

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 29, 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.



A PARISHIONERS' PRAYER

Almighty God, my parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am.

It will be holy if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to so many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I — who make it what it is — am filled with the same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build the Church for your glory. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. **Sunday:** 8:00 A.M.;
10:30 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Thursday & Friday
7:30 A.M. Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass,
unless otherwise indicated.

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First Friday Adoration September 3, 2021

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 30—SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

MON - 8/30— Weekday

7:30AM: All Souls

TUES - 8/31— Weekday - NO MASS

WED - 9/1— Weekday

5:30PM: Allen Hendrickson by the family

THURS - 9/2— Weekday

7:30AM: All Souls

FRI - 9/3 St. Gregory the Great (FIRST FRIDAY)

5:30PM: All Souls

6:00PM: Adoration until 7pm

SAT - 9/4— Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Ross Jensen by the Knights of Columbus

SUN - 9/5— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Greg Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley and

Robert Champagne by Kathy Duchesne & Robert Champagne, Jr.

Weekly Calendar of Events Aug 30-Sept 5

- 7:15pm—Knights of Columbus 3rd degree C/H
- 5:30pm—Friday Mass followed by Adoration
- 7:30am—Saturday: Men's prayer Group-C/H

READINGS 9-5-2021

Is: 35:4-7a
Jas: 2:1-5
Mk: 7:31-37

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



*Around the Church
& the neighborhood*

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.

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
WEEKEND OF September 4-5**

Saturday 4:00PM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Suzanne Price
Joanne Couture
Gary McCartney
Pauline Nepveu**

Sunday 8:00AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Mike Carter
Sally Wilkins
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron**

10:30AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Michelle Varga
Tony Varga
Steve Dudley
Tony Varga
Judy 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 August 22, 2021: \$4,693
Mission Co-op: \$3,247

GIVE+ONLINE



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/29/2021)

Back to school, back to basics – this week we'll start a series of questions for the whole family.

First question – The Mass has an opening, and a closing, and two major sections in between. Can you put the actions listed below in their correct order, under the four headings?

Introductory Rites Liturgy of the Word Liturgy of the Eucharist Concluding Rites

Homily, Announcements, Creed, Lord's Prayer (Our Father), Second Reading (New Testament), Prayers of the Faithful (aka General Intercessions), Holy Communion, Offertory/Preparation of the Gifts, First Reading (Old Testament or Acts), Acclamation of the Mystery of Faith, Gloria, Consecration, Priestly Blessing, Communion Prayer (Lord, I am not worthy), Collect (Opening Prayer), Sign of Peace, Gospel Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Dismissal (Go in Peace), Lamb of God, Penitential Rite, Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Answer to question 8/22/2021

The Israelites crossed the Jordan River into Canaan "on dry land," just as they had crossed into the wilderness after escaping Egypt. God instructed the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant to step into the river, and when they did, the water stopped flowing while all the people crossed over, returning to its normal level after the priests carrying the Ark stepped out on the Canaanite side.

Note, if you guessed the Battle of Jericho, that is the NEXT miracle of the conquest

Discipleship: constant attention to religious practices

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on what personal discipleship requires of us.

Gospel (Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

In Mark's gospel, Jesus' opponents engage him in a controversy over purity. Jesus turns his opponents' question back on them, teaching the crowd and the disciples about the true source of defilement.

The controversy. The "traditions of the elders" refers to a body of detailed, unwritten, laws which were part of the *oral* Torah. For the scribes and Pharisees, the oral Torah had the same binding force as the *written* Torah (Mosaic law). The scribes and Pharisees criticize Jesus because his disciples *don't follow the oral tradition's purity rules*.

Jesus' answer. Jesus responds by quoting the *written* Torah and interprets the quote as contrasting "God's commandment" with "human traditions" (see today's first reading). Jesus insults the Pharisees and scribes as *ὑποκριτής/hypokritēs*, which means "an actor" or "pretender" or "hypocrite." Today we would call them "poseurs:" wannabes who give *lip service* to God, while their "hearts are far away."

