



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9-12 and 1-5pm. Closed at Noon on Friday

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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Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:00 A.M.; 8:45 A.M.; 10:45 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M.

Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass, unless otherwise indicated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 7:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

(Except Dec 25th, Christmas & Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of

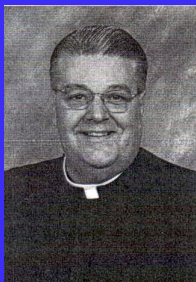
All are Welcome

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.



Next weekend we will be celebrating Priesthood Sunday.

In a special way, pray for Fr. Dennis.

In gratitude and appreciation for Fr. Dennis' ministry, continue your support and encouragement as we move forward as a community. The following prayer is suggested:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time— September 22, 2019

SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2019

MON - 9/23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina
 7:30AM - Arthur Audet

TUES - 9/24 - Weekday
 7:30AM - NO MASS

WED - 9/25- Weekday
 5:30PM - Moe Facques by Elaine Pratt

THURS - 9/26 - Ss. Comas & Damian
 7:30AM - Moe Facques by Jane Provins

FRI - 9/27 - St. Vincent the Paul
 7:30AM - Eugene Shalayda by Mr. & Mrs. William Nourse

SAT - 9/28 - Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM - Rev. Donald Jacques and Deceased members of the Gilbert & Castillo families

SUN - 9/29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00AM - Jack & Kathleen Milan by their father, John
 8:45AM - Members of the Parish
 10:45AM - Kevin Girard by Ida Caveney

Readings: 9-29-2019

Am: 6: 1a, 4-7
 1 Tm: 6: 11-16
 Lk: 16: 19-31

September 23-29, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (C/H)
 4:30PM—Catechism for Adults with Fr. Dennis (C/H)

Tues: 7:00PM—Cribbage (C/H)
 7:00PM—Prayer Shawl Ministry (C/H)

Wed: 6:05PM—Women’s Prayer group (SPC)
 7:00PM—Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thur: 8:00AM—Blood Pressure Screening (C/H)
 7:00PM—Knights of Columbus planning mtg (C/H)

Sat: 7:30AM—Men’s Prayer Group (C/H)

Sun: Coffee & Donuts

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF September 28-29, 2019

4:00PM **Altar Servers:** John M..
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura D., Bernie K.
Lector: Suzanne P.
Greeters: Gary M., Bert D.

7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Samuel & John L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne D., John O., Sally W.
Lector: Amy G.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z.

8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Stiles C., Stephen A.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joe R., Sr. Marcelle, Diane B.
Lector: Teresa M..
Greeters: The Santinelli’s

10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Claire B., Katherine P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce N., Jude L., MaryGrace D.
Lector: Paul D.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Ron V., Mary L.

WEEKEND OF: September 15, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(146) Envelopes		\$3,910
Loose Offerings		\$2,300
Total Sunday	\$7,944	\$6,210

AC & Heat Collection: \$2,436

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.

GIVE+ONLINE



If you know of anyone whom is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist weekly or monthly. Please call the office at 673-1311.

If you would be willing to be a friendly visitor. Please call the office for more information.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Moe Facques by Eunice Welch



We are still collecting these for the school system. If you do not have children in the school system and you buy products with this emblem on them could you please save them and bring them to the office and we will give them to the school and they will be redeemed for supplies. Thank you.

Faith Formation Ministry

These calendars can be found on our website under Faith Formation calendar.

GRADES K-5

Sunday Classes are
12:15pm to 1:45pm

Sunday, October 6
Sunday, November 3
Sunday, December 1
Sunday, January 5
Sunday, February 9
Sunday, March 1
Sunday, April 5
Sunday, May 3

GRADES K-5

Tuesday Classes are
4:30pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 8
Tuesday, November 5
Tuesday, December 3
Tuesday, January 7
Tuesday, February 11
Tuesday, March 3
Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, May 5

GRADES 6-9

Sunday evening classes
from 6-7:30pm

October 6 - 20
November 3 - 17
December 1 - 15
January 5 - 19
February 9 - 16
March 1 - 15
April 5 - 19
May 3 - 17

GRADES 10-11-12

Sunday evening classes
6-7:30pm

October 20
November 17
December 1
January 19
February 16
March 15
April 19
May 3

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.

