

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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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.

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.

TREASURE



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

MATTHEW 13:44

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

JULY 27– AUGUST 2, 2020

MON - 7/27 - Weekday

7:30AM: Intentions of Grover Farwell IV by Lucille

TUES - 7/28 - Weekday — NO MASS

WED - 7/29 - St. Martha

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

THURS - 7/30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

7:30AM: Joseph Durocher by Lucille Farwell

FRI - 7/31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:30AM: Gerald & Amanda Bilodeau by Lucille Farwell

SAT - 8/1 - Vigil of the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time— *The Church will be open from 9-3pm.*

4:00PM: Viola Nardi by the family - 3rd anniversary

SUN—8/2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary time —

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Barbara Powers by John Milan

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 8/2/2020

Is: 55:1-3

Rom: 8:35, 37-39

Mt: 14:13-21



Memorial gifts to our church are always welcome and very much appreciated. If you wish to make a gift, please send it to the church office and designate in whose memory or honor the gift is being given.



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week for the intentions of Charles & Bernie Kalfelz



TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

*Lorraine Hamilton
Rita Therrien
Beverly Ansaldo*

YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated during the week or on the weekend for a particular intention for a person living or dead, please call the office to schedule. 673-1311.



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

or

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 regular basis.

Collection weekend of July 19, 2020

\$5,915.

GIVE+ONLINE



**Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team
(7/26/2020)**

Once a person's "cause" for canonization has been introduced and the results of the investigation of their life submitted to Rome, the next step is for that person to be named "Venerable" by the Pope. This title recognizes that the person's life showed Heroic Virtue. They may be considered as models of living the faith in whatever circumstances. The person's relics (remains) are examined and typically moved to a dedicated location. At this point those promoting the cause may have prayer cards printed, encouraging people to invoke the intercession of the Venerable, because the next step requires investigation of a miracle granted by God when the Venerable intercedes in response to prayer.

Here are descriptions of four American Venerabili. Can you name them (web-searching is allowed!)

I cut a splendid figure in my cassock and cape, but since television was still black and white, those who watched my popular tv show didn't get the full effect. Between radio and television, I preached in American living rooms for 37 years.

My father escaped from slavery in Missouri and joined the Union Army. After his death, my mother and we three boys escaped to Illinois. I was the first black American to be ordained a priest. In 2020 the annual pilgrimage to my hometown tomb was dedicated to praying to overcome racism.

I was born in a mixed-race Creole family in New Orleans. My light-skinned family objected to my work with the poor and people of color in the city, and particularly the teaching of enslaved children, which was illegal.

I was born into slavery in Haiti and brought to New York City by my owners. I became a successful hairdresser, and my wife and I became active philanthropists. I am the only layperson buried in the Crypt at St. Patrick Cathedral.

Answer to last week's question (7/19/2020)

Roberto Clemente was an All-Star professional baseball player from Puerto Rico. Always active in charitable outreach, he died in 1972 in a plane crash while bringing supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Mary Flannery O'Conner, who died in 1964 was a writer from Georgia whose novels and short stories explored the struggles of fallen humanity and the possibilities of divine grace.

César Estrada Chávez was an activist and labor leader from Arizona and cofounder of the National Farm Workers' Association. He was a child when his family lost their farm when his grandmother died, and they became migrant farm workers in California. He died in 1993.

Walter Ciszek was born to Polish immigrants in Pennsylvania and got involved with gangs as a teenager before deciding to enter the Jesuit order. In response to an appeal from Pope Pius XI he volunteered to go to Russia as a missionary. In Rome he was ordained to the Byzantine Rite. He slipped into Russia where he worked in a series of jobs, while providing education and celebrating sacraments with the people in secret. He was sentenced for espionage and spent 15 years in the gulag and a total of 23 years imprisoned in the Soviet Union. He was released in a prisoner exchange in 1963, taught at Fordham and wrote two books before his death in 1984.

Edward J. Flanagan was born in Ireland and came to the United States as a young man. He was ordained and sent to Nebraska as an assistant pastor, where he became concerned for the homeless boys he saw on the streets of Omaha. He is best known as the founder of Boys Town, a mission which continues today. Spencer Tracy won an Oscar for his role as Fr. Flanagan in the 1938 movie *Boys Town*. Mickey Rooney played one of the boys. Flanagan died of a heart attack in 1948.

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on finding and choosing what is important.

Matthew's gospel concludes Jesus' "day of parables" discourse. This week, Jesus tells parables about hidden treasure, pearls, a dragnet, and a householder. Matthew allegorizes the dragnet parable for his community.

