

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 25, 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.*

### 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.

(Except Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas &  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary, Mother of God).

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Laura Ilsley,  
Jerry Guthrie, Irene Prunier,  
Steve Santinelli

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

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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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 is opened every day until 5:00pm for people to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday it closes at Noon time.

**JULY 26—AGUST 1, 2021**

**MON - 7/26— Ss. Joachim & Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**7:30AM:** Intentions of Lucille Farwell

**TUES - 7/27— Weekday - NO MASS**

**WED - 7/28— Weekday**

**5:30PM:** Gary Robert by Paula James

**THURS - 7/29— St. Martha**

**7:30AM:** All souls

**FRI - 7/30— St. Peter Chrysologus**

**7:30AM** Intentions of Lucille Farwell

**SAT - 7/31— Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**4:00PM - All Souls**

**SUN - 8/1 - The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Church closes at Noon on Sundays**

**8:00 AM:** Robert Champagne by Kathy Duchesne & Robert Champagne, Jr.  
and Douglas James by his wife, Paula

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

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

**READINGS 8/1/2021**

**Ex: 16:2-4, 12-15**

**Eph: 4:17, 20-24**

**Jn: 6:24-35**



Follow the "**St. Patrick Helpers**" on our website under "resources" look at the different projects they are able and willing to do. If interested... We are looking for men/women to help with small project in the community. Your expertise and talents would be greatly appreciated. Interested? Please contact Pauline Nepveu at [pnepveu54@gmail.com](mailto:pnepveu54@gmail.com) or 603-672-0564. Thank you.



**Knights of Columbus Father Don Jacques Council #3035, Milford, NH**

**St. Patrick's Helpers:** Do you have a small project or a list of projects that you need completed around your house? How would you like to have Knights of Columbus and other volunteer parishioners take care of this for you? We are offering handy-men/women services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund. Go on the St. Patrick website and look at the different project that this group of volunteers have accomplished.

Please contact Pauline Nepveu at [pnepveu54@gmail.com](mailto:pnepveu54@gmail.com) or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR  
WEEKEND OF JULY 31-AUGUST 1**

**Saturday 4:00PM**

**Lector  
Eucharistic Minister  
Greeters**

**George Lemelin  
Joanne Couture  
Gary McCartney  
Dianne Hamilton**

**Sunday 8:00AM**

**Lector  
Eucharistic Minister  
Greeters**

**Mike Carter  
Kathy Sharkey  
Steve Santinelli  
Sue Pasquale  
Diane Bergeron**

**10:30AM**

**Lector  
Eucharistic Minister  
Greeters**

**Michelle Varga  
Tony Varga  
Steve Dudley  
Mary Ellen Dudley  
Judith Hohenadel**

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.

**Weekend of July 18, 2021: \$4,924**

**Parish to Parish: \$1,249**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### **Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (7/25/2021)**

Another powerful type from the Old Testament which Christians see as fulfilled in Jesus is the terrifying story of the Akedah, or "binding" of Isaac, when God tells Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice. Re-read that account, if you wish, in Genesis 22:1-19. What details in the story are echoed in the events of Jesus' Passion?

### **Answer to question 7/18/2021**

Jesus said, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" and "For as Jonah became a sign to the men of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation" This example highlights an important caution about typology. To say an Old Testament person or event is a "type" of Christ does not mean that everything about that person or event is symbolic or Christlike. The story of Jonah begins with his cowardly attempt to run away rather than follow God's command, and ends with his selfishly whining bitterly in response to God's merciful sparing of the Ninevites. Clearly the character of Jonah was far different from that of Jesus. And Jesus was truly dead in the tomb, while in the Old Testament story, Jonah is very much alive and praying in the belly of the fish.

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### **Bread of life: sign, test, and teaching**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on seeing and understanding God's care and feeding of disciples.

#### **Gospel (Jn 6:1-15)**

This week the gospel evangelist changes from Mark to John. For the next five weeks, John's gospel recounts the story of Jesus feeding five thousand (Jn 6:1-71). Today's pericope describes the *sign* itself; the coming weeks' pericopes, from Jesus' "bread of life" discourse, *explain and interpret Jesus' sign*.

