

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 19, 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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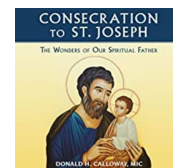
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**Consecration to St. Joseph
Preparation meetings led by Fr. Dennis
On Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00am
September 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23**

**Pre-registration is required contact:
parnoldy_2006@yahoo.com**

Consecration to St. Joseph will be on
November 1 @ 5:30pm Mass.

SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2021

MON - 9/20— Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön & Paul Chöng Ha-sang

7:30AM: All Souls

TUES - 9/21— St. Matthew- NO MASS

WED - 9/22— Weekday

5:30PM: Doris Fay by Elaine Pratt

THURS - 9/23— St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30AM: Arthur Audet by the family

FRI - 9/24 Weekday

7:30AM: Paul Niquette by his wife, Susan

SAT - 9/25— Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Colin Lizotte and

Christopher Lysik by the family

SUN - 9/26— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Robert Naber by the family (2nd Anniversary)
and Kevin Girard by Ida Caveney

Ministry schedule will be updated on the website under calendar of events every Friday.

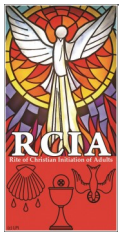
READINGS 9-26-2021

Nm: 11:25-29
Jas: 5:1-6
Mk: 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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

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



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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9/19/2021)

The Church year is divided into Liturgical Seasons. Can you name them? Can you remember what liturgical color is used in each season?

Answer to question 9/12/2021

Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
The Sacraments of Vocation are Marriage and Holy Orders.
Bonus: the statement is false. While Catholic priests are not allowed to marry, a widowed man can be ordained as a priest.
Also, permanent deacons are often married.

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 September 12, 2021: \$5,879
Facilities Repairs: \$1,673

GIVE+ONLINE



Coming This Week

Weekly Calendar of Events
Sept 20-26

- Mon: 4:30pm—Adult Faith Formation Class with Fr. Dennis "Pivotal Players" - C/H
- Wed: 7:00pm—Choir rehearsal —Church
7:15pm—Scout BSA troop1794—C/H
- Thurs: 9:30am—Adult Bible Study with Sally Wilkins
- Sat: 7:30am—Consecration to St. Joseph Course—part 1—C/H



Mary Ann Carmichael-Magee, Beverly Balfour, 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 Dufraire, 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 Yorrio, 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, 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.

Discipleship: serving the world's non-persons

Gospel (Mk 9:30-37)

In Mark's pericope, Jesus presents the disciples with the shortest and clearest description of his fate. The disciples don't understand Jesus and drop the topic. Instead, they argue about who is the greatest among them. Jesus responds with a teaching about true greatness: humble service of others, especially the least significant.

Passion predicted again. Mark criticizes the disciples for "not understanding" and "not questioning" Jesus. To be fair, *the disciples can't know or understand* what "rising from the dead" means before they experience Easter. Hebrew scripture speaks only of a general bodily resurrection at the end time. In his gospel, Mark uses the disciples as *negative examples*, contrasting them with Jesus' positive examples. Mark is also *warning his post-Easter believing community* to pay attention to Jesus' teachings and sayings.

The greatest serves the nobodies. Modern readers interpret Jesus' embrace of the child as a sentimental gesture. In the ancient world, however, children represented those *totally dependent on others* for nurture and protection. Because children and slaves had no social or monetary power, one could not gain honor, status, or patronage by being kind to such non-people. Jesus' *symbolic* gesture (embracing the child) means he *accepts* this non-person and acknowledges this less-than-human as *worthy of respect and care*. Jesus' action shifts the disciples' conversation from the servant's importance to *the importance of the one served* (the least one).

Summary and reflection

This week's readings ask us to think again about our call to discipleship. The Wisdom writer recounts the ongoing tension between the goals of the wicked and the lives of the just. The author of James warns his *ekklesia* that the world's wisdom leads to envy and murder, but God's wisdom produces mercy and peace. As Jesus again predicts his death, his followers fight over their status as disciples. What reward do we seek as disciples? Do we expect those who reject justice and peace to treat disciples justly and courteously? Do we think we can find a personal compromise between the world's false wisdom and God's wisdom from above? Do we understand that to be a "great" disciple we must serve those whom the world rejects, champion those to whom the world denies justice and personhood, and care for those whom the world throws away? Terence Sherlock

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

RETURNING TO NORMAL POST-PANDEMIC?

