



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-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.

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saintpatrickmilfordnh.org
for more information and events**

Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply.



Has your contact information changed?

Have you dropped your land line?

Have your phone numbers or email address changed?

Please call the office at 673-1311 to update your information.

JUNE 15-21, 2020

MON - 6/15- Weekday— Mass Intention: ——

TUES - 6/16-Weekday — NO MASS

WED - 6/17- Weekday—Mass Intention: Gerald O'Neil by Jane Provins

THURS - 6/18 - Weekday - Mass Intention: George Whelton by the breakfast group

FRI - 6/19- Weekday - Mass Intention: ——

SAT - 6/20- Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ— *The Church will be open from 9-3pm.*

MASS will be celebrated at 4pm with a limit of 50 people

Mass Intention: Fred & Celia Lorden by Jane Provins

SUN—6/21 - The Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ —

MASS will be celebrated at 8AM and 10:30AM with a limit of 50 people

Mass Intentions - 8:00 AM—Members of the Parish

10:30AM—Laurette Coté by her daughter

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED BY Fr. Dennis in private.



Please remember in your prayers:

Jeanne Jacques, the Staff & Residents of Crestwood Nursing Home, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Rita LaJeunesse, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Leo Ouellette, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Connie Gonzalves, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, Maureen Yergeau, Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Janine Hartwell, Hope Kelly, Thomas Martel, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Genie Stone, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Rob Erickson, Dan Nelson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Marc Belanger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov, Jack Long, Barbara Powers, Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, 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, Joseph Sherlock, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who are serving our country.

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.



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Pope Francis' Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen!*

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

Eucharist: manna, word of God, common meal, bread of life and unity

On the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*, the Lectionary readings invite us to think about the Eucharist as gift: of life, of physical and spiritual food, and of unity.

John's gospel, from the *second part* of Jesus' "bread of life" discourse, operates on multiple levels:

Passover connection. John says Jesus presents this teaching during the feast of Passover. The Passover meal *anticipates and remembers* God's freeing the Israelites from Egypt. It is a *true meal*, celebrated with food, bread, and drink. The Eucharist, a *true meal* of bread and wine, *anticipates and represents* Jesus' saving act.

Manna coming down from heaven. Jesus refers to God feeding the Israelites with manna, a food that God gave them from heaven. Jewish tradition associates manna, God's gift that sustains *physical life*, with the Torah, God's gift that gives *true spiritual life*. Jewish interpreters describe studying the Torah as *eating or consuming* God's gift of life as food.

The living bread coming down from heaven. Jesus tells his Jewish hearers that he is the "living bread coming down from heaven," drawing a parallel between the *physical manna* and himself, and *God's word* in the Torah and his words as God's Sent One. Jesus replaces the manna and the Torah. Eating physical manna gave only *physical life*, but eating Jesus' flesh and blood gives *eternal life*. In the same way, consuming the Torah brings spiritual life, but consuming Jesus' words as the *true revelation of God* brings an eternal life of *remaining-in-relationship* with God.

The *Corpus Christi* readings invite us to explore the many meanings of Eucharist. Deuteronomy remembers God's caring act of feeding the Israelites on their wilderness journey. Paul connects the Corinthians' unifying fellowship meal with Jesus' transformative and saving act. The gospel discourse ties together the Jewish Passover celebration, consuming manna and God's word in the Torah, and hearing and eating the living bread from heaven. Today, after several months of Eucharistic absence, we are beginning to reengage with the liturgy and our believing community. How appropriate that this Eucharistic feast welcomes us back! In the pandemic's wilderness, God has cared for us with word; now we rejoin the community at the table, sharing the bread from heaven. How has our wilderness changed our understanding of this meal? How have we changed in our Eucharistic absence? The Eucharistic gift continues to act, offering unity and relationship. Will we rediscover the gift and allow it to heal our damaged world?

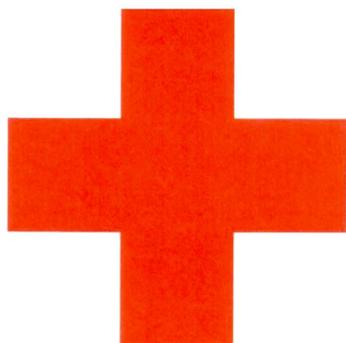
---Terence Sherlock

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34 Amherst Street
Milford, NH 03055

Friday, June 26, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (6-14-2020)

Which of the following pairs were NOT brothers?

Cain and Abel Joshua and Cale
Aaron and Moses Joseph and Benjamin
Abraham and Lot

Bonus: name one other sibling of each pair of brothers.

Answer to last week's question (6/7/2020)

Andrew was the brother of Simon whom Jesus renamed Peter. James and John were sons of Zebedee and Salome.



