



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon & 1-5pm & Friday 9-Noon**

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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.

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti**

## MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming community in a traditional and Eucharistic setting focused on prayer, service, and lifelong faith formation on the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.*

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan,  
Jerry Guthrie, Jude Lorman, Will McGrath,  
Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli

### 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.

**AUGUST 17-23, 2020**

**MON - 8/17 - Weekday**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**TUES - 8/18 - Weekday— NO MASS**

**WED - 8/19— St. John Eudes**

**5:30PM:** Ed Rivera by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scanlon

**THURS - 8/20 - St. Bernard**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**FRI - 8/21 - St. Pius X**

**7:30AM:** Florida Audet by the family

**SAT - 8/22 - Vigil of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time—**

**4:00PM:** Ken & Lorraine Lorden by Jane Provins &

John Spurrier by his parents

**SUN—8/23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary time—**

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

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

**10:30AM:** Judith Pfeifer by the family

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 8/23/2020**

**Is: 22:19-23**

**Rom: 11:33-36**

**Mt: 16:13-20**

Milford Medical Center and Saint Joseph Hospital are proud to partner with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to provide COVID-19 community testing.

Beginning **August 17th, 2020**, community members can visit **Milford Medical Center at 442 Nashua Street in Milford, NH** to be tested for COVID-19 **daily between 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**To schedule an appointment to be tested, please call 603-884-4454, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**Interpreter Services will also be available.**

Most insurance plans cover testing in full; however, if financial assistance is needed, applications will be available.



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**

**\$5,122.**

**Vanco for the month of July**

**\$11,053.**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



**Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team  
(8/16/2020)**

Last week I mentioned that "canonization" of a Saint means that the person is formally added to the Canon – the official list. We also use this word Canon to refer to the official list of books of the Bible. The Canon of Scripture can be thought of as the Table of Contents, but the term "Canon" carries quite a bit more weight. It reflects the fact that the Magisterium of the Church has determined that these books -and only these books - are inspired by God.

The Scripture canon has been the subject of considerable controversy. Let's look at it.

First, how many books are in the Catholic Canon?

Next, what does "Apocrypha" mean?

Finally (for the real Scripture nerds among us) what does the term "Deuterocanon" mean?

**Answer to last week's question (8/9/2020)**

The three women native to what is now the United States who have been formally declared "saints" are:

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, sometimes called "Lily of the Mohawks" (ca. 1656–1680), Layperson. She was born in upstate New York and was received into the Church at the age of 19. She took a vow of perpetual virginity and left the Mohawk village, moving to a Jesuit mission in Québec, where she died just five years later. She was declared Venerable in 1943, Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980, and Canonized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774–1821), Widow; Founder of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul in the United States and several affiliated orders. Elizabeth was born to high society in New York City, married and had five children before her husband died. Drawn to the Eucharist, she became a Catholic and went on to lead the first religious order for women founded in America, raising her own children while starting schools for Catholic girls and for the children of the (mostly poor) Catholic immigrants. She died in Maryland when she was just 46. She was declared Venerable in 1959, Beatified in 1963 by Pope John XXIII, and Canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI

St. Katharine Mary Drexel (1858–1955), Founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for native Americans & African Americans. The Drexel family of Philadelphia was both very wealthy and very devout. The family distributed food and clothing to the poor from their home three days a week. On a trip through the American West Katharine was distressed at the conditions under which the Native people were living. When she was 33 she determined to dedicate her life and her inheritance to providing assistance and education to Native and Black Americans in the West and South. She died at the age of 96, leaving behind a legacy of over a hundred missions and 62 schools for minority children (but not, ironically, her fortune, which under the terms of her father's will went to several other religious orders after she died childless.) Katharine was declared

Venerable in 1987, Beatified in 1988 by Pope John Paul II, and Canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Both of her confirmed miracles involved someone's being healed of deafness.

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on the relationship between Israel and the Christian believing community.

Matthew's gospel tells the story of Jesus and the Canaanite woman. While this story tells of a miraculous healing, the narrative also exposes cultural and religious conflicts in Matthew's Jewish-Christian and gentile-Christian *ekklesia* and suggests how to resolve them.

