

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 26, 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.

Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687

Faith Formation: 673-4797

Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dennis Audet, Pastor

daudet52@gmail.com

Patti Hendrickson, Pastoral Associate

pattih2015@comcast.net

Diane Bergeron, Secretary

diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com

Sue Pasquale, Faith Formation

re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

Pauline Nepveu, Accountant

pnepveu54@gmail.com

Christopher Maynard, Music Director

music.saintpatricksmilford@gmail.com

Jay Duffy, Cemetery Sexton 673-1311



First Friday Adoration October 1, 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.

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

SEPTEMBER 27—OCTOBER 3, 2021

MON - 9/27— St. Vincent de Paul

7:30AM: Jack & Kathleen Milan by their father, John

TUES - 9/28— Ss. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Riuz- NO MASS

WED - 9/29— Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 9/30— St. Jerome

7:30AM: Crawford & Lessie Peters & Tess by Vesta Philbrick

FRI - 10/1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (FIRST FRIDAY)

5:30PM: All Souls

SAT - 10/2- Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Sacramento Castillo by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gilbert

SUN - 10/3— 27th 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 Michael Neider by Vesta Philbrick

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

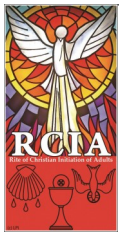
READINGS 10-3-2021

Gn: 2:18-24
Heb: 2:9-11
Mk: 10:2-16

Event for October

TRUNK OR TREAT

A parish celebration of Halloween will take place in the Saint Patrick church parking lot starting at 7pm. on October 30, 2021. Please call the office if you would like to participate with a decorated trunk and give out candy to the children . More information in the coming weeks.

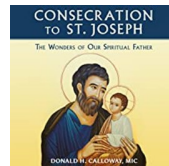


Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

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.



**Consecration to St. Joseph
 Preparation meetings led by
 Fr. Dennis
 On Saturday mornings
 from 7:30-9:00am
 October 2, 9, 16, 23**

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

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 19, 2021: \$8,436
Summer make-up: \$2,536

GIVE+ONLINE



Coming This Week

Weekly Calendar of Events
Sept 27- Oct 3

- Mon: 4:30pm—Adult Faith Formation Class with Fr. Dennis "Pivotal Players" - C/H
- Wed: 6:15pm—RCIA—SPC
- 7:00pm—Choir rehearsal —Church
- 7:15pm—Scout BSA troop1794—C/H
- Fri: 5:30pm—Mass followed by adoration until 7pm
- Sat: 7:30am—Consecration to St. Joseph Course—part 2—C/H



Max a 10 year old boy,
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, Betina 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, 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: include others and clear the way

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on how we encourage discipleship in others and ourselves.

Gospel (Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

Mark's gospel continues lessons about discipleship, including *judgement and exclusion*, and *scandalizing others and oneself*.

Including others. John (the son of Zebedee, not the evangelist) complains to Jesus that someone *outside their group* is driving out demons in Jesus' name. Mark's story may reflect a problem in Mark's believing community: *exclusivity*. Like Moses in the first reading, Jesus' answer is *inclusive*: "who is not against us is *for us*." Human judgements, like John's, *exclude* others and *limit God's invitations* to discipleship. Jesus asks disciples to be open to those who do good, even if they are not within his community.

Leaders who block discipleship. Jesus warns *leaders* whose words or actions cause the believing community ("the little ones") to question their faith and discipleship. God's judgement against such scandalous leaders is *swift and absolute* ("thrown into the sea").

Disciples who block their own discipleship. Jesus also warns *disciples* not to be stumbling blocks to themselves. Disciples must examine their own words and actions, and radically eliminate ("cut off," "rip out") any that conflict with discipleship. Discipleship requires *daily attention and work*.

Summary and reflection

his week's readings ask us to think about how we foster or discourage discipleship in others and ourselves. Moses corrects Joshua's understanding about the inclusionary gift of God's spirit. The author of James warns his *ekklesia* that the rich's behaviors, like ignoring God and defrauding one another, can also be a danger within Christian communities. Jesus offers his disciples more lessons about following him in open and authentic ways. How do we care for our own and other's discipleship? Do we "wall off" discipleship to holy places and holy times, or do we recognize that God's spirit is poured out everywhere on all? Does our discipleship allow us to store up earthly treasures and live comfortably while ignoring the poor? Is our discipleship inclusive and inviting to others, or is it a private club reserved for insiders? Does our discipleship create roadblocks to meeting the divine, or express lanes to encountering God?

away? Terence Sherlock Read the full reflection and subscribe at LectionaryinContext.WordPress.com

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9/26/2021)

This week, we're starting a series based on the old Baltimore Catechism. (If you're too young to have learned these, give them a try with your kids. They've held up very well!)