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**PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY!
NOTICE OF NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE!**

June 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

For months, we have been living through a most difficult time in our families, our Church, and in our world. The unprecedented decision to suspend Sunday Masses in March ... and parish life in general, has made us more aware of how very special and essential it is to "be together" at Mass. Also, the suspension of our faith formation and social gatherings beyond the Mass has caused us to really miss the everyday living out of parish life.

This past week, we have been given the go-ahead by Bishop Libasci and our Governor to slowly and to safely offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 40% capacity of the Church building. Since many are still very concerned about their personal safety, Bishop Libasci continues to grant a dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.

And so, people have been asking: ***When are we going to get back to normal?*** I wonder if that was the right question ... the right goal? Many people believe that there are things that should change as a result of this experience. Changes should be positive and not negative. For example, we should never want to get used to this isolation and be afraid of being close to someone. How can we emerge from our quarantine with a new and positive normal? How do we learn from this? How do we grow from this and improve our parish life? How do we make our parish more resilient?

These past months have also taught us how adaptable we can be. We have learned that we can put aside our own wants, our own desires, and our own convenience for the good of others. For myself, this has been a time of renewed reflection on the importance of Sunday worship and our gathering and our celebrating TOGETHER around the table of the Lord.

Now that we have been given the go-ahead by Bishop Libasci and our Governor to slowly and to safely offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 40% capacity of the Church building, I believe that this is the right time to implement a change that will, on the one hand, re-test our adaptability and, on the other hand, will enhance our Sunday worship ... together.

I realize that most people have a routine that involves a convenient Mass time. Convenience of the Mass schedule is very much a desirable piece of our Catholic community's weekend life. However, for over 60 years, the Church had taught that ***our SUNDAY MASS is to be the SOURCE and SUMMIT of our weekly life.*** That means that we approach Sunday Mass not as an obligation to fulfill at a convenient time ... but rather we should approach Sunday Mass by going "out of our way" to come together and give God our time, our presence and our participation ... as a **PRIMARY GIFT** to Him. Sunday Mass invites us to gather for the good of the whole community.

For the last 2 ½ years, we have been closely monitoring the attendance at each of our 4 Sunday Masses. A few statistics might be helpful at this point: the average attendance at our present schedule of Masses for the last 3 years is as follows: 4:00 PM Saturday **142**; 7:00 AM Sunday **92**; 8:45 AM Sunday **149**; 10:45 AM Sunday **175**.

Also, when I reported as Pastor to St. Patrick's almost 4 years ago, I succeeded pastors who always had help with the Sunday Mass schedule. As you can see, we average around 560 people attending our 4 Sunday Masses. Our church seats 300. It's obvious that there is no need for 4 Sunday Masses at St. Patrick Church. The 7:00 AM Sunday Mass is the one that stands out where we hardly ever have 100 people attending ... and there is no music ... which is not considered a best practice for the celebration of Sunday, the Lord's Day.

Therefore, after first sharing this decision with my consultative councils and after much thought and prayer, I announce today a permanent change in the Sunday Mass schedule **effective JUNE 13, 2020.**

**Saturday, 4:00 PM and Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
(This new schedule will be a permanent change.)**

I absolutely understand that this decision will not be pleasing to some. Others will make every effort to adapt. I pray that you will embrace that posture.

Finally, when Sunday Masses resume on June 13, 2020, here are some **temporary but mandated changes** that you will notice.

Church seating will be limited to 40% of capacity – PLEASE NOTE THAT 40% CAPACITY PER MASS WITH 6' DISTANCING ALLOWS FOR ONLY 50 PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH AND AN ADDITIONAL 10 PEOPLE IN THE CHOIR LOFT

- 1. Masks must be worn and social distancing be practiced**
- 2. We will have our Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers return but NO altar servers or ushers at this time**
- 3. No missalettes or hymnals in pews – take-home worship aids will be available**
- 4. No entrance and recessional processions by the celebrant**
- 5. No community singing**
- 6. No gift bearers at offertory**
- 7. No basket collection – stationary baskets will be at the entrances for your offering**
- 8. No sign of peace**
- 9. No coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses for the foreseeable future**

I can't wait to meet you around the altar again.



Reverend Dennis J. Audet, Pastor

To register for FORMED – A gift for you

Go to FORMED.org – sign up Click on “I belong to a parish or organization”
Enter 03055 and choose St. Patrick Church 34 Amherst St. Enter your name and the email you will be using
For questions please call the Faith Formation office at 673-4707.

The pick of the week

Corpus Christi

Listen: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

Watch: Why Believe? Volume 2, Chapter 12 – Belief about the Eucharist **Study:** Presence – The Story of the Eucharist

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Listen: Jesus the Bridegroom **Read:** Heart of the Redeemer **Study:** Lectio: Salvation