

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 7, 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.

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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.

For anyone who would like to stop in for private prayers. These are the times when the Church is opened.

Monday - Friday: 9-5pm

Saturday: 9-3pm

Sunday: **Closes at Noon**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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INCLEMENT

WEATHER POLICY
for weekday Masses



Parishioners are now to be aware that if there is inclement weather there will be no Mass that morning. Official announcements of cancellations and delays will be made on the cancellations ribbon on WMUR-TV CHANNEL 9. This policy is for the safety of parishioners and those who are responsible for snow removal.

FEBRUARY 8-14, 2021

MON - 2/8– Ss. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

7:30AM All Souls

TUES - 2/9– Weekday—NO MASS

WED - 2/10– St. Scholastica

5:30PM: Charles R. McGuire by Mr. & Mrs. Don Gombieski

THURS - 2/11– Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30AM: All Souls

FRI - 2/12 - Weekday

7:30AM: All Souls

SAT - 2/13 - Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Benny Beebe by John Milan and
Charles & Anna Ekgler by Vesta Philbrick

SUN - 2/14- 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Richard P. Caveney, Jr. by his mother, Ida and
Nancy Schnitzer by Eileen Naber

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

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 2/14/2021

Lv: 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor: 10:31 —11:1

Mk: 1:40-45



If you would like to receive
HOLY COMMUNION ONLY,
it is offered every Sunday from
11:30 - 11:45 AM.

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!

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in the mail slot near the glass door or
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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 January 31, 2021: \$6,636

Vanco monthly: \$11,110

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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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (2/7/2021)

"Last month we looked at what St. Paul called the three greatest gifts – faith, hope, and love. In theology these are known as the "theological virtues" because they cannot be fully attained except as a gift from God. In general "virtues," or "dispositions to do good," are desirable characteristic traits which incline a person to choose to act righteously, and most of them are recognized across eras and cultures. The Church has traditionally listed four "cardinal" virtues which are natural to all people. Can you name them? And what does "cardinal" mean in this context?

Answer to last week's question (1/31/2021)

In common use we think of "love" as a feeling. It can be a casual description of something that gives us pleasure ("I love potato chips" or "I love horseback riding"), or a potent emotional attachment to another person – the bond between spouses, parents and children, or close friends. But the spiritual gift of love is an infusion into our souls of something which is an essential characteristic of God – in fact, Scripture tells us, God **IS** love. (1 John 4:8). This love was literally embodied in Jesus and the sacrifice He offered for our salvation is the love He commands. We cannot love like that on our own – it has to be a gift of the Holy Spirit that empowers us, not to "feel" loving but to live lovingly, giving ourselves in service to those around us. That is the kind of love that blossoms on the tree of faith and makes God's love visible to all the world.

Lessons in discipleship, mission, and ministry

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

Mark's gospel concludes Jesus' "day of ministry" with a discipleship story and continues with stories of Jesus' mission and ministry.

Discipleship story. Jesus' cure of Peter's mother-in-law is a lesson in *discipleship*. After her healing encounter with Jesus, she begins *servicing* ("waited on") her guests. Mark uses the same Greek word for her service (διακονέω/diakoneó) that Jesus uses to describe ideal leadership as the *humble service of others* as well as Jesus' own *mission* (Mk 10:45).

Ministry story. Mark shows Jesus *healing the sick* who crowd around Peter's door. The Greek word Mark uses can mean "to cure" or "to heal" or "to serve," and is the root of the English word "therapy." Unlike other healers, wonder-workers, or magicians, Jesus' healings are not ends in themselves; his actions are a *sign that God's kingdom is near*. Jesus comes to serve others; his disciples must *follow his example*.

Mission story. Jesus tells his new disciples, "This is *why I have come out*." The Father sends Jesus to preach the good news that *God's reign is near*. Jesus' actions (healing and expelling evil) and words (preaching) *make God's kingdom present* in the lives of the people he encounters. After training his disciples, he sends them to *continue his mission*.

