



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS TIME

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).

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. Please visit our website saintpatrickmilfordnh.org



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 Fr. Dennis at 673-1311.

Prayer request call:

Diane 603-673-1311

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 21, 2022

August 22-28, 2022

MON - 8/22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM: In celebration of the anniversary of Mark & Tabitha Momenee and Bill & Maureen Chase by Mr. & Mrs. David Momenee

TUES - 8/23 - St. Rose of Lima

7:30AM: NO MASS

WED - 8/24 - St. Bartholomew

5:30PM: Marilyn St. Onge by Carol Salavia

THURS - 8/25 - Ss. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

7:30AM: Gerald DePolo by Doris Nolan

FRI - 8/26 - Weekday

7:30AM: Special Intention by Jane Provins

SAT - 8/27 - Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

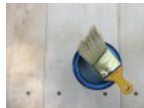
4:00PM: Mary, David, Nancy & Dan DeSantis and Mary Colella & Marjorie Gilbert by Richard DeSantis

SUN - 8/28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sunday

8:00AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Courtney Turgeon by the Duchemin family and Luke & Laurette Côté by their daughter, Ida Caveney



Have you notice that the rails coming down from the front stairs of the Church have been sanded and repainted. Thank you to Joe Fischer, Sue Niquette & Pauline Nepveu of the St. Patrick Helpers for a job well done.

READINGS 8/28/2022

Sir: 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb: 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk: 14:1, 7-14

Weekly Calendar of Events

August 22-28, 2022

Wed: 6:15PM—Finance Meeting—SPC
6:30PM—Social Core Meeting—SPC
7:00PM—Scout BSA troop 1794—C/H
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group—C/H

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.

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office at 673-1311.



Your weekly donation can be dropped off in the mail box on the garage 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.

Weekly collection: \$6,186
Facilities Repair: \$2,042

GIVE+ONLINE





REMEMBER in your prayers

Melissa, Helen, Maryann O'Connor, Ann, Paige DiPietro, MaryDennis Werger, Alicia Hill, Eric Lacroix, Linda Asselin, John Milan, James D'Alessandro, John Lacroix, Joseph & Brenda Janikas, Chuck Dumont, Meghan (Duffy) Griffith, Robert Ferreira, Mel Scherr, Conrad Ducas, Konstantin Bushuyev, Marko Bushuyev, Tom Moro, Irene Prunier, Chrissy Ramsdell, Joan Miller, Elijah Huang, Paul Gibbons, Mike Donnelly, Neil Gade, Brenda & Cullen Boisvert, Orlando Lopez, Carolyn Momeny, Christine Lacroix, Julie & David Spokane, Jim Mackie, Stanley Marchocki, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Julie Hammond, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Lucille Farwell, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Eselionis, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Eleanor Botelho, Richard, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Maureen Belair, Marty, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Eva, Thomas Burkardt, Susan Yorio, William, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Coralee Smart, Rob Erickson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, 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, Leah Stigliano, Philip McPhee, William Thompson, Sammy Tinaglia, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who are serving our country, and all the people in Ukraine.

Please call the parish office at 673-1311 when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (8/21/2022)



Other images of God that appear in the Psalms are the "fortress" and the "shield." (Psalm 18 includes both). These military terms may seem to us like an odd way to think about God. How does the history of Israel as a nation and David in particular explain why these metaphors resonated with the people?

Answer from the Faith Formation weekly challenge 8/14/2022

Calling God the "Rock of salvation" recalled two powerful images from Israel's experience of God's leading them from Egypt to the Promised Land. The first is the miraculous supply of water from a rock (not a stone on the ground but a huge boulder or cliff face) by which God had saved the people more than once during their years in the wilderness. The other resonant image is that of a mountain safehold, a sheltered area where a traveler or shepherd might take refuge and be protected from weather or enemy. This was a familiar experience for David, whose song in 2 Samuel 2 is repeated/quoted in several of the Psalms.

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! If you have any difficulties, please call the office and we can assist you. 603-673-4797.

Watch: Study: Footprints of GEucharistod: Mary

Listen: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

Escuchar: El Ave María y la Oración

Study: Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles (8/24 Sts. Bartholomew/Nathaniel)



NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Fruit, Flour, Sugar, Boxed Cake Mixes & Baking Supplies, Coffee & Tea, Juice, Granola.

CLOTHING BARN

NEW underwear for Men, Women, Children all sizes are needed. New Children Swimwear.

These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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



FAITH FORMATION

It's time to register now so that we can be prepared for you this fall. Faith formation is a Lifelong process. Even if our child/ren have been confirmed it is important to keep them in the program. You will benefit from the support we offer to you and your child/ren. If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation office at 603-673-4797 and leave a message.

