

23th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 5, 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.; 10:30A.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.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in SEPTEMBER

Come help us with the
Welcome Back Social
September 11.

We need help with
Set Up,

Serving and Clean Up.

If you would like to help, please
call the office 673-1311

OFFICES CLOSED ON



SEPTEMBER 6-12, 2021

MON - 9/6- LABOR DAY (OFFICES CLOSED)

7:30AM: NO MASS

TUES - 9/7- Weekday - NO MASS

WED - 9/8- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30PM: Glen M. Stokes by Patricia Wiener

THURS - 9/9- St. Peter Claver

7:30AM: Dot Lorden by Jane Provins

FRI - 9/10 Weekday

7:30AM: All Souls

SAT - 9/11- Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Hilaria Vargas by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gilbert

SUN - 9/12- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Donald Knowlton by Kathy Marchocki and Clifford Lajoie by the Bergeron family

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

Weekly Calendar of Events Sept 6-12

Wed: 6:15pm—RCIA mtg—Center
 Wed: 7:00pm—Choir rehearsal —Church
 Wed: 7:00pm—Scout BSA troop1794—C/H
 Sat: 7:30am—Saturday: Men's prayer Group-C/H
 Sat: 5:00pm—Welcome Back Social—
 Church parking lot

READINGS 9-12-2021

Is: 50:4c-9a
Jas: 2:14-18
Mk: 8:27-35

**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. Please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
WEEKEND OF September 11-12**

Saturday 4:00PM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Terry Magnus
Pauline Nepveu
Gary McCartney
Pauline Nepveu
Sue Niquette**

Sunday 8:00AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Ron Calo
John Ordemann
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 29, 2021: \$4,192
Monthly Vanco: \$10,032.

GIVE+ONLINE



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9-5-2021)

Which of the following are *not* Holy Days on which we are required to participate in the Mass?

Solemnity of the Nativity of Jesus Ash Wednesday Solemnity of St. Patrick Solemnity of All Saints
Solemnity of the Assumption Good Friday All Sundays Solemnity of the Ascension Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist Holy Thursday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Solemnity of the Annunciation Solemnity of St. Joseph

Answer to question 8/29/2021

Introductory Rite

Penitential Rite Gloria Collect (Opening Prayer)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Old Testament or Acts) Responsorial Psalm Second Reading (New Testament) Gospel Reading
Homily Creed Prayers of the Faithful (aka General Intercessions)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory/Preparation of the Gifts Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Consecration Acclamation of the Mystery of Faith
Lord's Prayer (Our Father) Sign of Peace Lamb of God Communion Prayer (Lord, I am not worthy) Holy Communion

Concluding Rites

Announcements Priestly Blessing Dismissal (Go in Peace)

Bonus Question – How many times during the Mass does the priest say, “The Lord be with you”?

Discipleship: the need for constant healing

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on a disciple's ongoing need for restoration

Gospel (Mk 7:31-37)

In Mark's gospel, Jesus heals a gentile deaf man with a speech impediment; Jesus' words and actions bring healing to others as well.

Healing a deaf man. Jesus performs this mighty work in gentile territory (the Decapolis, or “ten cities,” east of Galilee and the Jordan river). Mark's description (Jesus puts his fingers in the man's ears and anoints his tongue) may make Jesus appear to the gentiles as a *folk healer*; but Jesus heals the man *by his word alone*: “*Eppatah*,” Aramaic for “Be opened!” The man *immediately hears* and can *speak clearly*. Mark translates Jesus' healing word into Greek (“*Ephphatha*”) to make Jesus' mighty work intelligible to his *ekklesia*.

Healing the disciples and others. Mark's story contrasts the *gentiles' positive response* to Jesus with the disciples' misunderstandings. As the *disciples* continue to witness Jesus' healings, Jesus is also healing the disciples from their *lack of faith*, from *deafness* to his words, from their own *impediments to proclaiming* the good news. Eventually the disciples will be healed enough to profess their faith at Caesarea Philippi (next week's gospel). Mark also presents Jesus as a model for his *believing community*: their mission is *beyond* the community's bounds and culture, to minister to *all* human needs and sufferings.

