



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-Noon & 1-5pm & Friday 9-Noon

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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.

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.

FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

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.

SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2020

MON - 9/14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30AM: Members of the Parish

TUES - 9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - NO MASS

WED - 9/16 - Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

5:30PM: All Souls

THURS - 9/17 - St. Robert Bellarmine

7:30AM: George Whelton by the breakfast group

FRI - 9/18 - Weekday

7:30AM: Tino Ricciardi by Jane Provins

SAT - 9/19 - Vigil of the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time—

4:00PM: Christopher Lysik by the family, 1st anniversary

SUN - 9/20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary time —

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Ken & Lorraine Lorden by Jane Provins &
Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley

10:30AM: Kevin Girard by Ida Caveney

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 9-20-2020

**Is: 55:6-9
Phil: 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt: 20:1-16a**

**St. Patrick Catholic Community
Welcomes You!**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

The Catholic Church invites you to the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process for those who are:

- ◆ Unbaptized and recognizes a need for spirituality in their life
- ◆ Baptized and raised in another Christian tradition but interested in learning about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Baptized in the Catholic faith or another Christian faith tradition, but never received any formal faith formation.

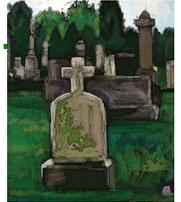
Inquirers please contact Patti Hendrickson at 673-1311 or pattih2015@comcast.net.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of George M. Emrich by his mother, Mary

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

St. Patrick Parish has a cemetery on Merrimack Road in Amherst. It is always the right time to invest in a plot and prepare for your final resting place.



Jerry Guthrie, our Sexton would be happy to show you different available sections at the cemetery. To schedule an appointment call 672-1254.

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 Sept 6, 2020	\$6,038
Catholic University:	\$576
Vanco for the month of August:	\$8,772

GIVE+ONLINE



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!*

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9/13/2020)

One Catholic tradition that some Protestants find objectionable is calling Mary the "Mother of God." They point out that this title is not in the Bible, and feel it suggests that she is a goddess. Many also object to the title "Queen of Heaven," claiming that it originally referred to a Babylonian goddess, so Catholics are unknowingly invoking a pagan deity.

What do these two titles actually mean, and how do they (like everything about Mary) point to Jesus?

Answer to last week's question (8/30/2020)

In many Protestant denominations the Ten Commandments are numbered so that Exodus 20:4-6 is considered the second commandment: "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." Other Protestants follow the traditional "Catholic" numbering, in which this passage is a continuation/application of the first commandment "have no other gods." (More on the numbering of the Ten Commandments on the Facebook page.) Many Jews and Muslims also prohibit the making of images of any kind (this is one reason Arabian art developed such marvelous geometric patterns). Among Christians, the Amish are known for their faceless dolls, made to avoid creating a human image. Catholics point out that this cannot have meant God's people must never make any representation of any creature, or have them in a liturgical setting, since the instructions God gave to Moses for the building and decorating of the Tabernacle included instructions for gold-covered statues of cherubs and embroidered cherubs on the veil. God also told Moses to make a bronze serpent which he used to heal the people from snakebite in the desert. And in Solomon's Temple the bronze laver (a huge washbasin) was supported on the backs of twelve bronze bulls. St. Paul and St. John both refer to the Incarnate Jesus as the Image of the unseen God. We must, of course, ever "worship" any created thing. And we must guard against any superstitious ascribing of inherent power or sanctity to objects. God eventually had to tell the Israelites to destroy the bronze serpent, because it had become an idol. But beautiful representations of created life have been aids to the worship of their Creator since the very beginning of our faith.

Prayer Line call: Diane or Patti
603-673-1311

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

Peter Arnoldy, Jerry Guthrie, Jude Lorman,
Irene Prunier, Steve Santinelli

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Pancake Mix & Syrup, Condiments, Cooking Sauces & Seasonings, Cooking Oil, Jelly, Cold Cereal.

These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office.

PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.

Discipleship: the quantity and quality of forgiveness

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

Matthew's gospel concludes Jesus' "sermon on the church." Jesus addresses the believing community's responsibility to care for its members, even those who offend or hurt the community. This week, Jesus teaches about mercy and forgiveness.

Peter's human view. In last week's gospel (Mt 18:15-20), the brother's sin was against the whole believing community. Today, Peter, the disciples' spokesman, asks about forgiving someone who hurts *him personally*. Peter believes *he is being very generous*, offering to forgive that person *seven times*. Jesus corrects Peter's human view with a *parable* about mercy and forgiveness, and a *teaching* about divine mercy.