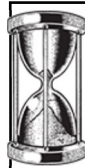
VOTIVE CANDLE A Votive Candle is a "silent sentinel," and your representative before our St. Patrick's Shrine. A Votive Light can burn for your special intentions or for someone who is in need of prayers. This is a thoughtful expression of your sentiments and best wishes for any occasion. And your Votive Candle is an act of faith and charity—the flame is a symbol of the sacrifice you have made in behalf of someone else—and it is a silent reminder of your prayers for them.

By burning a votive candle at St. Patrick's Shrine, you are giving true meaning by your intentions. Let it be your presence at the Shrine—your spiritual pilgrimage by which you come to beg the help of the Lord through the intercession of St. Patrick and to thank him for past favors he has granted you. Your candle will be like a prayer in time of need.

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Thank you to all who helped with the moving of the chairs last Saturday morning.



LAST-MINUTE REQUEST

We are looking for strong volunteers to help on **Saturday, September 28th starting at 8:30am** with moving more items for the Yard Sale. The more people come the faster the work will be done.

The Knights of Columbus

are sponsoring a Parish breakfast in the Church Hall on Sunday, September 29 after the 7:00, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, pastries, coffee/juice. The proceeds will be split between the Church and Wilton Open Cupboard. A donation of \$5. per person would be appreciated.



NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9-22-2019)



Much more involved question this week: The reason the city of Jerusalem was full of pilgrims from across the Empire when the Holy Spirit descended was because it was the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost began as a celebration of the spring harvest, but by the time of Jesus it was focused on the giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai. What parallels can you see between that event (described in Exodus 19, 24 and 32)?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (9-15-2019)

At the appeal of her uncle, Mordecai, Queen Esther fasted and prayed before presenting herself, unsummoned, before the King (who had summarily executed his previous wife when she displeased him). With the Lord's help, Esther was able to beguile her husband and turn the wicked Haman's plot on himself.



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Please remember in your prayers:

Janine Hartwell, George Lemelin, Hope Kelly, Joanne Coughlin, Ron Hug, Michael Donnelly, Thomas Martel, Donna Thomas, Nancy Salisbury, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Michael Strong, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Brenda Lamarre, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Jack & Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Ronald Rood, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Lyn, Bettina Mace, Marie Roccio, Thomas Burkardt, Ben & Anne Marie Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Tiffany Brown, 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, Jack Long, Barbara Powers, Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek, Bobby Holland, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, Jeffrey Yorio, Lisa Yorio, Blanche Belanger, Cheryl Williams, Ken Hower, Jeff MacMartin, Margaret Nelson, Mindy Kane, Linda Lewis, Susan Yorio, 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, Mary & Dick Almy, Steven Perez, Elda Paduano, Meaghan Pezze, 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.

SHARE Summer Challenge

We would like to thank all who participated in the SHARE Summer Challenge. We have gone over 2,000 items. Thank you for your caring. Please keep on giving.



NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal **can be dropped off at the SHARE office or in the Church Hall.** Thank you for your donations.

“Something to be relied on”

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings call us to examine our relationship with possessions and wealth.

Luke's gospel continues Jesus' teaching on the road to Jerusalem. Jesus tells his disciples a parable about an unjust but insightful steward. Commentators struggle to explain why Jesus seems to be praising someone who is dishonest. A closer reading shows that the steward's *master* (the *rich man* who owns the large estate), not Jesus, commends the steward.

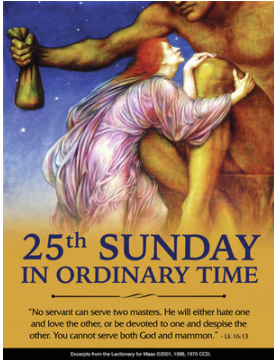
The steward's problem and how he solves it. The steward's troubles start because he “scatters” his master's possessions, over which he has authority. When the master finds out, he visits the steward, *calls him to account*, and fires him. The parable's point is *how the steward responds to this crisis* (the visit and firing). The steward's “cleverness” is that he continues to *disperse possessions* (“reducing the amounts owed”). This dispersal creates new friends and opportunities for employment for the steward. The *steward's clever response* earns the master's praise and becomes a teaching moment for Jesus' disciples.