**The sign of feeding.** Jesus already *knows what he will do*, but he uses the opportunity to *test* and teach his disciples. Philip and Andrew *see only limits* to Jesus' request (lack of money, only five loaves and two fish); they haven't grasped Jesus' teaching about unlimited nourishment in Jn 4:32-34. John describes Jesus' feeding sign a few words: *took, gave thanks, and distributed*. The people eat until they are filled, leaving twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus' sign teaches about God's *superabundant care*.

**The sign's meanings.** In Mark and Matthew, Jesus is moved by *compassion* to feed the shepherdless crowd. In John, Jesus acts to satisfy the crowd's *physical* hunger, while also revealing that God's kingdom can fulfill their *spiritual* hunger as well. John connects Jesus' sign with stories and themes from *Hebrew scripture*, including manna in the wilderness (Ex 16:4-35, Nm 11:7-9), Elisha's feeding the hundred (2 Kgs 4:42-44, first reading), and Ps 23. He also uses *liturgical language* ("take," "give thanks," "distribute," "reclining" for a meal) to connect the sign with Eucharistic practices in his *ekklesia*. Jesus' sign anticipates the *messianic feast*; it is a parable-in-action that God's kingdom is near. The sign also foreshadows the *Eucharist*, the believing community's *eschatological meal*.

#### **Summary and reflection**

This week's readings ask us to think about how we see and interpret God's care. Elisha, at God's prompting, feeds a hundred people with a few barley loaves. The Ephesians author urges the community look for God in every aspect of creation. Jesus offers the sign of feeding five thousand to reveal a God who cares for people's physical and spiritual needs and to reveal himself as prophet and messiah. How do we see God's actions in our world? Do we limit God by seeing God with limited human understanding, or can we see beyond our own limits to God's superabundance? Do we live in a small world, restricted to approved family and friends, or do we bear with one another, inviting all into community? Do we limit ourselves by fulfilling only our own needs, or do we accept God's unlimited good gifts and share them freely?

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: [LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com](http://LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com)



### **REMEMBER** *in your prayers*

Bernie Quinn, Alyssa McCloat, Julie & David Spokane, John Johnston Jr., Rev. Jack Roche, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, David Pfeifer, for a 70 year old man, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Janet Ramsdell, Joyce Nelson, Todd Turcotte, Bettina 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, Dorothy Gates, 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, Crystal Heaney, 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.**

## FORMED

Are you signed up for FORMED? It's easy. Just go to [www.formed.org](http://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!



### 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](mailto:pattih2015@comcast.net). Sessions begin July 28, 2021 @ 6:15pm.



## FAITH FORMATION

It is now time to register your child(dren) for the Faith Formation Program 2021-2022.

Registrations are available on our website under Faith Formation, in the Office during office hour and at the entrance of the church.

In order for us to get the supplies we might need we need to know how many children will be in the program.

Helps us plan by registering now...Thank you

## NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni .

These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts located in Warner, NH Summer Collegiate Program August 1, 2021 – August 14, 2021 is available to recent high school graduates as well as rising juniors and seniors.

Also accepting applications for on campus classes in the fall of 2021.

Please call the admissions office for more information at 603-456-2656 and visit our website at [www.magdalen.edu](http://www.magdalen.edu)

## 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.

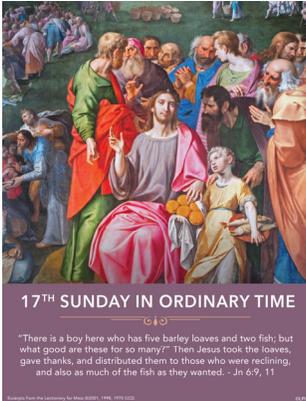


To the Family and Friends of

Leo Barriault  
Catherine Cray  
Julie Dupuis  
Joseph Fucarile  
Doris Fay  
Fleurette Laquerre  
Thomas & Bridget Lippert  
Dawn Renzetti  
Pietro Savo  
Sharon Trepanier

You are in our prayers.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)



**The account of the feeding of the 5000 is the only miracle recorded in each one of the four gospels!** The Evangelist John is true to his portrait of a more self-sufficient Jesus who knows what is in everyone. Miracles are "signs" that point to a reality beyond themselves, to the identity and truth of Jesus.

