



## 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.

## 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.*

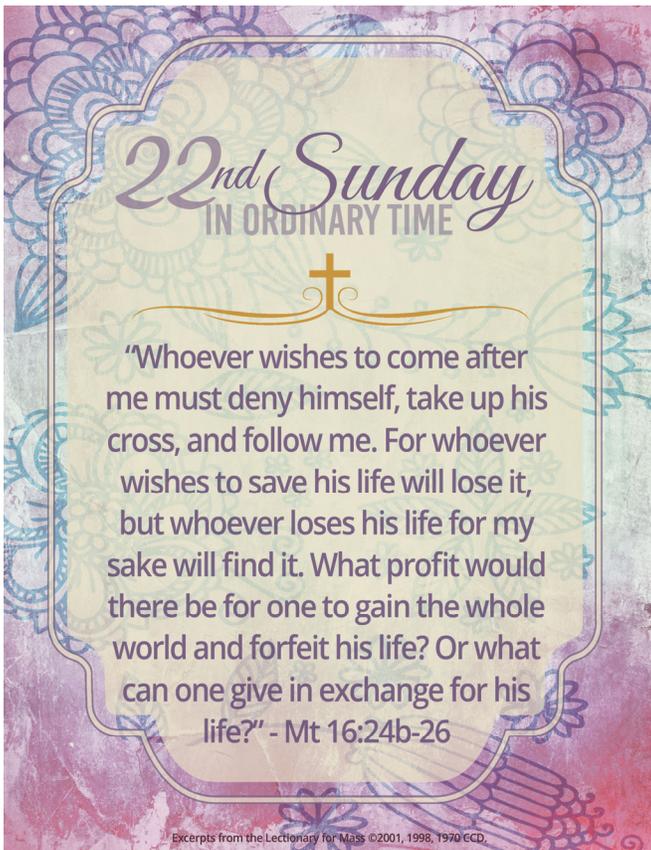
### **SACRAMENTS:**

**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 31-SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

**MON - 8/31 - Weekday**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**TUES - 9/1 - Weekday— NO MASS**

**WED - 9/2 - Weekday**

**5:30PM:** Allen Hendrickson by the family

**THURS - 9/3 - St. Gregory the Great**

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

**FRI - 9/4 - Weekday**

**5:30PM:** All Souls

**SAT - 9/5 - Vigil of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time—**

**4:00PM:** Jan Petrella by her husband, Bob

**SUN - 9/6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time—**

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

**8:00 AM:** Barbara Powers by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly

**10:30AM:** Members of the Parish

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 9-6-2020**

**Ez: 33:7-9  
Rom: 13:8-10  
Mt: 18:15-20**

**St. Patrick Catholic Community  
Welcomes You!**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

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.



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

**CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE**

St. Patrick Parish has a cemetery on Merrimack Road in Amherst. It is always the right time to invest in a plot and prepare for your final resting place.

Jerry Guthrie, our Sexton would be happy to show you different available sections at the cemetery. To schedule an appointment call 672-1254.



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 23, 2020**

**\$5,428.**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### **Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team** **(8/30/2020)**

Another controversy raised by our summer series on the Saints is that some Christians believe the Catholic tradition of honoring saints breaks the First Commandment.

What is the First Commandment?

Why does our recognition of the Saints (including the Virgin Mary) not violate that commandment?

### **Answer to last week's question (8/23/2020)**

There are 72 books in a Catholic Bible, 27 in the New Testament and 45 in the Old Testament. Of those, most Protestants reject 6 of the Old Testament books as "Apocrypha."

"Apocryphal" in Greek means "hidden," but the early Church used it for books supposedly written by the Apostles but whose actual authors were unknown. These books, the Magisterium determined, were of varying quality – some devotionally useful, some dangerously heretical – but none of them "canonical" – on the list of books considered inspired Scripture. These books are frequently called in the popular press "Hidden books of the Bible" and it is suggested that they were "suppressed" by a tyrannical Church determined to control the narrative about Jesus to their own beliefs.

Those aren't the books that Protestants mean by "Apocrypha." They use the term to refer to books which were included in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures (called the Septuagint) that was used in Palestine at the time of Jesus. Later Jewish scholars rejected those books as inauthentic because they were believed to have been written in Greek, not Hebrew. When Luther did his translation of the Bible, he left those books out, reasoning that the Old Testament should include only the books accepted by the Jews. In response the Catholic Magisterium in the Council of Trent listed the books of the Old Testament, including those disputed texts.

Today most Catholic Bibles refer to those books as the "Deuterocanon" – deutero means second in Greek.

Ironically, the discovery and ongoing work with the Dead Sea Scrolls has shown that all six of the disputed books existed in Hebrew before the birth of Jesus and most were probably written in Aramaic. Canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Both of her confirmed miracles involved someone's being healed of deafness.

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

Eucharistic



Adoration

### **First Friday Adoration** **September 4th, 6-8pm**

Between the hour of 7:00-8:00pm 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. There will be special prayers offered during this hour and we ask you prayerfully consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of First Friday Adoration.

