

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 8, 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 25th, Christmas &
Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

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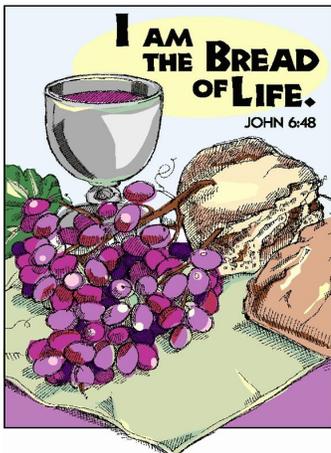
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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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



All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;
No matter your family or marital status;
No matter where you are in the practice of faith;
You are always welcomed here at St. Patrick.

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.

AUGUST 9-15, 2021

MON - 8/9- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

7:30AM: Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John

TUES - 8/10- St. Lawrence - NO MASS

WED - 8/11- St. Clare

5:30PM: Doris Fay by Patti & Diane

THURS - 8/12- St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:30AM: Intentions of Lucille Farwell

FRI - 8/13 Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

7:30AM Intentions of Dennis Roy by John Milan

SAT - 8/14- Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00PM - Frank Weber by Sheila Marx

SUN - 8/15- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Greg Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

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

READINGS 8/15/2021

Rev: 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor: 15:20-27

Lk: 1:39-56



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 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 or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

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. This is very helpful for parishioners who want to give on a regular basis.

Weekend of August 1, 2021: \$5,024

Vanco monthly: \$10,962

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF AUGUST 14-15

Saturday 4:00PM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Suzanne Price
Dave Couture
Gary McCartney
Dianne Hamilton**

Sunday 8:00AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Will McGrath
John Ordemann
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron**

10:30AM

**Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters**

**Jude Lorman
Henry Anthony
Steve Dudley
Tony Varga
Michelle Varga**

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/8/2021)

The journey is also an important Old Testament motif: God calls Abram to leave his home and go to an unknown land, later Rebekah follows the same route when she agrees to marry Isaac. Jacob and his sons travel to Egypt to escape famine, and of course, the Exodus of the Israelites, 4 centuries later, is the formative event in the history of the Jewish people.

Can you put these events of the Exodus in chronological order?

Moses receives the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai The Crossing of the Red (or Reed) Sea
The plagues The Golden Calf The beginning of the manna The Passover

Answer to question 8/1/2021

1) Jesus left Capernaum (after healing Jairus' daughter) to go to Nain, where He arrived just as the funeral procession of a widow's only son was coming through the gate. Jesus raised the young man from the dead. (Luke 7)

2) As Jesus and the disciples were leaving Jericho on the way to Jerusalem, He responded to the calls of a blind man and healed him.

3) On the afternoon of Easter, two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus were joined by the Risen Lord, whom they did not recognize.

4) The Holy Spirit directed the deacon Philip to the road from Jerusalem to Gaza, where he encountered an Ethiopian official puzzling over the Scriptures and shared the Gospel with him.

5) The road from Caesarea Philippi to Damascus is the most likely route that Saul took, which was interrupted by his life-changing vision of Jesus.

Bread of life: Jesus as living bread and revealer of God

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on Jesus' origin and the physical and spiritual food he gives believers.

Gospel (Jn 6:41-51)

John's gospel continues the story of Jesus feeding five thousand (Jn 6:1-71). Today's pericope, from Jesus' "bread of life" discourse, explains and interprets Jesus' sign. Jesus uses his opponents' misunderstanding to reveal his *origin* and *identity*.

Jesus' origin. His opponents *dispute* ("murmur about") Jesus' claim that he has "come down from heaven." They "know" his parents and, therefore, know his *origin*. Like Moses correcting the murmuring Israelites in the wilderness (Ex 16:6-8), Jesus corrects his murmuring opponents: "*the Father sent me.*" Only the "one who is from God" has *seen and knows* the Father. As evidence, Jesus points to Hebrew scripture: "They shall all be taught by God." Jesus *fulfills* this promise (Is 54:13) because Jesus is the *divine teacher and revealer of God*.

Moses and manna/Jesus and bread. Jesus' opponents have already asked Jesus for a *sign* to prove that he is *greater than* Moses, who gave them both physical food (manna) and spiritual food (Torah). Jesus answers that no one, *including Moses*, has seen and knows God. Only Jesus, "who is from God," has the authority to *make God known* and to give "eternal life" to believers. Jesus reminds his opponents that their ancestors (including Moses) ate the manna but still *died*. Jesus, who is "the bread coming down from heaven," gives spiritual food that allows believers "to live forever." Jesus' origin is *from God*, and his *physical* food (Eucharist) and *spiritual* food (revelation of God) is *greater than* Moses' manna or Torah.

