

## 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**

**Faith Formation: 673-4797**

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#### **SACRAMENTS:**

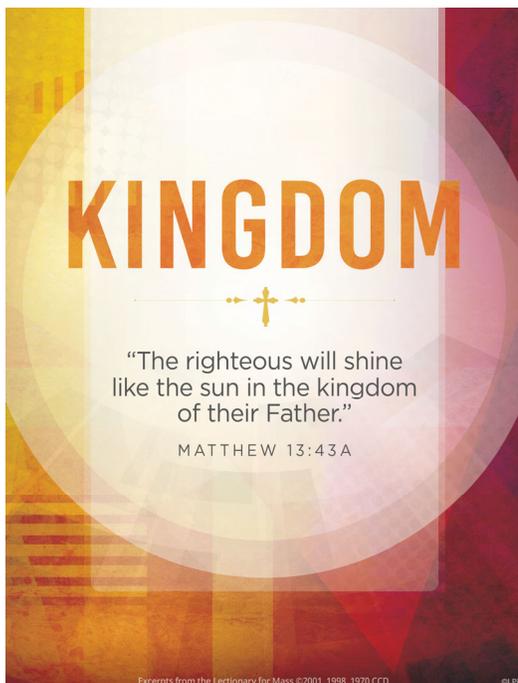
**Baptisms:** We rejoice with parents at the birth of a new child. Parents are encouraged to initiate preparation for baptism prior to the child's birth. Call the Parish Office at 673-1311 for information and pre-baptism instruction.

**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**



## 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 20-26, 2020**

**MON - 7/20– St. Apollinaris**

7:30AM: Members of the Parish

**TUES - 7/21–St. Lawrence of Brindisi— NO MASS**

**WED - 7/22–St. Mary Magdalene**

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

**THURS - 7/23 - St. Bridget**

7:30AM— Grover Farwell, Jr. by his wife, Lucille—10th anniversary

**FRI - 7/24– St. Sharbel Makhluf**

7:30AM—Robert D. Philbrick, Sr. by his wife, Vesta

**SAT - 7/25- Vigil of the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time— *The Church will be open from 9-3pm.***

4:00PM—Edwin Bernasconi by Jane Provins

**SUN—7/26- 17th Sunday in Ordinary time —**

**Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm**

8:00 AM—Members of the Parish

10:30AM—John Spurrier by Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Dzienciol

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 7/26/2020**

**1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12**

**Rom: 8:28-30**

**Mt: 13:44-52**

## Summer fruit basket

Taste some fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) - perfect for summer, and all year round!

- Love: "There is always an 'again' with love." - Unknown
- Joy: "I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains." - Anne Frank
- Peace: "Peace begins with a smile." - Mother Teresa
- Patience: "The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned."  
- H.C. Mears
- Kindness: "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." - Mark Twain
- Goodness: "Goodness means to do things for the glory of God." - Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- Faithfulness: "Do small things as if they were great because of the majesty of Christ, who does them in us."  
- Blaise Pascal
- Gentleness: "There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness." - Han Suyin
- Self-control: "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." - 2 Tim. 1:7 (ESV)



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

or

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Go to our website [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://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 regular basis.

Weekend of July 5, 2020

\$8,830.

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## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (7/19/2020)

Vatican II emphasized the truth that most of us are called to live our faith in ordinary life, in our homes and work-places. Do you remember the work of these famous Americans who are known as Servants of God?

Roberto Clemente Walker  
César Estrada Chávez  
Edward J. Flanagan

Mary Flannery O'Conner  
Walter Ciszek

### Answer to last week's question (7/12/2020)

- ◇ Rose Hawthorne, from Massachusetts, was a nurse who founded an order dedicated to the care of impoverished cancer patients. She died in 1926.
- ◇ Joseph Dutton, from Vermont, served as a Captain in the Union Army. He later travelled to Hawaii and worked with Father Damien. He died in 1931.
- ◇ Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota Sioux medicine man who became a Catholic. He helped present the Gospel to his people and to explain Lakota traditions to white Americans. He died in 1950.
- ◇ Dorothy Day, from New York, was founder of the Catholic Worker movement. She died in 1980.
- ◇ Bertha (Sr. Thea) Bowman was the granddaughter of a slave and daughter of a physician from Mississippi. She became a scholar and developed the first Catholic hymnal drawn from the Black American heritage. She died in 1990.
- ◇ Gertrude A. Barber, from Pennsylvania, was an advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. She died in 2000.

### **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 God's mercy and patience**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on tolerance and mercy.

Matthew's gospel continues Jesus' "day of parables" discourse. This week, Jesus tells parables about wheat and weeds, mustard seeds, and yeast. Matthew allegorizes the wheat and weeds parable for his community.