You can find registration forms at the back of the church, on our Website, and in the office. No child will be denied faith formation due to lack of funds. Please contact the office for assistance.



Holiday Craft Fair

This year instead of having a Christmas Fair, we have decided to have a

Craft Fair/Bake Sale on Saturday November 19.

This year, we will have a few raffles: we will sell tickets ahead of and during the fair for larger prizes.

We will also have our theme related baskets as we have done in the past. Tickets for those can be purchased at the fair.

In order to make this happen, if you have baskets on the larger size that you would like to donate to the church bring them to the office during the week. This would be greatly appreciated.

As done every year we will have a poster board in the vestibule with different items needed for the baskets.

More information will be in the bulletin as we approach the Craft Fair date.

Labor Day Parade 2022 – Knights of Columbus Supporting St. Patrick Parish

Do you love Jesus Christ? Do you love our St. Patrick Parish Community? Do you struggle with evangelizing to others about the joy of our faith and our community? Here's your chance to share: Saturday September 3 at 8:45-11am, we'll be (again) decorating a trailer to transport St. Patrick in the Annual Milford Labor Day Parade. Please come and help prepare the "float"!

Then – join us for the "big event". It normally rolls at about noon on Monday Sept. 5 (Labor Day), but we like to gather in the parade lineup on West Street beyond the high school starting at about 11am. We will try again to provide and hand out some sunflowers, and our "float truck" will hopefully again be sharing a selection of our favorite Catholic songs.

Any questions – please contact John Turner @ jturner@myteamengineering.com or 603-493-6036.

HELP NEEDED

Are you looking for a one-time opportunity to volunteer?

Did you know we have a centennial park beside the parking lot? It was established about 27 years ago for a place to come and meditate and be with nature. But over the years, it has become a "little" overgrown. It's time to rejuvenate that park. We plan to do so in September. We need to clear the grounds, fix the walkways and posts and maybe replace some plants.

Please call the office if you are able to help .

Is it time to get your hands dirty! We will provide lunch.

Bring your own tools and gloves.

THANK YOU.





21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2022

Today's gospel seems negative and discouraging. When someone in the crowd asks Jesus about salvation, he seems to say that entering the Kingdom of God will be difficult. He uses the image of a "narrow gate" through which a person must push him or herself in order to pass. The Greek word that the text uses only intensifies this difficulty. It implies an athletic contest of strength by which people might squeeze themselves through by brute force. It is no wonder that Jesus concludes by saying that many will

not have the strength to enter.

So, how are we to understand these words of Jesus that seem to indicate that only a few people will be saved and only those who are strong enough to push themselves through a narrow gate? How do we square these words with so many places in the New Testament where Jesus seems to indicate that salvation is open to all who can freely enter into the Kingdom of God?

I would suggest to you that we must pose two questions to this text. The first is, "With whom is the questioner in the story concerned?" and the second is, "Who is making the gate narrow?" The question that is posed to Jesus is very important because it sets the context for everything that follows. The questioner asks, "Will only a few people be saved?" Notice that the questioner is not asking about himself but about others. His question seems to be an attempt to vindicate what he thinks about others. What he thinks is already included in the question "Only a few." This questioner has already concluded that only a few people will be worthy to enter God's Kingdom. So, notice, it is the questioner, not Jesus who first introduces the idea of "the few", "the narrow", the "limited way" to salvation. It is in response to this narrow question that Jesus brings up the "narrow gate."

So, who is making the gate narrow? Not Jesus, but the person who is questioning him. Jesus is only responding to the man's narrow question, saying if you will, "Well, if access to salvation is as narrow as you think it is, it will indeed be difficult to enter into God's Kingdom". It is the man who questions Jesus who narrows the gate, because of his judgment towards others. He thinks only a few are worthy to enter. It is his choice to envision the way to the Kingdom as one that is negative and limited.

Now when we look at the gospel from this perspective, it is not really a discussion about how many people will actually be saved. It is rather a warning to us about our own judgments and prejudices. Each time we judge another person as unworthy of salvation, we narrow in our own minds the gate through which salvation comes. Each time we reject another person because of their mistakes, their lifestyle, or their disagreements with us, we limit our ability to see the immensity of God's love. Now God, of course, will continue to be God. God will continue to be merciful and gracious. God will continue to save the sinners and the lost, but our prejudice can blind us to the power of God's grace.

So, it is with a sense of irony that this gospel warns us that the gate we envision is the gate we will use. Each time we reject another person as unworthy of God's love, the gate before us tightens and narrows. Each time we refuse to forgive someone who has offended us, the way before us lessens. We must therefore be careful to enlarge our mercy and our compassion. If we are unwilling to do so, then one day we might discover that our way of salvation is through a very narrow gate, a gate that is so narrow that we do not have the strength to enter.

Fr. Dennis