**FACE MASKS REQUIRED AND**  
**SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICED**

## **Discipleship: becoming whom you follow**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on messiahship and discipleship.

Matthew's gospel reaches a turning point: Jesus chooses to go to Jerusalem, revealing the kind of messiah he will be. In this pericope Jesus defines his messiahship; Peter rejects it; and Jesus redefines how to be a disciple to a suffering messiah.

**Jesus as suffering messiah.** Last week's mention of Jeremiah (see the first reading) clarifies Jesus' understanding of his *identity and mission as messiah*. Jesus understands his prophetic mission will bring him in conflict with the "elders, chief-priests, and scribes" and result in his *suffering and death*. Jesus tells his disciples that he will be *raised*, but they *can't hear* his hope-filled message, and *don't understand* what it means. With this passion prediction, Matthew links the disciples' and his *ekklesia's* sufferings to Jesus' sufferings.

**Peter rejects Jesus' messiahship.** Last week, Jesus makes a pun on Peter/Kephas/Rocky as "a foundation *rock*;" now Peter makes himself "a stumbling *stone*." Jesus calls Peter "Satan" because *Peter tempts Jesus* with a messiahship of conquering power and reigning in glory. To deny Jesus' passion and death is to be on Satan's side. Peter's inability to see Jesus as a *suffering messiah* turns Rocky into a stumbling stone.

**Jesus redefines discipleship.** To be Jesus' disciple ("come after me") one must do three things. First, *place the concerns of others* before his or her own ("deny" or "disown"). Second, *emulate Jesus' own life and death* in service to others ("take up the cross"). *Discipleship and the cross are synonymous*. Third, *walk the same path as Jesus daily* in service and sacrifice to others. "Follow me" is a *continuing commitment*, not an occasional or once-a-week action. At the *parousia*, the Son of Man will judge everyone based on his or her words and actions. Jesus promises that faithful disciples will receive *eternal life in God's kingdom*.

This week's readings ask us to think about discipleship in the context of Jesus' messiahship. Jeremiah recognizes that a life given in service to God's words results in rejection, persecution, and martyrdom. Paul tells believers to become living sacrifices in service to others. Jesus struggles to make his vision of a suffering messiah clear to confused followers. Jesus' messiahship defines our discipleship. Do God's words compel us to speak truth, or does fear or rejection or reprisal silence us? Does a renewed mind guide us in difficult ethical choices, or do we allow secular voices to shout down our discernment? Do we choose to follow a suffering messiah to the cross, or do we treat discipleship as an occasional annoying inconvenience?

--Terence Sherlock

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information and events regarding the  
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.

**Something for everyone!**

**Listen:** Audiobook: The Restless Flame: A Novel about St. Augustine by Louis de Wohl

**Study:** Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 6: A Catholic Moral Vision

**Study:** YDisciple (Teens, but for anyone): True Strength: Chastity for Guys

Watch with kids: The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends (Brother Francis)

**Listen:** The Four Levels of Happiness by Fr. Robert Spitzer

**Listen:** Faith and Culture Podcast Episode 35 – The Confessions of Saint Augustine

**Study:** Lectio: Eucharist, Session 3: Lamb of God (8/29 Passion of St. John the Baptist)

**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

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Jerry Guthrie,  
Jude Lorman,  
Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Patti Fay McDonagh, Donna Thomas, Doris Fay, William Lawson, 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, 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 Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkard, 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, 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.

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

**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**

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal.

**These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office.**



## ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armor worn in battle.)

**I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the  
invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
of the Creator of creation.**

**I arise today  
Through the strength of Christ's birth  
with His baptism,  
Through the strength of His  
crucifixion with His burial,  
Through the strength of His  
resurrection with His ascension,  
Through the strength of His descent  
for the judgment of doom.**

**I arise today  
Through the strength of the love of  
cherubim,  
In the obedience of angels,  
In the service of archangels,  
In the hope of resurrection to meet  
with reward,  
In the prayers of patriarchs,  
In the predictions of prophets,  
In the preaching of apostles,  
In the faith of confessors,  
In the innocence of holy virgins,  
In the deeds of righteous men.**

**I arise today, through  
The strength of heaven,  
The light of the sun,  
The radiance of the moon,  
The splendor of fire,  
The speed of lightning,  
The swiftness of wind,  
The depth of the sea,  
The stability of the earth,  
The firmness of rock.**

**I arise today, through  
God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils,  
From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill,  
afar and near.**

**I summon today  
All these powers between me and  
those evils,  
Against every cruel and merciless  
power  
that may oppose my body and soul,  
Against incantations of false prophets,  
Against black laws of pagandom,  
Against false laws of heretics,  
Against craft of idolatry,  
Against spells of witches and smiths  
and wizards,  
Against every knowledge that  
corrupts man's body and soul;  
Christ to shield me today  
Against poison, against burning,  
Against drowning, against wounding,  
So that there may come to me an  
abundance of reward.**

**Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.**