



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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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



Pastoral Council Members

Chairperson: Chris Conard

Peter Arnoldy, MaryGrace Duncan, Jerry Guthrie,

Jude Lorman, Will McGrath, Irene Prunier,

Steve Santinelli.

The Church Hall will be closed from October 7th until the ceiling and lights are redone. The contractors estimate the repairs to take about 4 weeks. Last week they removed the drop-ceiling and light fixtures. This week they are doing framework. People will be able to use the restroom during Mass times.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUDGEMENT

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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. Our website has been revamped go check it out saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

Prayer Line call

Diane or Patti at 673-1311.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time— October 20, 2019

OCTOBER 21-27, 2019

MON - 10/21 - Weekday

7:30AM - Dan Hanlon by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Donnelly and Rev. Richard Vickery

TUES - 10/22 - St. John Paul II

7:30AM - NO MASS

WED - 10/23- St. John of Capistrano

5:30PM - Andy Antonopoulos by Jane Provins

THURS - 10/24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30AM - Moe Facques by Ron Hug and for the special intentions of Dan Nelson by his mother, Joyce

FRI - 10/25- Weekday

7:30AM - John Murphy by John Milan

SAT - 10/26- Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Rev. Richard Vickery

SUN - 10/27- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Members of the Parish

8:45AM - Denise Bergeron by Rachel Gregoire

10:45AM - George M. Emrich by his mother, Mary

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Registrations are available at the office, at the entrance of the Church and on our website. Registration is necessary for Faith Formation Classes and Sacrament Preparation.

WEEKEND OF: October 13, 2019



Parish Offering	Prior Year	This Year
Budget From(143) Envelopes		\$4,234
Loose Offerings		<u>\$1,894</u>
Total Sunday	\$7,552	\$6,128

Facilities Repair: \$2,109.

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



October 21-27, 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon: 9:30AM—Bible Study (SPC)
6:00PM— Pastoral Council (SPC)
Wed: 6:05PM—Women's Prayer group (SPC)
7:00PM—Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Thur: 7:00PM—Knights of Columbus planning mtg (SPC)
Sat: 7:30AM—Men's Prayer Group (SPC)

NO COFFEE & DONUTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



God's Word and Our Faith

Adult Bible Study All are Welcome:
Monday Mornings 9:30-11:00
Join us to take an adult look at the stories we learned as children.

10/21/19 Moses 1: Baby in the Basket,
Burning Bush, Plagues and Exodus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF October 26-27, 2019

- 4:00PM **Altar Servers:** Olivia & Jonathan R.
Eucharistic Ministers: Bernie K., Carol H., Linda V.
Lector: Scott B.
Greeters: Gary M., Bert D.
- 7:00AM **Altar Servers:** Samuel & John L.
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne D., John O., Sally W.
Lector: Kathleen J-P.
Greeters: Skip G., Joe Z.
- 8:45AM **Altar Servers:** Willa A., Ron C.
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike & Ann G., MaryGrace D.
Lector: Teresa M.
Greeters: Steve S., the Bells
- 10:45AM **Altar Servers:** Kobe T., Katherine P.
Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle & Tony V., Bridget C
Lector: Pam T.
Greeters: The Hohenadels, Ron V., Mary L.

Readings: 10-27-2019

Sir: 35: 12-14, 16-18
2 Tm: 4: 6-8, 16-18
Lk: 18: 9-14



Donations needed for our raffle baskets, are posted on a bulletin board in the vestibule. Please take one of these and **return that item with the cutout to vestibule by Nov.**

17. There is a basket to accept your donations. Please call the parish office with any questions, 673-1311.

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

All are welcomed to the adult teaching in the Church.

GRADES K-5

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

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

GRADES 6-10

Sunday evening classes
from 6-7:30pm

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

GRADES 11 & 12

Sunday evening classes
6-7:30pm

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

Nashua Catholic invites students entering Grades 7-8 in Fall 2020 to join us for a Shadow Day on November 5th. Students will spend the day with an NC attending classes, meeting friends, and seeing what a typical day looks like here at Nashua Catholic! For more information or to register, visit us at www.ncrjhs.org or call (603)

Students: An Opportunity to Win up to \$200

The Knights of Columbus are offering a Respect-Life writing contest for middle school and high school students. You do not need to be a member of the knights, or even a Catholic to enter. The theme is, **“In what ways is unacceptable mass violence tied to our society accepting violence (such as abortion) and what can I do to help reduce violence in our society?”**

The deadline is December 15, and essays must be less than 500 words, typed, and submitted in PDF or Word format. The NH Knights are offering six \$100 prizes, and the Milford Knights are offering an additional \$100 prize.

October is Respect Life Month!

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Find the rest of this reflection and other resources on this year's theme, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life," by visiting respectlife.org/reflection. Sponsored by the United Conference of Catholic Bishops.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (10-20-2019)

The Feast of Tabernacles commemorated the years the Israelites spent in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. But it only took a year for them to travel from Mt. Sinai to the boundary of Canaan. Why was it 38 years before they crossed the Jordan River?

Answer to Last Week's Question: (10-13-2019)

Sukkot, or the Feast of Tabernacles, recalls the time of “wandering” in the wilderness as the people of Israel. It is also called the Feast of Ingathering and commemorated the fall harvest. The “Tabernacles” aspect of the Festival is observed by constructing a shelter, made of vegetation, out of doors. Families eat their meals there during week-long celebration (some families sleep in the sukkah as well. At minimum everyone is required to consume a small piece of bread each day under the sukkah.) The harvest part of the Festival is observed in a ritual prayer while holding a citron in one hand and a frond woven of palms with myrtle and willow twigs. In the Temple these were offered as a sacrifice by waving them before the altar, hence the term in the Bible “wave offering.” Sukkot was also associated with the gift of abundant rainfall, and each the Levites drew water from the stream at the base of the Temple Mount and carried it to the altar, where it was poured out and mixed with the wine offering. It was on the last day of Sukkot that Jesus declared ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ Sukkot was and is a festival of great joy, with music and dancing late into the night. (For more fun details, see the parish Facebook page.)