The hidden treasure and pearl parables. These two parables circulated as a pair; they are linked by the subjects' *reactions*. In the treasure parable, Jesus' hearers are surprised to learn that the treasure is *unexpected*. The man simply found the treasure by chance. He sells everything and *buys the field and its treasure*. The parable invites Jesus' hearers to imagine finding such a treasure and how they would react. In the pearl parable, Jesus' hearers are surprised to find out *how the merchant changes* when he finds a unique pearl. He sells everything and *stops being a pearl merchant*. The parable invites Jesus' hearers to imagine what would cause them to change their lives completely. These two parables are about *the kingdom's great value* and how far one should go to acquire it.

The dragnet parable and Matthew's interpretation. This parable has the same theme as the wheat and weeds parable. Jesus' hearers are surprised that the kingdom *gathers in everyone*, the good and the bad together. Only when the net is full do the operators sort its contents. The parable is about *patience and tolerance*. The parable invites Jesus' hearers to think about a kingdom that is open to all, and their place in such a kingdom. Matthew's commentary reinterprets Jesus' parable as an *allegory*, focusing on the *fearful end of the wicked*.

The householder who brings out old and new parable. Today's other parables are about the kingdom, but this parable is about *those who teach about the kingdom*. Jesus' hearers expect the householder to bring out *only what is new*. Jesus' hearers are surprised when he brings out both *new and old treasures*. The parable invites hearers to think about *what is useful*. In Matthew's struggling *ekklesia*, he teaches that there is value in both the old (their Jewish heritage) and the new (what has happened in and through Jesus). The parable reminds the *ekklesia* that the new does not make the old useless.

This week's readings ask us to think about discernment. Solomon realizes that he needs wisdom to lead God's people. Jesus' parables challenge us to examine our assumptions, priorities, and choices. If the kingdom is valuable to us, what are we doing to find and to get it? Are we willing to give up everything and change our lives to gain the kingdom? Are we willing to live in an ambiguous and imperfect kingdom? Are we willing to search the old and new to discern and to keep what is useful? How do we teach about the kingdom?

---Terence Sherlock

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

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NRSV). Thank you, Jesus, for this loving promise.

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Go to FORMED.org – sign up
Click on “I belong to a parish or organization”
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 James, Apostle

Listen: Acts of the Apostles
Watch: The Way of Saint James

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Watch: True Reformers
– Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Watch: Ignatius of Loyola
Listen: Discernment of Spirits



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saintpatrickmilfordnh.org for more
information and events regarding the
Coronavirus



Please remember in your prayers:

William Lawson, Irene Hendrickson, 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, 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.

Please call the parish office when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

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.**

(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.

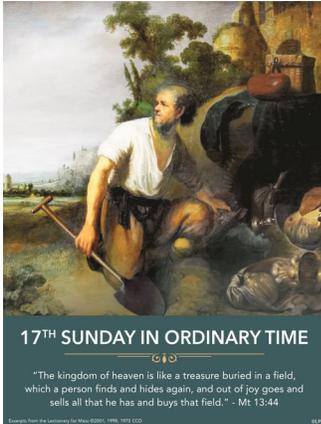
For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at 673-4797

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

Registration form is on our website
saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Today's reading gives us the third Sunday in a row where we hear from Matthew's chapter on parables. The setting is in the house, where Jesus continues to teach his disciples. This particular gospel reading preserves parables not found anywhere else in the New Testament. These parables either come from Matthew's special source or they are his own composition.

The reading begins with two parables: the treasure buried in the field, and the pearl of great price. Each is a side of the coin so to speak, with Jesus instructing his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is worth such a price. In other words, once one encounters the kingdom of heaven, a proper response is to reprioritize all else in favor of this. It is worth selling everything else to possess this one thing.

The longer gospel reading gives one more parable, but it has another point. Rather than reinforce the lesson of the first two parables, the third the net cast into the sea which brings in a terrific catch has another message. The net is returned with good fish, but also with things that are not so good. The latter is thrown away. This then becomes the image for the eschatological judgment, a topic that Matthew addresses quite often. At the judgment, some will be not merely cast aside or "thrown away," but the angels will throw the wicked into the "fiery furnace." As we saw last week, this is a favorite theme for Matthew. Matthew is sure to tell us there will be a final, definitive judgment and an unfortunate end is possible based on the decisions we have made.

The Christian life ought to be a source of joy for us. Some of this joy is reflected in the first two parables. In each, people sell whatever they can to take possession of a prized object. This is what it ought to be like for us with respect to the kingdom of heaven. Once we realize what it is, what a prize we have, we joyfully reorient all of our priorities in light of it. We want that one prize above all else. And what's more, we have it! Thus, the source of joy.

When animated by Christian joy, we may be shocked at the inevitable suffering and death that Christ experiences. There is evil in the world and this evil impinges on our own reality. It certainly did for Jesus. But that terrible experience is not the end. Joy and love triumph as new life springs forth from humiliation and death. This new life itself is a cause of joy. And so as Christians our joy is foundational. It should be a hallmark of our witness in the world. It is an essential element of our living the paschal mystery.

Fr. Dennis

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!*