



## 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.*

**Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti**



#### **15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass - 2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

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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.

**THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN  
FOR PRAYER & ADORATION  
Monday-Friday from 9am—5pm  
Saturday from 9am—3pm  
Sunday: 11:30am—5pm**

**JULY 13-19, 2020**

**MON - 7/13- St. Henry**

**7:30AM:** Members of the Parish

**TUES - 7/14-St. Kateri Tekakwitha— NO MASS**

**WED - 7/15-St. Bonaventure**

**5:30PM-** Chet Klimuszko by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scanlon

**THURS - 7/16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**7:30AM—** All Souls

**FRI - 7/17- Weekday**

**7:30AM—**Special intentions by Jane Provins

**SAT - 7/18- Vigil of the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time— *The Church will be open from 9-3pm.***

***MASS will be celebrated with a limit of 50 people***

**4:00PM—**All Souls

**SUN—7/19- 16th Sunday in Ordinary time—**

***MASS will be celebrated with a limit of 50 people. Church will remain open until 5pm***

**8:00 AM—**Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley

**10:30AM—**Richard P. Caveney by his wife, Ida

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**Please remember in your prayers:**



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Lillian Esielionis, Bill & Kevin Duffy, Joyce Nelson, Tiffany Brown, Jeanne Jacques, the Staff & Residents of Crestwood Nursing Home, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Rita LaJeunesse, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Leo Ouellette, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Connie Gonzalves, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco,

Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, Jonathan Niquette, Hope Kelly, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Sillowy, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, Donald Labonte, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, 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, Scott Dickinson, Jack Daniels, John Knott, Joseph Koprek, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, Patti Patenaude, 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, Joseph Sherlock, John Sullivan, Alice & Lloyd Eskins, and for the men and women who are serving our country.



Your weekly donation can be dropped off in the mail slot near the glass door.

or

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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 regular basis.

**Weekend of July 5, 2020**

**\$6,308**

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## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (7/12/2020)

There are many American-born Servants of God, most of them known only in their hometowns. Here are a few of the better-known American Servants of God. Match the name to the home state.

1. Dorothy Day	a. Vermont
2. Rose Hawthorne	b. Pennsylvania
3. Nicholas Black Elk	c. New York
4. Gertrude Barber	d. Mississippi
5. Bertha Bowman (Sr. Thea)	e. Massachusetts
6. Joseph Dutton	f. Montana

### Answer to last week's question (7/5/2020)

Five years or more after a person has died, a request can be made to the local bishop for them to be named as a saint – someone whom the Church will honor as an heroic witness to the faith. With the bishop's permission, an investigation into that person's life may begin, making them a "candidate" for sainthood. (This is a labor-intensive process and can take considerable time. Many candidates never move beyond this stage because there is no organization to carry out the investigation.) Once the evidence is delivered to the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the person is referred to as Servant of God. The remaining "steps" are "Venerable," "Blessed," and "Saint."

### **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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### **The mystery of seed yields and soil types**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on seeds, soils, success, discipleship, and God's creative power.

Matthew's gospel is from the "day of parables" discourse, which we will hear over three weeks. This week, Jesus presents a parable about seed yields in different soils, and Matthew interprets the parable for his community.

**The parable.** Although the parable might seem to be about a sower, Jesus' hearers (Galilean farmers) know the parable is about the *seed* and its *absurd, superabundant yield* (a typical yield is about 7.5 to 1; a maximum yield is 10 to 1). Jesus' hearers understood that only God could make crops grow; *the harvest was God's gift*. The parable's context suggests the parable is about Jesus' ministry. Jesus asks his hearers: why don't all seeds yield a harvest, and why do some yield more than others? Although Jesus sows the word of God's kingdom everywhere he goes, he has relatively few takers and much hostility from religious leaders. This kingdom parable begins to explore the idea that, despite apparent failures, *God will bring Jesus' ministry superabundant success*.

**Matthew's interpretation.** Matthew interprets Jesus' parable as an *allegory*. As Matthew writes his gospel in the 80's, his community is separating from the synagogue and developing its own identity. Matthew's interpretation explains to his mainly Jewish-Christian *ekklesia* why their own Jewish *family and friends reject* Jesus' teachings (the evil one's promptings, personal shallowness, worldly concerns, desire for wealth). At the same time the *ideal disciples* in Matthew's *ekklesia* bring forth fruit in unimaginable quantity. In this allegorical interpretation, Matthew and his community begin to explore the mystery of *election and rejection*.