It is Passover, but the disciples and the crowds that follow Jesus to a mountain by the side of the Sea of Galilee are a long way from where the religious leaders would expect them to be for this festival, namely, in Jerusalem. St John's account is concerned with how people respond to Jesus. The crowd is enthusiastic about his healing of the sick and they hope that they will get something out of their following of this miracle worker. Although he knows what he will do, Jesus asks Phillip what they should do about buying bread for the people, and Phillip's response is logical: it would cost more than half the annual wage of a laborer to give this number even a few crumbs, and Jesus and his disciples don't have that kind of money! Andrew's response is pragmatic, producing one small boy with five coarse barley loaves and two dried fish, a typical and minimal meal for two poor people, not 5000!

All these responses are inadequate, then as now, for what is most important is not practical satisfaction, not logic or reason, not even the miracle that Jesus will work. The gospel concern is that people see what happens as a "sign" that points to something more and beyond, to who Jesus really is, and how he will satisfy not only empty stomachs but also empty hearts. Jesus takes the little that is offered to him and, in his hands, it becomes an abundant meal. Jewish memories and Christian eucharistic themes are woven together as Jesus takes the bread, gives thanks, and, unlike the synoptic gospel accounts, distributes both the bread and fish himself. The Evangelist John is not concerned with practical distribution methods, but with a teaching emphasizing that, in this Passover feeding, Jesus becomes a personally nourishing presence to each person. This food that he distributes is more precious than the manna, for the people were not to leave any manna until the next day because it would decay. Whatever fragments are left over from the lakeside meal are not perishable; they are to be gathered up and cared for by the disciples.

The response of the crowd is to hail Jesus as a prophet. Knowing their intent to "*carry him off*" to manipulate him to their own political and material expectations of what the Messiah should be and do, Jesus "*withdrew*" only to return later for a deeper engagement with the crowd, as we will hear in the continuation of the bread of life discourse these coming Sundays.

**We bring to this Eucharist the little that we have, all the fragments of our inadequacies, our successes and failures, our hopes and fears. We offer them to God with the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands, and these small gifts are transformed and offered back to us as the gift of Jesus' sacramental Body and Blood, into whose life we are gathered.** This is not logic, pragmatism, or self-satisfaction ... this is our Eucharistic thanksgiving for God's abundant and eternal generosity in our lives

*Fr. Dennis*



Memorial gifts to our church are always welcome and very much appreciated. If you wish to make a gift, please send it to the church office and designate in whose memory or honor the gift is being given.

## HELP LOCAL STUDENTS GET READY FOR SCHOOL



Summer is in full swing, but back to school is not far away. Please consider helping our families get their kids ready for school by donating school supplies and backpacks.

Please deliver to the SHARE building by August 6 (that gives us time to purchase what we do not have).

### Most wanted items include....

- New Backpacks (Prefer large, very sturdy. Even little ones need room for snow pants and sneakers!)
- Lunch Boxes
- Durable, Tear-Resistant 2-Pocket Folders (6 colors)
- 1, 2, and 3-inch Sturdy Binders (White)/Filler Paper/Dividers w/tabs
- Calculators (4 function)
- Notebooks **8 1/2 x 11"** (1,3 and 5 subject)
- Pens: Blue, Black, and Red
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- 3- hole Pen/ Pencil Cases & Pouches
- Thin Tip Dry Erase Markers (low odor)
- Post-It Notes
- Highlighters and Black Fine Point Sharpies
- Crayons, Colored Markers and Pencils (Crayola preferred)
- Erasers: Pencil-top and Chunk
- Thick Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks (Jumbo and Lg.)/4oz. Elmers' Glue/Scotch Tape
- Rulers (Custom/Metric)
- Anti-Bacterial and Baby Wipes/Boxes of Tissues
- Hand Held Pencil Sharpeners with covers
- Marbled Composition Notebooks
- Scissors (Kid friendly)
- Index Cards

**Rather let us do the shopping? Mail or drop off a check. Make sure to note the donation is to be used for school supplies.**

**Donations may be dropped at the SHARE Center, 1 Columbus Avenue, Milford, NH 03055, Monday through Friday from 8 am - 4:30 pm by August 6.**