This week's readings ask us to think about our mission and ministry as disciples. Job lists real human needs that require ministry, not platitudes. Paul's enslavement to serve the weak expresses the depth of his discipleship. Jesus reveals his mission and ministry to his new disciples, and gives them examples to follow. As disciples, we are charged with continuing Jesus' mission and ministry. What kind of disciple are we? Do we act in service to others, or simply spout pious words? Are we willing to serve all, or only those we judge deserving of our efforts? Does our service reveal the Jesus whom everyone seeks, or does it point back to our own importance?

--Terence Sherlock

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



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2/11 Our Lady of Lourdes

2/17 Ash Wednesday

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Watch: Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes - a great family video

Check out Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, located in Syracuse.

www.lourdesvolunteers.org

Listen: Saved in Hope - Encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
FEBRUARY 13-14, 2021**

4:00PM

Lector	Terri Magnus
Eucharistic Minister	Pauline Nepveu
Greeters	Gary McCartney
	Susan Niquette
	Dianne Hamilton

8:00AM

Lector	Amy Guthrie
Eucharistic Minister	Dawn Block
Greeters	Steve Santinelli
	Sue Pasquale
	Irene Prunier

10:30AM

Lector	Will McGrath
Eucharistic Minister	Henry Anthony
Greeters	Steve Dudley
	Bernie Quinn
	Tony Varga

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — February 9, 2021
Wednesday: 6:00 -7:30pm — February 10, 2021

**YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES 6-12**

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — February 14
All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.



Knights of Columbus

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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 "masked" Knights of Columbus take care of this for you? We are offering handy-man services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund.

If you would like to learn more or if you think that you have the "perfect project" for St. Patrick Helpers, or if you are interested in helping us, please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564.



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Have you dropped your land line?
Have your phone numbers or email address changed?
Please call the office at 673-1311 to update your information.



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Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diaper Wipes
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



In the gospel, God's remembrance of and compassion for suffering humanity comes most tangibly and radically in the healing presence of Jesus. From the religious service in the synagogue, Jesus moves immediately into the house of Simon and Andrew, accompanied by James and John, disciples who are having a busy apprenticeship. In the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, we have an example of the mission of Jesus who cares nothing for Jewish laws that prohibited the touching of a woman not one's wife, and especially on the Sabbath. Jesus has healed the tormented man in the synagogue, and he will make no discrimination between male and female, even though to hold the hand of the sick woman could earn him the accusation of ritual uncleanness. Compassion has a more urgent hold on Jesus, and his raising of her is by the same power that God will manifest in raising Jesus from the dead.

The response of Simon's mother-in-law to her healing is to *serve* (*diēkonei* ... from which we get the word deacon) Jesus and his companions. The last use of this word in Mark's gospel is in Mark 15:41, and here it is again with reference to women who followed and served him, so framing the mission of Jesus from its beginning to his death with the service of women. It is a reminder, too, that all who have experienced the healing power of Jesus, in the flesh and in the Spirit, should respond with service of others.

Even though Jesus did not subject himself to Sabbath restraints, the crowds wait until "after sunset" when the Sabbath was over to bring those who are sick in body and mind to him. Jesus responds to the longing for wholeness and healing, conquering the reign of evil, yet commanding the evil spirits not to speak of him because, not until his death, will his true identity as Messiah be revealed. Before that, such a revelation, especially by the proclamation of the formerly possessed person, could be manipulated by Jesus' enemies into false charges of his being on the side of the kingdom of evil.

The one to whom Jesus is first accountable, however, is not the sick or possessed person, not Simon or his companions. Jesus' life is above all directed to God who is acting in him and through him. So early the next morning, he seeks a place where he can be alone with God in prayer. Simon and some of his companions are described not as Jesus' "followers," but as those who "pursue" Jesus. There is a note of accusation and misunderstanding in Simon's words: "*Everyone is looking for you!*" There is no appreciation of Jesus' own need to search for his God in prayer. What Jesus has heard in his prayer is the call to proclaim the reigning presence of God in other towns, to move on from the enthusiastic reception of yesterday, because that is why he came.

This week, we reflect on the following questions: How often are we tempted to stay with the "yesterdays" of success and acclamation and hesitate to go forward to the largely unknown "tomorrows" to which God is calling us? And how important is prayer in our discernment of God's call?

Fr. Dennis

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