Jesus' teaching: right use of possessions. The “children of the light” should actively respond to their master's (Jesus') visitation. As the steward used possessions to secure a place for himself, so disciples should *use possessions to secure a place in the kingdom through almsgiving* (see Lk 12:33). The Aramaic word *mammon* means “something to be relied on.” Jesus puns on the idea of what/who is *truly* reliable and worthy of service: possessions (“mammon”) or God.

This week's readings present the problems with possessions. In the first reading, Amos warns that God judges against those who choose possessions over people. In the gospel, Jesus gives several teachings about using earthly possessions to create wealth in God's kingdom. How do we think about and use possessions? Do we recognize true riches? Do we rely on possessions for security, or is our faith in God? Whom do we serve?

-Terence Sherlock

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of suppression of the poor, and swindling flows into advice on assuring peace and quiet for practicing our religion, to dealing with shrewd business practices. None of these topics has ceased to be of concern to us; they may be even more pressing today than ever before.

Jesus speaks to his disciples, and to us, about our inevitable conflicts when we are driven to weigh what seems to be demanded by society, and what we discern in our hearts to be the will of God. The parable of the shrewd, wasteful, and cunning steward has always been a puzzle to me. He essentially was accused by his master of unsound and wasteful business practices. He was a poor steward, because he could not even be trusted with small matters. Suddenly, however, he was faced with the loss of his job, his social standing, and even his future livelihood. This was no longer, in most people's estimation, a small matter. His response was unexpected, but shrewd. He made friends with those who owed his master. While he still had the power to do so, he slashed the amounts that they owed the master. He, thereby, assured that he would be asked into their homes, and possibly, would even be employed by them; he was saved from ruin and humiliation.

Why did Jesus seem to praise the actions of this man? When I first heard this parable, I imagined that it was because the steward saved himself, and at the same time exhibited a kind of financial kindness to the debtors. Jesus, I now believe, is telling us that this is an example of behavior that is considered to be good practice by those who are not yet his followers. The steward did the best that he could while in the service of money and those who control it. Jesus warns us that we cannot serve two masters. While our allegiance is divided between what pleases God, and what will merely increase our personal wealth, or social standing, we are not "in the light". We are constantly being measured, and we measure others by what riches and property they do or do not have. It is clear from Jesus' words that we should try to recognize by our actions, words, and thoughts, the goodness of God in each person. Discern the spirit of God in our hearts.

St. Paul was aware of the affects that kings, and others in authority can have on us and our religious practices. He reminds Timothy to offer prayers, petitions, and intercessions, especially for kings and others in authority..."so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet." God wants all of us to be saved. Pray for times of peace and quiet. Pray for times that allow us to serve just one master, God.

Fr. Dennis

**YARD SALE OCTOBER 5; 9-3PM
OCTOBER 6: 8-NOON**

**YARD SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED:
SAT, 28TH FROM 9-11 AM & 5-6PM**

SUN, SEPT 22ND & 29TH FROM 11:45 –2PM

WED, OCT 2ND & 3RD FROM 9-3PM; FRI, OCT 4TH FROM 9-12PM

Accepted:

Antiques and Collectibles, Arts & Crafts & Supplies, Music and Movies: CDs/DVDs & Vinyl Records, Backpacks, Briefcase and Purses, Bedspreads and Quilts, Books, Small Furniture (1 person lift), Games/Toys/Puzzles, Gardening Supplies, Home Décor (new candles, picture frames, vases, silk flowers), Clothing, Jewelry, Lamps (table and floor), Paintings, Small Appliances and Electronics (working only), Tools, Baby Supplies in good condition, Bikes, Kitchen items.

NOT Accepted:

Any item not in good condition, Large Furniture/Appliances, Cassette/VHS Tapes, Textbooks/Encyclopedias Computers/Monitors/Printers, TV, Car parts/tires, Baby car seat, cribs, stuffed animals. Baby bottles
Any questions feel free to call the office.