Where is Mass attendance at nationally, you may be wondering? In late spring 2021, 21 percent of adult Catholics reported attending Mass at least weekly. This is the same share that reported attending Mass weekly in 2007.

Seven percent report still watching Mass on television or online because of the pandemic. Twenty-one percent attend Mass at least once a month and 26 percent a few times a year. Nearly a quarter rarely or never attend Mass. One percent report being unable to attend Mass because of their health or physical inability to attend.

Three-quarters of adult Catholics have already received a Covid-19 vaccine or plan to do so. Millennials are among the least likely to say they have gotten or plan to get a Covid-19 vaccine (60 percent). Catholic Republicans are just as likely as Democrats to say they have been vaccinated or plan to be (both at 76 percent). While 81 percent of those with a four-year college degree said they have been vaccinated or plan to be, only 69 percent of those with only a high school education, and 60 percent of those who have not completed high school, said the same.

Twenty-three percent said statements from U.S. bishops have influenced their decision to get a Covid-19 vaccine. Thirty-two percent of weekly Mass attenders said they were influenced by statements from U.S. bishops compared to 27 percent of monthly attenders and 16 percent of those who attend Mass a few times a year or less often.

This survey was conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. CARA surveyed 1,050 self-identified Catholics from May 21 to June 4.

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!

Watch: Lead Kindly Light -

Watch: FORMED Now! Feast of St. Matthew

Study: Mystery of the Kingdom: On the Gospel of Matthew

Watch: FORMED Now! Feast of St. Padre Pio – Listen: The Life of Padre Pio



FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES K-5

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:30pm — October 5

Wednesday: 6:00 - 7:30pm — October 6

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-12

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — October 3, 17

All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.

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.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 22, 2021**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass! (Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

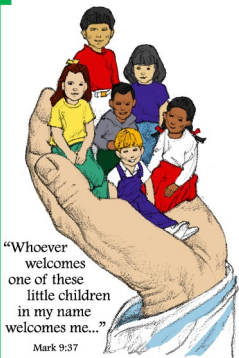
In this Sunday's gospel, St Mark plays some significant variations on the theme of the gospel we heard last Sunday. The crowds have gone, and Jesus is journeying with his disciples, focusing his full attention on them—and they need it! In the verses immediately before this reading they have rather accusingly asked Jesus why they could not cure the epileptic boy, to which Jesus's response implies that it was because of their lack of prayer and faith.

Jesus again names himself as the Son of Man, with memories of the Old Testament Daniel figure who comes to announce the end of one age and the beginning of another. Jesus looks beyond his earlier reference to rejection by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and says that he will be "handed over to men" to be put to death, and in three days will rise again. Silence, dense and dumb, descends on the disciples. This time not even Peter summons up an argument. They don't understand what Jesus is saying and, what is worse, they are afraid to ask and learn what Jesus means—and what might be the implications for them if they keep on following a master who seems headed for suffering. We too know the temptation in difficult times to stop questioning and questing, and to hope that the disturbing problems will go away and leave us to a complacent life in our comfort zones.

Jesus will not allow this, so when they are alone together, "inside the house," he questions the Twelve who, "on the way" of increasingly thick-headed discipleship, have miraculously found their tongues in order to argue with one another about which one of them is the greatest! The silence thickens. It is as though the disciples have been deaf to everything that Jesus has said about his vulnerability and powerlessness. So, Jesus sits down, taking up the position of a rabbi, and calls the 12 Apostles to himself just as he had done before. They need to be shocked out of their competitiveness and power-seeking, not by reprimand but by reversal, by action that will proclaim that, in the reign of God, to be first is to be last of all and servant of all. Gloomy silence gives way to astonishment when Jesus does what would be almost inconceivable in 1st century Palestinian culture, where children, along with women and slaves, had almost no social status. In front of his twelve adult male disciples, Jesus wraps his arms around a disregarded child. Only one other time in the New Testament is such an intimate gesture mentioned—in the father's welcoming embrace of the returning Prodigal Son. Here "inside the house," a symbol of the home as a church, is a parable in action which teaches that what should characterize Jesus; church is inclusion and equality, not exclusion and superiority.