From Lesson 1:

6. Q. Why did God make you?

9. Q. What must we do to save our souls?

Answer to question 9/19/2021

Most of the Liturgical Year is "Ordinary time," and the color for Ordinary time is Green. The two great Feasts – Easter and Christmas – each have a season of preparation and a season of celebration.

The Church year begins with Advent, the four weeks that lead up to Christmas. The color for Advent is violet, although some liturgists suggest either dark blue, or a paler shade of purple than what is used for Lent. Lent is the six week season of preparation for Easter.

Christmastide begins on Christmas Eve and runs through the third Sunday after Christmas. The color for Christmas is white.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Wednesday before Easter. Eastertide begins with the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) and runs through Pentecost, and the seasonal color is white.

Bonus: If Pentecost is part of Eastertide, why are the vestments and altar clothes on Pentecost Red? (See the Facebook page for this answer.)

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: [Network of Freedom](#) - story of Sr. Helene, A Daughter of Charity, founded by St. Vincent de Paul (Feast Sept. 27)

Watch: [FORMED Now! Who Are the Archangels?](#)

Watch: [Angels: Fulton Sheen](#)

Listen: [Angels Explained: What You Should Know About the Nine Choirs](#)

Listen: [Winning the Culture War](#)



FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES K-5

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION GRADES 6-12

Tuesday: 5:00 - 6:30pm — October 5

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — October 3, 17

Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — October 6

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

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes

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 the parish office **by this week**.

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)

"But they're not one of us!" is an exclusive catch-cry that can be raised in many contexts, from the bullying on the school playground to that in the much more serious social, political, and religious arenas. Just consider, some say: *migrants will take our jobs, asylum seekers will threaten our security, community housing in our street for people with disabilities will lower our property values, ecumenism and contact with other religions will dilute our faith!* And those who hold these views believe with all their hearts that they are right!

In the gospel proclaimed today we hear exclusion spoken from the midst of the 12 Apostles. John is their indignant spokesman, informing Jesus that a man who "does not follow us" is "driving out demons in your name." The real issue from John's point of view is not that this man is not following Jesus—after all, he is doing his healing acts in Jesus' name, which implies some faith in Jesus; the problem is that he is not following them ... the 12 Apostles! They tried to stop him, apparently unsuccessfully, since they make a strong appeal to Jesus to do something about it. Jesus responds to John's indignation by telling him that they should see such a person not as a competitor but as a companion along the way, even if he is not physically traveling with the them, because "whoever is not against us is for us."

Work for the kingdom is not to be the jealously guarded by those who are physically accompanying him. Jesus expands on what being "with him" means. In a land where the availability of water can mean the difference between life and death, offering someone a cup of water symbolizes the simple but generous hospitality that should characterize a Christian disciple, for doing this to another is doing it to Christ. Those who are aiming to be "the biggest and the best," even religiously, can too easily overlook or ridicule the service of the "little ones" of great faith: the behind-the-scenes workers in a parish ... those who seem to have the gift of a spontaneously positive response to everyday relationships and crises ... the people who welcome demands on their time without fuss and with unfailing generosity. "Little ones" may also refer to those who are young in faith, new members of the Christian community.

As a parish, how hospitable and inclusive are our attitudes to people who are entering from surprising—and even from what some "established" Christians might consider unwelcome and scandalous—quarters or lifestyles? Strong feelings evoke strong language, and St Mark uses vivid images to heighten the impact of Jesus' words about the sin and scandal of those who are a stumbling block to the faith of others. Rather than concentrate on criticizing those whom we consider "outsiders," disciples need to be self-critical. The harsh words about self-mutilation are to be taken figuratively, not literally. It would be better, says Jesus, to go through life physically handicapped than to give scandal by our sinfulness and so become spiritually maimed and unfit for the kingdom of God. The final image of "Gehenna" (or "hell") refers to what was a valley just outside the city of Jerusalem, and once the site of Canaanite human sacrifice. The Israelites had converted this into a local dump where the stench of the burning refuse became a constant reminder of corruption and a symbol of punishment. The alternative is the life of the prophet Isaiah's *new heavens and the new earth*. As we pray Psalm 19, *it is only by trusting in God's guidance as do the simple, those who are wise enough to know their own frailty, that we can live wisely, truthfully, and reverently.*

Fr. Dennis



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

changed the course of civilization.

September 27 – TIME and PLACE: Parish Hall 4:30-6:00 PM

ST. BENEDICT In a world darkened by the fading light of classical culture, Saint Benedict cast the greater light of Jesus Christ. Benedict's emphasis on the importance of the Gospel and the sacrifices of poverty, chastity, and obedience, became a new cultural matrix from which a new civilization would emerge. In this episode, travel to Rome, Subiaco, Montecassino, and Mont-Saint Michel, that all played a significant role in the formation and vocation of St. Benedict, which in turn formed the life of the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Please remember our Pastor
Fr. Dennis I
in your prayers as he
celebrates his Birthday on
October 2nd, 2021