**Cultural conflicts.** "Jesus did not ... answer her." In first-century middle eastern culture, Jewish men (especially rabbis) considered it inappropriate to speak to Jewish women in public. When a Canaanite (gentle) woman addresses Jesus the Jew, we shouldn't be surprised that he ignores her. Jesus' response is *appropriate to his time and culture*.

**Religious conflicts.** "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to dogs." In this saying, "children" are the Israelites, and "dogs" are the gentiles. Jesus softens the saying by using the diminutive *κυνάριον* (= "puppy" or "house pet"). Jesus' saying affirms biblical and the later Jewish tradition of salvation history: *primacy belongs to Israel*.

**The meaning for Matthew's community.** Matthew's *ekklesia* was mainly Jewish, but it also included gentiles, so relations between Jewish Christians and gentile Christians were a sensitive topic. For gentile members, the story's Canaanite woman's *gentile identity* was important. For Jewish members, Jesus' affirming Israel's *primacy in salvation* was important. Jesus' dialogue with the woman offered a model (or at least an explanation) of how *Jews and gentiles could coexist in the same community*. Matthew's episode *preserves* Israel's primacy in salvation history and provides gentiles a path to the God of Israel *through* Jesus the Jew.

This week's readings ask us to think about Christianity's debt to the Jews. Isaiah reminds Israel that gentiles who follow the Law have a place in God's temple. Paul reminds the gentiles that they are saved because God's grace and mercy is freely given to gentiles and Jews. Jesus heals the daughter because her gentile mother has faith in Jesus and the God of Israel. The conflict in Matthew's community is still present today. As Christians, do we recognize our Jewish scriptural, moral, and social justice roots? Do we affirm our indebtedness to Israel as Jesus' own people? Do we stand against anti-Semitism as strongly as we oppose anti-Christian words or actions?

---Terence Sherlock

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**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: [stpatrik](mailto:stpatrik) to schedule an appointment.



Visit our website at:  
[saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) for more information and events regarding the Coronavirus

**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 673-4797.

**St. Helena, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Pope St.  
Pius X**

**Read:** The Young People’s Book of Saints

**Listen:** Answering Common Objections: The  
Pope

**Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Read:** Mary in the Redemption by Adrienne von  
Speyr

**Watch:** A Biblical Introduction to Mary from the  
St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

**Listen:** Answering Common Objections: Mary



**Please remember in your  
prayers:**

Patti Fay McDonagh, Donna Thom-  
as, 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 La-  
Jeunesse, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Doro-  
thy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Connie Gonzalves,  
Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, 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 Sillowy, Eva,  
Carolyn Hassett, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne  
Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, Donald Labonte, William,  
JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, An-  
drea, 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, Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John  
Knott, Joseph Koprak, 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.

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

**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

Registration form is on our website  
saintpatrickmilfordnh.org



The sanctuary lamp will burn this  
week in memory of Michael Thomas  
by the family.

**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 per-  
mit me to be separated from You.  
Amen!*



**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.**

#### **CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK**

Rev. Henry Lennon (1915) was to lead the completion the upstairs of the new church building. The 1<sup>st</sup> thing that was done was to purchase the old Fuller residence adjoining the church property for a rectory. In 1916, the upstairs of the church was finished in oak with beautiful pews, new stained-glass windows and a pipe organ. The cost of finishing the church was \$30,000.00. The first Mass was held on Easter Sunday and the church was dedicated on June 15, 1916. A campaign was initiated to pay off the church debt of \$12,500. In 1919, ninety devoted families and their pastor accomplished that goal and the mortgage was burned by members of the parish community at the Town Hall. The basement was renovated to serve as a Sunday school classroom.

Following the Second Vatican Council and the liturgical changes that were required, the interior of the Church was redecorated in 1966.

In 1976, there was a need to create a Religious Education Facility. Through the donations of many generous parishioners, the Religious Education Center was built and completed in 1977. The building has proven to be of invaluable use for many gatherings, committee meetings, and religious education classes.

In 1987, a three-year fund drive was initiated to repair and renovate the church and Religious Education Center. Later, an elevator was also installed to accommodate our senior and disabled parishioners. In 2008, air conditioning was installed in the church as a result of fundraising. Air-conditioning in the parish hall and sacristy was installed in the winter of 2017.

#### **CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**

Fr. Dennis