**The wheat and weeds parable.** In their honor/shame culture, Jesus' hearers (Galilean farmers) would expect a householder outwitted by his enemy to hide or to remove the source of his shame. Even the householder's slaves urge him to pull up the weeds immediately. Jesus' hearers would be surprised that the householder chooses to *wait until the harvest to separate the wheat and weeds*. By being patient, the householder outwits and shames his enemy: he saves his wheat and can fuel his oven with the weeds. Jesus probably told this parable in response to his opponents' question, "If the kingdom is here, why has nothing happened?" Jesus' opponents expected *God to act with power* to make the kingdom *immediately* visible. Jesus' parable overturns their idea of God and emphasizes *God's patience and care* for the growing kingdom.

**The mustard seed and leaven parables.** The kingdom is not only small, but hidden and therefore mysterious. The two parables illustrate the same point: they contrast the kingdom's *small beginnings* with its mysterious and *miraculous expansion*.

**Matthew's wheat and weeds interpretation.** As in last week's reading, Matthew reinterprets Jesus' parable as an *allegory*. As Matthew writes his gospel in the 80's, his community is facing internal conflicts. Matthew warns his *ekklesia* that the kingdom, which is already present, *contains both the good and the bad*. *God alone will judge* the worthy and unworthy. Jesus' parable focuses on *tolerance and patience* until judgment time; Matthew's allegory focuses on the *fearful end* of the wicked.

This week's readings ask us to think about our patience and tolerance. The Wisdom author reminds us that we are called to emulate God: God's justice is rooted in care, not power. Jesus' wheat and weeds parable tells a story of God's patience and care in leading the ever-growing kingdom. As disciples, how do we show God's care? Do we choose power over tolerance? Do we practice patience with those who oppose us? Do we judge others immediately or do we allow God's justice to do its work?

---Terence Sherlock

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mation office at 673-4797.

**Saint Mary Magdalene**

**Listen:** Three Women and the Lord

**Saint James, Apostle**

**Listen:** Acts of the Apostles

**Watch:** The Way of Saint James

**Watch with kids:**

Lukas Storyteller: Saint Anne and Joachim

**Watch:** Symbolon: Catholic Social Teaching: Protect-  
ing the Dignity of the Human Person

**Read:** Discovering God Together: Raising Faithful Kids



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for  
the deceased members of the Côté &  
Caveney families by Ida Caveney.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Irene Hendrickson, Bev Ansaldo, Lillian Esielionis, Bill & Kevin Duffy, Joyce Nelson, Tiffany Brown, Jeanne Jacques, the Staff & Residents of all Milford long term care facilities, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Rita LaJeunesse, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, 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 Kopek, 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.

**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:  
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**(DIY) VBS**

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

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

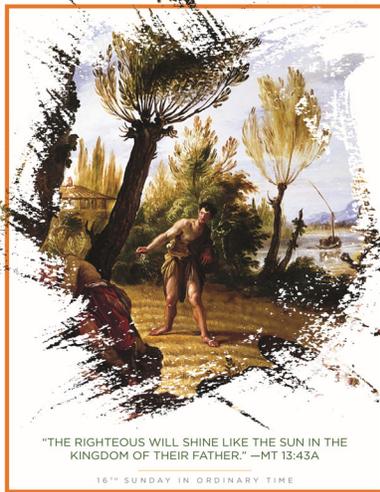
*Register for*  
**CLASSES**

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

Registration form is on our website  
saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



This Sunday we continue reading from Matthew 13, the chapter on parables. This is the chapter in where Jesus speaks seven parables. That alone should tell us that we are dealing with Matthew's evangelical hand in placing these parables where he does in telling us the story of Jesus.

The shorter gospel reading today is about the weeds and the wheat, whereas the longer reading includes other parables. The parable of the weeds and the wheat occurs only in Matthew. No other gospel includes this parable.

In it, the good sower expects a harvest of wheat but is unaware that his enemy cast weeds into the field. Such an image requires little imagination. This is hardly the sort of parable whose meaning is difficult to discern. Instead, we see clearly that the followers of Jesus, the "church" (Matthew is the only gospel to use that term), is a field of wheat and weeds, the good and the bad. The church does not or should not play God and determine who will be uprooted. Instead, uprooting is God's role and he will perform it . . . in the end.

For anyone whose life is bound up in the church, today's gospel rings true. There are weeds in the church in every time and place. But it is not our role to uproot. At harvest time God will separate the weeds from the wheat. Our role is simply to produce for the harvest.

How many of us would like to be in charge, deciding what's best for the group, what's best for the church? When enemies get in the way, we would have the authority to uproot and be rid of them. Even if we are not the ones to be "in charge," how many of us would like someone else to do the uprooting or weeding? But such is not the way it is with God and the church. In today's gospel passage found only in Matthew, we learn from Jesus that God is aware that there are weeds growing within the wheat. God is content to let them grow together, only to be separated later, at harvest time.

It is our task to simply **let God be God** while we grow into the harvest we are meant to be. Our lives are not to be filled with judgmentalism but with mercy. We are reminded of Pope Francis's words, "Who am I to judge," or Jesus' own words in the Gospel of John, "Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone." These are gentle reminders for us that, as disciples . . . followers of the Son of God, we are content to allow God to act in his own time and in his own way.

Fr. Dennis