In Jesus' day, to extend hospitality to such little ones would be considered ridiculous because, although hospitality was such a significant Middle Eastern virtue, so was the return of hospitality. What could a child offer in return? But Jesus is teaching his disciples that these are the very "little ones" who are to be welcomed down through the ages: the ones who have no social status, no vote, those whose human dignity is ignored or sometimes violated. To welcome them is to forge a link in the chain of what binds together those who offer such hospitality with Jesus and his Father.

Fr. Dennis



CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

September 20 – TIME and PLACE: Parish Hall 4:30-6:00 PM

ST. AUGUSTINE Perhaps the premier example of how faith in Christ can change a person is St. Augustine's story of personal transformation which provides a template for life in Christ that still captivates us today.

In this episode, travel to Rome, Milan, and all of the locations that played a significant role in the formation and vocation of Augustine, which in turn formed the life of the Church.

PAID CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/MAJOR REPAIRS

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

**ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE PAID IN FULL FROM OPERATING/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND
THE MONTHLY ON-GOING RENEWAL/FACILITIES REPAIR COLLECTIONS**

CAMPUS

Reseal and Reline Parking Lot	\$10,389.00
Power Wash Buildings	\$3,250.00

CHURCH

Refinish and Winterize Front Doors	\$2,600.00
Replace and Upgrade Fire Alarm System	\$24,154.00
New Live-Streaming Camera & Replace Church Sound System	\$16,435.00
Roof Repairs	\$11,218.00

CHURCH HALL

New Sound and Video LCD Streaming System	\$11,168.00
New Energy Saving Shades	\$ 2,440.00

OFFICE/CENTER

New Front Door	\$4,265.00
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RECTORY

2 nd Floor Energy Saving Shades	\$2,143.0026
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AMHERST ST (FINAL EXPENSES)

Final Sale of Property/Survey/Deed/Taxes/Legal/Fuel	\$14,242.00
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TOTAL	\$102,304.00
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St. Patrick Church - Milford
Income/Expense - Pastor's Summary Statement
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	Budget	Actual
<u>Income</u>		
Sunday Offertory - Envelopes	\$301,600	\$328,933
Sunday Offertory - Loose	\$127,400	\$74,109
Holy Days	\$44,200	\$42,514
On- Going Renewal/Facilities Repair Fund	\$45,000	\$35,583
Weddings/Funerals	\$13,800	\$21,376
Votive 3 Day Candles	\$3,600	\$3,841
Faith Formation	\$5,000	\$5,850
Interest Income	\$36	\$988
Sale of 26 Amherst St	\$0	\$252,415
Donations/Gifts	\$0	\$9,500
Fundraising	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$10,650	\$16,655
TOTAL INCOME	\$551,286	\$791,764
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries/Benefits/Taxes	\$208,466	\$193,504
Diocesan Assessments	\$73,543	\$73,543
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Charity	\$0	\$1,000
Utilities/Tel/Elec/Gas/TV/Internet	\$40,529	\$36,587
Contracted Services/Grounds/Trash/Plowing	\$28,620	\$23,741
Insurances	\$61,952	\$62,333
Supplies - Church	\$15,000	\$13,870
Supplies - Offices	\$16,523	\$22,213
Supplies - Faith Formation	\$5,000	\$2,675
Faith Formation/Children and Adult	\$37,224	\$39,272
Socials	\$0	\$0
Rectory Room and Board	\$8,800	\$8,841
Equipment Purchase and Maintenance	\$8,425	\$12,212
Clergy Assistance	\$400	\$500
Capital Improvements - See reverse side of this sheet.	\$0	\$102,304
Miscellaneous	\$10,089	\$8,171
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$548,546	\$637,722
NET INCOME/ (DEFICIT)	\$2,740	\$154,042
NET INCOME PRIOR TO EXTRA-ORDINARY ITEMS	\$2,740	\$3,931
(Sale and capital improvements)		
CASH ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2021		
TD BANK - Operating Account		\$14,816.00
TD BANK - On-Going Renewal/Facilities Repair Funds		\$12,789.00
TD BANK - Cemetery Account		\$10,554.00
ST MARY BANK - Savings Account		\$50,120.00
DIOCESAN CENTRAL FUND TRUST SAVINGS		\$192,500.00
DIOCESAN CENTRAL FUND TRUST CEMETERY		\$49,433.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$330,212.00
Parishioner Support of Catholic Charities New		\$25,800.00