



## 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.*

**Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687**

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#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti**



PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY, "LORD, IF IT IS YOU,  
COMMAND ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER."  
—MT 14:28

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### 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.

**THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN  
FOR PRAYER & ADORATION  
Monday-Friday from 9am—5pm  
Saturday from 9am—3pm  
Sunday: 11:30am—5pm**

**AUGUST 10-16, 2020**

**MON - 8/10 - St. Lawrence**

**7:30AM:** Members of the Parish

**TUES - 8/11 - St. Clare— NO MASS**

**WED - 8/12— St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

**5:30PM:** Margaret Furey by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Coty

**THURS - 8/13 - Ss. Pontian & Hyppolytus**

**7:30AM:** Barbara Powers by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bergin

**FRI - 8/14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**SAT - 8/15 - Vigil of the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time— The Church will be open from 9-3pm.**

**4:00PM:** George M. Emrich by his mother, Mary & Beverly Ansaldo by John Milan

**SUN—8/16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary time—**

**Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm**

**8:00 AM:** Members of the Parish

**10:30AM:** Richard P. Caveney, Jr. by his mother, Ida  
1st anniversary

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 8/16/2020**

**Is: 56:1, 6-7  
Rom: 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt: 15:21-28**

**UPDATE FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE July 22, 2020**

**-- Holy Communion for the Homebound**

Until further notice, for the safety and health of the homebound, Holy Communion for the homebound should only be brought by **someone living in the same household as the homebound person**. When it is deemed appropriate and safe, the diocese will issue some **further** guidelines. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can continue to make contact and pray with parishioners by phone or electronically. Encourage the homebound to watch the Mass on television or on the internet and to make a "Spiritual Communion".

**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!*



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](http://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 regular basis.

**Collection weekend of August 2nd, 2020**

**\$4,644.**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/9/2020)

A "Canonized Saint" is a person whom the Church affirms is in Heaven, enjoying the Presence of God. ("Canonized" just means "on the Canon," which is an official list – just like the Canon of Scripture is the official list of books recognized as the inspired Word of God.) Churches may be named for these people, and their memorials can be celebrated in any diocese. If the person was not a martyr, there needs to have been a second miracle investigated and confirmed before the Pope formally declares the person a saint.

To date only three people (all women) born in what is now the United States have been declared Saints. Can you name them?

### Answer to last week's question (8/2/2020)

Fr. Solanus Casey was advised to join a religious order when he was unable to pass his courses at the diocesan seminary. He joined the Capuchins in Detroit and was eventually ordained as a "simplex priest" which allowed him to celebrate Mass but not hear confessions or preach on doctrine. When his relics were exhumed his body was found to be almost completely incorrupt.

Sister Miriam Teresa was baptized Miriam Teresa Demjanovich in the Ruthenian rite of her immigrant parents (one of the Eastern rite churches in union with the Pope). Her posthumous book is titled *Greater Perfection*.

Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus while he was pastor at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Today over 2 million Knights serve the Church in parishes around the globe.

Give blood.



Every 2 seconds  
someone in the U.S.  
needs blood.  
American Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
**Saint Patrick Church**  
**34 Amherst Street**  
**Milford, NH 03055**  
**Friday, August 28, 2020**  
**1 :00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit  
RedCrossBlood.org and enter:  
stpatrick to schedule an appointment.

## The human response to a divine encounter

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on divine manifestations and human responses.

Matthew's gospel tells the story of Jesus walking on water and saving Peter from drowning. Matthew's stories reveal Jesus' divinity

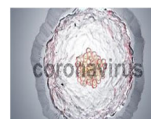
**A theophany.** A *theophany* is a dramatic encounter with God that involves a physical manifestation of divine power and presence. In Matthew's first story, *Jesus reveals his divinity* to the disciples by doing what God has done in Hebrew scripture: he *treads on the waters* of the sea (Job 9:8; Hab 3:15), he *reaches out to save* the drowning (Ps 18:17; Ps 144:7), he *stills storms* and *quiets waves* (Ps 65:8; Ps 89:10; Ps 107:28-30). Matthew's audience, familiar with Hebrew scripture, would recognize *Jesus' actions as God's actions*. In addition, although "it is I" is one translation of the Greek phrase *ἐγώ εἰμι*, the phrase can also be translated as "I AM," God's self-revealing words to Moses in Exodus (Ex 3:14). Matthew's audience would recognize *Jesus' words as God's own words*.

**A lesson in discipleship.** When presented with a theophany, humans must respond. In Matthew second story, Peter's response becomes a paradigm for discipleship. Peter, like all disciples, wishes to share in Jesus' presence and power. He succeeds as long as he remains focused on Jesus. When he sees the wind, Peter *stops seeing* Jesus ("little faith"). Matthew wants his community to see they are *part of a storm-tossed community*, and can be distracted from Jesus and his invitation ("come"). Jesus calls each disciple to trust ("why did you doubt"); he calms disciples' personal storms ("the wind ceased") and brings each to safety.