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Please remember in your prayers:

Stephen Swallow, Irene Hendrickson, Pamela Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Janine Hartwell, Hope Kelly, Joanne Coughlin, 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, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Ronald Rood, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hasset, 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 Larmarche, 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.



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.

THE CLOTHING BARN IS IN NEED OF MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S NEW UNDERWEAR

Prayer and faith in the in-between time

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings present stories about prayer and ask us to consider the relationship between prayer and faith.

Luke's gospel continues Jesus' teaching on the road to Jerusalem. Jesus tells his disciples a parable about prayer, a shameless judge, and an honorable God.

The context. Jesus has just reminded the disciples that God's kingdom, while inaugurated by Jesus' coming, is *not completed until the end-time*. In this in-between time, Jesus says, disciples *will long to see* the "one of the days of the son of man and will not see it" (Lk 17:22).

The characters. Both the judge and the widow are stock characters. A first century audience would be *wary of judges*, because of their position (part of the Roman occupation) and their status (prominent and wealthy). A first-century audience would be *sympathetic toward widows* because Hebrew scripture calls for special attention and care for them.

One possible interpretation. The parable describes our in-between time, between the kingdom's announcement and its end-time fulfillment, which is filled with shameless judges and demanding widows. Disciples can lose hope in such times. Jesus reminds us that if an "unjust" judge can be shamed into doing his job, *how much more will an honorable God* be willing to hear and to answer those who cry out for help? In this in-between time, how long will disciples continue to cry out? Jesus worries aloud about how many will remain faithful waiting for the kingdom, especially in light of the apostles' plea to "give us faith" in Lk 17:5.

This week's readings present the difficulty of prayer. We believe that God hears and answers our needs, but we can easily despair when we see so much yet to be accomplished. Prayer feeds faith, and faith feeds prayer. Do we pray for our needs and the community's needs? Do we have the faith and patience to see God's response? Do we continue to cry out?

Read the full reflection and subscribe at:

LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com

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.

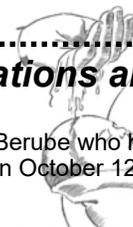
Marriage: Weddings are a special time of joy and promise for a bride and a groom. Engaged couples are invited to contact the pastor personally (preferably 6-12 months) prior to the desired wedding date to begin their preparation. Couples should not make any commitment with a reception venue prior to 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.

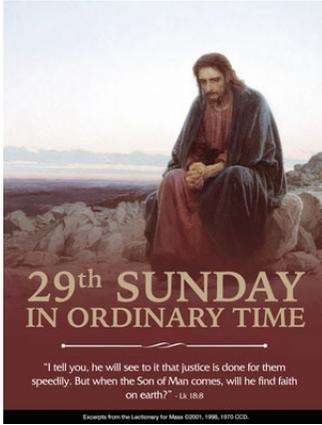
Sacrament of the Sick: If you are anticipating surgery or experiencing health issues and would like to be strengthened with the Church's sacrament of healing and hope, please contact the pastor personally to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

Congratulations are extended to

Michael & Rachel Berube who had their son, Jaxson Randall baptized on October 12, 2019



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Are we there yet? Are we there yet?” Persistent questioning bordering on bothering behavior is something with which we are all too familiar. Children have a knack for this, especially at an inquisitive age. But office drama can bring it out too, as well as adult family relationships. This is something Jesus was familiar with as well, as today’s parable demonstrates.

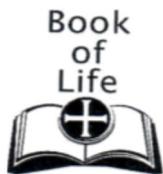
In the parable, the judge is named “unjust.” He is willing to (and likely has) perverted justice in cases before him, which is a clear violation of Mosaic Law. The point of naming him as an unjust judge is to make clear that his decision is for sale, whether to the widow (who likely has little money) or to her adversary. The judge is willing to make a decision in her favor simply to get rid of her, regardless of the merits of the case.

If an unjust judge is willing to do what is right simply to get rid of a persistent and nagging woman, how much more will a loving Father in heaven do what is right? This simple but profound insight forms the core of the message today.

Then, the gospel ends on a puzzling note, “But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” The story opens with the necessity to pray always, but concludes with a question about faith. It’s as though the song started in a major key but ends on a minor. This is no mere “throwaway” line, but is something significant and even vital to interpreting the parable.

St. Luke writes at a time when Jesus’ expected return has been delayed, thus the advice “to pray always without becoming weary.” Perhaps St. Luke himself is aware of some in his own generation who have given up on this expected return of Jesus, and gone back to a former way of life. This might be the reason, too, for the explanation of the parable on Jesus’ lips: “*Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.*” The ceaseless praying is about justice, not necessarily Christ’s return. And then the story ends on a reflective note, wondering whether, when the Son of Man ultimately does return, he will find faith. Or, will it be that the disciples have effectively abandoned the advice to pray always and thereby lost their faith? This question, pertinent as it was nearly two thousand years ago, is applicable still ... today!

Fr. Dennis



November is traditionally the month in which we remember all our deceased loved ones. The “Book of Life” will be available in the Sanctuary for the entire month. Sheets are available on the tables in the back of the church for you to post those you wish to be remembered. Please fill them out and place them in the book beginning the Weekend of Oct 26-27.

On Saturday, November 2nd at the 4pm Mass we will be remembering all those who have died from this community this past year. All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you would like a person to be remembered at Mass, or you need a ride to come to the celebration, please call the office, 673-1311.