: the choice to stay with Jesus**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on discipleship's stark choice.

**Gospel (Jn 6:60-69)**

John's bread of life discourse concludes with two possible responses to Jesus' revelation. The "hard saying" is Jesus' claim that *he makes God known* in a way that transcends Torah revelation (Jn 6:49-51). Disciples now must choose: **No longer go with Jesus.** From his gospel's start John describes those who believe in Jesus and those who are without belief. Here Jesus reveals that *God's invitation* ("drawing" or "granted by") plays a role in believing in Jesus. Facts or "signs" don't create disciples; rather, discipleship grows from a *Spirit-filled response to the Father revealed in Jesus' word*. The disciples who "stop waking with Jesus" want Jesus to *match their expectations* of who Jesus should be, rather than who *Jesus reveals himself* to be.

**Continue following Jesus.** From the beginning, John describes disciples who encounter and believe in Jesus and, by "remaining" or "abiding" with him, grow into a *true faith*. These disciples see Jesus' "signs," but also "come to believe" in Jesus as the *revealer of the Father*. "The flesh," that is, unenlightened human understanding, can't see beyond its own biases. The disciples who "continue waking with Jesus" believe that Jesus *is who he says he is*, and change their own expectations to *align with Jesus' words and actions*.

**Summary and reflection**

This week's readings ask us to think about discipleship's binary choice. Before the Israelites enter the promised land, Joshua tells them to choose between the God who saved them or the gods of their ancestors. The Ephesians author exhorts his hearers to choose the unity found through mutual submission in the *ekklesia* over the world's discord and power-based relationships. Jesus' revelation of the Father challenges disciples. What does our discipleship stand for? Do we remain disciples because it's a family tradition, or because we have personally experienced God's gifts? Do we stay with a church because it doesn't make too many demands on us, or because it pushes us to serve one another? Is discipleship a comfortable accommodation with our own opinions, or can we uncomfortably admit that we don't have all the answers?

Terence Sherlock

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

**Study:** Footprints of God: Mary

**Study:** Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles

**Watch:** Augustine: A Voice for all Generations with Mike Aquilina

**Listen:** No Imitations: Saying Yes to Authentic Love by Chris Stefanick



### 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](mailto: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.

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Will McGrath

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

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.

#### **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.

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office at 673-1311.



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](mailto:sharkeykat@hotmail.com) or call and leave a message at 603.673.9722. Many Thanks.

#### **SACRAMENTS:**

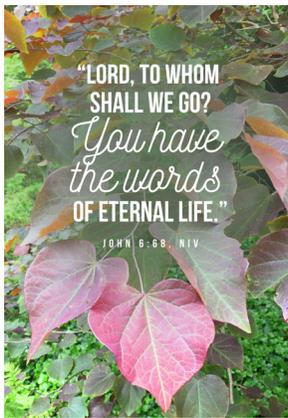
**Baptisms:** We rejoice with parents at the birth of a new child.

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.



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

**“Eat my flesh and drink my blood ...”** The time of decision-making has come for those listening to Jesus’s bread of life discourse. It is not only his opponents, but his followers, his own disciples, who are scandalized by his words. They complain that it is an intolerable teaching, too hard, too offensive to accept. They have been nourished at the table of Torah wisdom and are not prepared to accept any new spiritual food. Here, Jesus is saying that from a purely human point of view (especially one’s own) what he has been saying makes no sense. He will not conform to the expectations of those who want to judge him according to their own superficial experiences.

Jesus descended from heaven to speak the words of spirit and life in a way no one else can but some of those listening to him would like to see him ascend to heaven as the Jewish tradition held that their ancestor Moses had ascended. Jesus leaves his followers free, neither asking them to stay nor giving them permission to go. Their choice, this crisis moment, is personally theirs . . . and ours. Then Jesus asks those who are still with him one of the most moving of gospel questions: *“Do you also want to leave?”*

It is Simon Peter who answers, and for the first time in John’s gospel someone explicitly accepts Jesus for the most foundational and significant of reasons: because he is the Holy One of God who offers them the words of eternal life. Today’s reading finishes here, no doubt to conclude the bread of life discourse on a positive note, but we also need to hear the last two verses, to realize that even at the moment of this profession of profound faith, the church is haunted by the reality of betrayal that lurks in the background and is always a tragic possibility for any of Jesus’s disciples. One night Peter will huddle in the dark corner of denial, and Judas will betray his master.

To continue with Jesus is an ongoing struggle with the possibility of right or wrong decisions for or against him. There are times when we, too, may have felt like walking away from the Eucharist: tired of words about it that seem empty of spirit and life, bored with ordinary repetition, some of us leaving because change is too slow, others because it is too fast. Basically, we are like the people listening to Jesus in this gospel, and like the community for whom John wrote his gospel: we can be tempted to want Jesus to conform to our expectations of how he should be present in and to his church in word and sacrament; we are intolerant of his willingness to be present in the poverty of so many masses— which is not to say that we do not do all we can to have good liturgies.

But perhaps our greatest betrayal is our failure to realize that, when we are not in communion with our sisters and brothers, we fail to be in communion with the Body of Christ. Peter’s response—*“Master, to whom shall we go?”*—faces us with the memory of the Servant Jesus who went to death, who gave his full human reality, his body and blood, for us, so that we might share in his eternal risen life

*Fr. Dennis*