This week's readings ask us to think about the divine encounter and our response. Elijah's encounter shows that God is found not in pyrotechnics but in silence. Peter discovers that Jesus' divinity is expressed not in storm but in saving. As disciples in a time of chaos and pandemic, how do we experience and respond to God's sudden presence? Do we look for a God to overpower our enemies or a God to heal our broken relationships? Is our discipleship to a mighty king who rules ordered subjects or to a shepherd who guides a sometimes-confused community? Do we put our faith in the strong wind or the outstretched hand?

---Terence Sherlock

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Coronavirus



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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 673-4797.

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

**Watch:** True Reformers – Saint Ignatius Loyola

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**Listen:** Discernment of Spirits

**St. Alphonsus Liguori, Patron of Vocations and  
St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests**

**Study:** YDisciple (Youth/Teens): Called: Discover  
Your Vocation

**Watch:** Light of Love – The call to religious life as  
a sister

**Study:** Symbolon: Penance and Anointing of the  
Sick



**Please remember in your  
prayers:**

Donna Thomas, Doris Fay, William  
Lawson, Irene Hendrickson, Lillian Esielionis, Bill & Kevin  
Duffy, Joyce Nelson, Tiffany Brown, Jeanne Jacques, the Staff  
& Residents of all Milford long term care facilities, Dr. Ray  
Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Rita LaJeunesse, Alison Caiado,  
John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho,  
Rita Rose, Connie Gonzalves, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Bet-  
ty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, Stephen Swallow, Pamela  
Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Hope Kelly, Rick Corron,  
Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy  
Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro,  
Mary Ann Hower, Connor Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Betti-  
na Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa,  
Susan Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus  
Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia La-  
marche, 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 Bel-  
anger, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Kim Beebe, Anne Ronsov,  
Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek,  
Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, Cheryl Wil-  
liams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis,  
Richard Copeland, Wayne Cormier, Robert Merley, Jeffrey  
Bryant, Crystal Heaney, Leah Stigliano, Philip McPhee, Wil-  
liam Thompson, Sammy Tinaglia, Joseph Sherlock, John Sulli-  
van, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who  
are serving our country.

***Please call the parish office when someone can be taken  
off the prayer list.***

**(DIY) VBS**

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions we  
cannot hold VBS at the church this sum-  
mer.

However we are excited to present a fun  
new program (DIY) VBS we know you and  
your children will enjoy at home.

For more information contact the Faith  
Formation Office at 673-4797

*Register for*  
**CLASSES**

It is the time of the year to register your child  
(ren) for the Faith Formation Program.  
For more information call Sue at 673-4797 or  
email your questions to:  
[re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](mailto:re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

Registration form is on our website  
[saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)



**NON-PERISHABLE  
ITEMS ONLY**

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Cake  
Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea,  
Juice, Granola. **These items can be  
dropped off at the SHARE office.**  
**PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank  
you for your donations.**



## St Patrick Church – Milford, NH 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1895-2020

*Christ with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us!*

### A History of St. Patrick Church – Milford, NH Established August 1895

**The present St. Patrick Church on 34 Amherst Street is the gathering place  
for Catholics and guests  
in the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Milford, Mont Vernon.**

The creation of the Souhegan Mill was one of the principal reasons for a Catholic settlement in Milford. Its history and heritage date back to 1848 when the first Catholic family, that of Patrick O'Connor, settled in the Souhegan Mill Pond area. The first known official visit of a priest was in November 1853 was by Rev. William McDonald to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to Mrs. James Finerty. In February 1855, the first Mass was celebrated in the home of Patrick O'Connor by a missionary priest, Fr. Donnelly, who later became the Bishop in Clogher, Ireland. 30 people were in attendance. In 1856, regular celebration of the Mass began by Rev. John O'Donnell who lived in Nashua.

The infant congregation set out to build the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Patrick Church on land on the lower end of Souhegan Street which was financed by the O'Connor and Finerty families. In 1864, the small church was enlarged to twice its capacity and dedicated in 1867. In 1868, Rev. Patrick Houlehan took charge of the St. Patrick mission church. In 1870, the Most Reverend David William Bacon (First Bishop of Portland Maine) administered the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. In 1876, Rev. E.E. Buckle became Pastor the mission church and services were held twice a month until 1890 serving the towns of Milford and Wilton.

On October 8, 1890, the site of the present property on 34 Amherst St. was acquired by Bishop Denis Mary Bradley (1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Manchester). As the population grew, it became necessary to build a larger church. Rev. Buckle first administered the construction of the new church followed by Rev. P. L. McEvoy (1891); Rev. George Marshall (1894). The present church (basement only) was begun in 1890, at a cost of \$20,000. For many years (because of lack of funds) the basement of the church served as the place of worship. **In August, 1895, Bishop Denis Bradley established St. Patrick Church as a parish.**

**CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

Fr. Dennis