Summary and reflection

This week's readings ask us to think about Jesus and the gifts he gives believers. God feeds Elijah miraculously with bread in the wilderness so Elijah can travel to Horeb and encounter God. The Ephesians author exhorts the community to practice love, which sets it apart from unbelievers. Jesus reveals that he is the bread of life; his bread is greater than manna, and his knowledge of God is greater than Torah. How do we encounter the living bread come down from heaven? Is it physical food to fuel our daily lives? Is it spiritual food that enables us to love one another? Is it the physical presence of Jesus who gives the unconditional gift of himself for the life of the world?

Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at: LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Mary Emrich, Joe Zund, Bernie Quinn, Alyssa McCloat, Julie & David Spokane, John Johnston Jr., Rev. Jack Roche, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, 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 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!

Watch: Clare and Francis (8/11 Clare's Feast day)

Study: Divine Mercy, Episode 9: Mary's Knight

Study: 33 Days to Morning Glory, Week 2: St. Maximilian Kolbe (8/14)

Watch: Ocean of Mercy

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints



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.

The Family Faith Formation program will be offered once a month (total 7 times) through ZOOM on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:30pm or Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Pick one.

If you are already registered for Family Faith Formation: please e-mail me (re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org) ASAP with your choice of day and time.

Youth Ministry will be offered twice a month (total 12 times) on Sunday evenings through ZOOM from 6 to 7:30pm.

You are invited to join Lunch Bunch as a volunteer.



Cooks prepare one component of a buffet lunch to be served at The Mill, Beechbrook, or Granite Square, once

a month on Monday. We would love to have you join our group. For more info, please email Kathy Sharkey at sharkeykat@hotmail.com or call and leave a message at 603.673.9722. Many Thanks.

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.

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 1st 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.

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

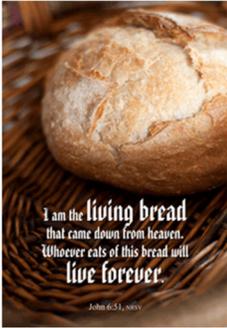
◆ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith

◆ 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.

Sessions began July 28, 2021 @ 6:15pm.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B-2021)



In the continuation of St John's Eucharistic Discourse moves us to another level of understanding of what Jesus means by "bread": from "Wonder" bread, to the bread that is the work of faith, and now to the bread that is Jesus himself.

Our faith challenge is to recognize Jesus as the revelation of God's word. When the people in Jesus' time come to him and accept to be taught, his wisdom, his words become a source of life. In his person and words, Jesus sets before the people a feast that will be nourishment for eternal life. The religious leaders are foolishly certain that they know all about him because they know his parentage. They have closed the ears of their hearts to anything Jesus has said about "my Father" and the unique relationship of this Father and Son. They are not ready for a surprising God, for a God who can be present in the ordinary ... present in this man who claims to have been sent by God, to speak the words of God, to have seen God, and who has the nerve to endorse himself by the teaching of the prophets and compare himself more favorably with some of the wonderful events of Israel's past, such as the feeding with the manna that was God's gift from heaven. From speaking of "this bread" of his teaching, Jesus now unambiguously points to himself: "*I am the living bread that came down from heaven,*" says Jesus.

The manna of the desert was sustenance for a time but Jesus' revelation will nourish for eternity; the manna fell from heaven but, as the Evangelist John proclaimed at the beginning of his gospel, Jesus is the Word who was with God and was God from the beginning, and who came from the place close to the Father's heart to make God known in our human flesh.

Today's gospel concludes with Jesus speaking of the bread he will give for the life of the world as "*my flesh.*" There may be some eucharistic hints here, but the word "*flesh*" refers first of all to Jesus' humanity, his way of being in the world and his self-gift to the world. This is his mission, a consequence of the Father's love for the world that will lead him into his death and resurrection for the life of the world. How this relates to the Eucharist will be further revealed as we listen to the bread of life discourse on the following two Sundays.

There are always options available to us in our journey of faith. Like Elijah, we may feel it would be easier to opt out, perhaps with a struggle, perhaps with a whimper, and often because there is no "angel" around to help us. Or we may join the ranks of the murmurers, resistant to new ideas, new wisdom, new interpretations, even if from the highest teaching authority in the church—world-wide ecumenical council such as Vatican II. Or we may continue to do the hard work of faith ... and come to Jesus to feed on his word and wisdom, given to us especially in the Scriptures, in the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Word, and in our personal meditation and prayer.

Fr. Dennis