This week's readings ask us to think about how we measure success. Isaiah reminds his hearers that God's word is creative and gives abundance. Jesus' parable tells us that Jesus' ministry will be successful because God's word always achieves its purpose. How do we measure success? Do we believe we alone are responsible for our achievements, or do we recognize that everything we have is from God's abundance? Do we think we control our success, or do we acknowledge the mystery of God's role in our life's yield? Have we confused God's seed with discipleship's soil?

---Terence Sherlock

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Enter 03055 and choose St. Patrick Church 34 Amherst St.  
Enter your name and the email you will be using. For questions please call the Faith Formation office at 673-4797.

**Saint Maria Goretti**

**Watch:** Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

**Watch:** Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

**Listen:** St. Maria Goretti

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**Watch:** St. Therese of the Child Jesus

**Watch:** No Greater Love: A Unique Portrait of the Carmelite Nuns

**Watch:** Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

**(DIY) VBS**

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions we cannot hold VBS at the church this summer.

However we are excited to present a fun new program (DIY) VBS we know you and your children will enjoy at home.

For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at 673-4797

*Register for*  
**CLASSES**

It is the time of the year to register your child (ren) for the Faith Formation Program. For more information call Sue at 673-4797 or email your questions to: [re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](mailto:re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

Registration form is on our website [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

**Steubenville East**

Each year we send students to Steubenville East. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot. This year we invite students entering grades 9 through 12 in September and their parents to join “Steubenville Live” (at home)

This event will take place July 17 and 18. Registration begins now. \$40 per family  
For more information contact our Faith Formation office at 673-4797

*Congratulations and best wishes to*

Kory Mount and Elisabeth Wilson  
James Hayes and Miriah Eble  
Oren Shatken and Molly McNary  
Ryan Rothhaus and Brooke Walker



Whom exchanged their wedding vows at St. Patrick Church

**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY**



Toothbrushes & paste, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Wipes

**These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office. PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.**



## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



In the middle of summer, we continue reading from the Gospel of Matthew. Today we begin chapter 13, sometimes referred to as the chapter on parables, for Matthew has Jesus teach seven parables in this chapter. The word “parable” means wisdom-saying or proverb. This term could be used to mean anything from an aphorism to a lengthy allegorical tale. The latter is what we have today, with the parable of the sower, as Jesus himself calls it (Matt 13:18).

Matthew’s story of the parable of the sower follows Mark’s, which Matthew used as a source. In fact, there is little variation at all. Significantly, Matthew says that Jesus sat by the shore, but when the crowds grew too large he moved to a boat where “he sat” as well. The verb is used by Mark too, and it is an indication of a true teacher—one who sits to dispense wisdom.

Fortunately for us, Jesus explained this parable himself. There is no need to discern the intended meaning. Those who read the longer gospel today have the advantage of that explanation. For those who read the shorter reading, it is recommended that the parable be explained in much the same words as Jesus used. So perhaps it’s simply best to proclaim the longer version of the gospel.

The parable of the sower is rooted in antiquity with the image of scattering seed on the ground, which would have preceded plowing. Today even gardeners often sow seed by plowing first, planting the seed, then covering the seed with soil. But that is not the way those in the ancient world performed the task. It’s for this reason that many seeds may be eaten by the birds or may fall on rocky soil. Not all the seed that is scattered takes root and bears fruit. Indeed, if those in the ancient world planted seeds the way a modern gardener does, it’s highly unlikely that Jesus would have used this same parable! Instead, we might have a parable about the care with which the sower sows seed. But such is not the world of antiquity. Jesus ends this simple allegorical tale with an injunction: “Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

The parable in today’s gospel may cause us to stop and consider several questions: What kind of seed are we? Were we scattered on rocky soil or fertile? Will we bear fruit? If so, how much—thirty, sixty, one hundred-fold? Being viewed as seed scattered on the ground does not seem to leave much room for free will. The seed scattered on rocks can scarcely move itself to the fertile soil. Is it the fault of the seed for landing in an inhospitable environment? Then again, what about the seed that finds itself in fertile soil? Is there a responsibility to grow and produce fruit? That can hardly happen if it’s eaten by a bird. Again, the question of free will seems to be outside the realm of this parable.

Today, we might pray for the grace to grow where we find ourselves and to produce as much fruit as possible. One day there will be a harvest and we shall experience new life. Such is the paschal mystery.

Fr. Dennis