Summary and reflection

This week's readings ask us to think about discipleship's ongoing call to restoration and service. Isaiah tells the soon-to-be exiled people that God will heal the devastated land and the broken people. The author of James warns the believing community that they must constantly examine their words and actions to ensure they are doing God's word and not their own. Mark shows that Jesus' healings touch not just one person, but all who hear and respond. Jesus invites all disciples to participate in his healing ministry. How are we helping to restore our damaged world? How often do we test that our judgements and actions align with God's word? How does our participation in community renew our discipleship? Where does our healing ministry reach beyond family and community to serve all?

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at LectionaryinContext.WordPress.com



Beverly Balfort, 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 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!

Program: 33 Days to Morning Glory, Week 3: St. Teresa of Calcutta (9/5)

Movie: Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus

Movie Children: The Good Samaritan

Movie Children: Cat. Chat, Episode 1: Celebrating Mary

Movie: Ready Reasons: Is There Biblical Proof for the Immaculate Conception?

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 orientation night Sept 14 & 15 for 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 orientation night Sept 19 for grades 6-12 will be offered twice a month (total 12 times) on Sunday evenings through ZOOM from 6 to 7:30pm.



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.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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

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.

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.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

Reflecting on this weekend's Gospel, Jesus seems to make an involved and impractical journey into the Decapolis ("ten cities") that were previously under Jewish control but had become Gentile territory. Mark, however, is not concerned with geography but with announcing the boundary-breaking mission of Jesus, the Messiah for all nations. "They" ... the anonymous crowds ... that we can presume are Gentiles, bring to Jesus a man who is deaf and has an impediment in his speech, two obviously related disabilities.

First-century Decapolis was not a world of computerized hearing aids, and in its predominately oral culture, a deaf person was at a severe disadvantage. So significant is hearing and speech to human relationships that, as we have heard in the first reading, the unsealing of the ears and the loosening of the tongue were considered by the prophets to be signs of the new, joyful, and healed creation that the messiah would herald.

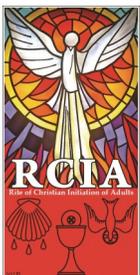
In the Scriptures, deafness and speech impediments are not just of physical concern. They are also symbolic of disciples in any age or situation who are deaf to the word of God and mute in their response and proclamation of it. Very likely, the man in St Mark's gospel had been the butt of jokes as he lived in his own isolated world. Yet some of his acquaintances are compassionate enough to bring him to Jesus, begging Jesus to speak to the man in the only language he can understand—the language of touch. Jesus takes him away from the crowd, and even from his helpful companions. Perhaps this is because of Jesus's merciful consideration for the man.

The actions of Jesus are unusual and described in detail. Instead of the simple taking by the hand or laying on of hands in the miracles he worked in Jewish territory, there are fingers in the man's ears, touching of the man's tongue with Jesus's spittle, looking up to heaven, and sighing. Such actions resemble those of first-century faith healers and seem to be an "inculturation" of Jesus's miracle-working gestures that would have been familiar to a Gentile. Then Jesus speaks a single word: "Ephphatha!" ... "Be opened!" ... and speaks it in his Aramaic mother tongue.

What happens next is a new creation, such as that hoped for by Isaiah in the first reading. With open ears and unshackled tongue, the man speaks plainly—to Jesus, for they are on their own. Here is a model of discipleship that is recalled in the baptismal rite of every Christian. As the child's or adult's ears and mouth are touched by the minister of the sacrament, these words accompany the action in what is still called the Ephphatha rite: *"May the Lord Jesus, / who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, / grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears / and profess the faith with your lips, / to the glory and praise of God the Father"*.

Throughout our lives we need to come to Jesus or be brought to him by the compassion of others, for the healing of whatever is an impediment to our baptismal commitment.

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.