A parable about purity and defilement. Jesus teaches the crowd with a parable: *outside things* don't defile a person; things that *begin inside* and come out as evil words or actions defile a person. Purity comes from a *clean heart*, not from *clean hands*. Jesus warns that strong religious commitment and devotion to tradition sometimes results in *moral rigidity*. Disciples must continually reassess human laws and customs in light of scripture and revelation, just as Jesus invokes Torah against human tradition.

Summary and reflection

This week's readings ask us to think about what we, as disciples, do. Moses warns the Israelites to observe God's commands and not to add or take away from them. The author of James teaches that disciples must do God's works, not just listen passively. Jesus tells the crowd and his disciples that a pious show doesn't excuse actions and words that hurt others. Are we doers or just hearers? Do we think that simply sitting in church for an hour every week proves us wise? Do we believe that just hearing someone talk about God's word guarantees our salvation? Do we assume that "following other people's rules" means we know what God is asking of us?

Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Matthew Soucy, 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 Dufraime, 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!

Study: Lectio: Eucharist, Session 3: Lamb of God

Study: The Wild Goose, Segment 3: Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire

Watch with kids: The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends

Program Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 10: Catholic Social Teaching

Listen: The Rosary with Vin Scully

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 grades K-5 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.

Family Faith Formation grades 6-12 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 Ilsley, Jerry Guthrie,
Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli



The sanctuary will burn this week for the deceased members of the Coté & Caveney Families by Ida Caveney.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated during the week or on the weekend for a particular intention for a person living or dead, please call the office to schedule. 673-1311.

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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

Today's gospel proclaims an encounter of Jesus with some of his opponents, named as "Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem." Jerusalem was the center of formal opposition to Jesus by those who were fearful of the loss of personal power, overly concerned with the externals of religious appearances, or devoted to critical inquiry into minor deviations from the established way of doing religious things while ignoring more serious matters. In this sense, every religious group, in the present as well as the past, has those who "come from Jerusalem"—self-appointed police of the orthodox faith.

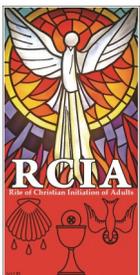
Traditions are necessary for the identity of any group, both secular (think of sports teams!) and religious. As Eugene LaVerdiere writes: *"Traditions are tenacious and important, but they are not absolute, and their value can be questioned. Traditions spring from a particular history. They nourish a community's ideals, and they in turn are nourished by those ideals. When a life context that inspired a set of traditions dies or is drastically altered, traditions it once sustained become lifeless and meaningless. That does not mean they are immediately abandoned"* (**The Beginning of the Gospel**).

The life context of the early church of St Mark was being drastically altered by the numbers of Gentiles who were entering into the Christian community. Tension inevitably arose between these new converts and the Christians whose faith had been nourished in the rich tradition of Judaism. Many felt that the traditions they held dear had been carelessly trampled down or uprooted by the Gentile Christians to whom such traditions meant little or nothing. On the other hand, the Gentile Christians felt coerced by what, to them, were meaningless laws and rituals.

To reconcile both groups in "one Baptism" and love was an ongoing challenge for community leaders. The "tradition of the elders," rightly understood, were not an attempt to bury the commands of God under suffocating rules and laws, but rather to purify the whole of Jewish life with mindfulness of the people's identity and responsibilities as 'God's chosen people'. For the sake of the non-Jewish readers, Mark enumerates some of the traditional rituals of washing that are observed. Jesus responds to the Pharisees' challenge about the behavior of his disciples with a quotation from the prophet Isaiah, addressing them as "hypocrites." Out of the strong Jewish prophetic tradition of self-criticism, Isaiah spoke of religious practices that were on the lips but not in the heart as a superficial and external playacting at true religion. The Pharisees have fallen into the same religious trap of absolutizing their own human traditions of outward observance, not the commands of God. What should be washed is not so much pots and pans and hands, but their own hearts.

External rituals have value only insofar as they encourage or express the dedication of our hearts. Before we eat as a eucharistic community, are our hearts clean? Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that what truly defiles a person does not come from without, from the food that we take into our bodies; what defiles a person is the moral impurity and ethical evil that is first savored in the heart, not in the mouth. As if to emphasize that he is not setting aside God's tradition, Jesus enumerates a catalogue of vices, all of which are either directly proscribed in the Ten Commandments or indirectly related to them.

Fr. Dennis



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.