Jesus' divine view. Jesus teaches that a disciple can put *no limits* on his or her willingness to forgive. Jesus tells a parable that illustrates not the *quantity* of forgiveness ("how many times"), but the *quality* ("mercy like God"). Jesus' response to Peter grounds reconciliation and forgiveness in *God's mercy*, and exposes the foolishness of trying to set limits on the willingness to forgive others. If God mercifully forgives unrepayable debts, humans must do the same. If, on the other hand, humans place limits on forgiveness, God will rightly place limits on God's merciful forgiveness.

This week's readings ask us to think about the meaning of forgiveness. Sirach wonders how someone could refuse mercy to another and expect God to pardon him. Paul reminds the Romans that in baptism disciples die to self and so belong to the Lord. Jesus calls disciples to emulate God's own limitless mercy and forgiveness. Forgiveness and mercy seem to be in short supply. Whom have we offended or hurt? From whom have we asked forgiveness and reconciliation? From whom have we received mercy? To whom have we granted only limited forgiveness or partial mercy? How will God judge the quality of our forgiveness?

--Terence Sherlock

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Congratulations are extended to

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kalish
on the baptism
of their son, Roman Emanuel

**To register for FORMED –
A gift for you**

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.

Our Lady of Sorrows

Movie: Sorrowful Mysteries
Audio: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Movie: Hildegard's Gift
Book: The Young People's Book of Saints

Saint John Henry Newman

Study: Lead Kindly Light
Movie: One Step Is Enough
Audio: The Logic of Being Catholic



Holly Coté, Kim Salem, Steve Santinelli, Fleurette Laquerre, Patti Fay McDonagh, Donna Thomas, Doris Fay, William Lawson, 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, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Bill Loscocco, Stephen Swallow, Pamela Wood, Sean, Hope Kelly, Rick Corron, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Bettina Mace, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, 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.

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...

- ... an ice cream man? Sundae school
- ... a giant? High school
- ... a surfer? Boarding school
- ... King Arthur? Knight school



If you have not registered your child(ren) for the Faith Formation Program, this is the time to do so by calling Sue at 673-4797 or email your questions to: re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

Registration form is on our website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

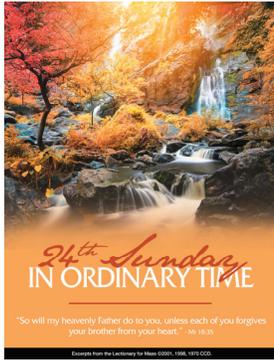
Classes will resume the week of September 13th via Zoom

Look for a link in the email you will be receiving from Sue the Faith Formation Director.

Milford Medical Center and Saint Joseph Hospital are proud to partner with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to provide COVID-19 community testing.

Community members can visit **Milford Medical Center at 442 Nashua Street in Milford, NH** to be tested for COVID-19 **daily between 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment to be tested, please call 603-884-4454, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020

Though chapter 13 in Matthew is commonly known as the “parables chapter,” for the seven parables Jesus speaks, we find parables in a few other places in the gospel; and today’s gospel reading is one example. The story of the unrepentant debtor is unique to Matthew. Though the opening verses of today’s gospel find an echo in Luke 17:4, the parable is unparalleled.

The story is simple but profound. One who owed the king an inordinate sum (10,000 talents is hyperbole equivalent to our saying “a hundred million dollars”) has no chance of paying it off. He will never earn that much and therefore he is essentially placed in debtors’ prison, after all his assets, his very person, and his family were sold for cash value. The king, hearing the pleas of mercy, relents and releases the man from his debts and from prison. The king was moved by pity.

Then, the same man finds one who is in debt to him (a denarius was about a day’s wage for a laborer). This debtor appeals to the man who was just forgiven, using language that sounds eerily familiar. But rather than be moved by pity as the king was and emulate the forgiveness he was shown, the man who now finds himself in a position of power casts the poor debtor in prison.

The king’s servants report all this to the king, who is infuriated at the aborted forgiveness. “Should you not have had pity?” is the terrifying question that sends the man not merely to prison but to the torturer for what is effectively eternity.

The lesson for us could not be clearer. We who have been forgiven are to forgive others. It is the Lord’s Prayer that is found in this gospel as well: “forgive us as we forgive those . . .” The Lord’s forgiveness is freely given, but it may be taken back if we do not emulate this same forgiveness in our own lives. The final words of the gospel are a haunting reminder that we may face the same fate as the one handed over to torturers if we do not forgive “from the heart.”

Grudges are awful things. They can gnaw away at the one harboring them. We may hear “forgive but don’t forget” as a way to remind ourselves of past transgressions we’ve suffered. But today’s gospel calls us to a higher standard. The forgiveness we’ve experienced (worth a hundred million dollars—something we cannot repay) should motivate us to be free with forgiveness when others wrong us. We cannot dole out forgiveness in infinitesimal pieces only to those we deem worthy once some rectification has been made. Instead, forgiveness ought to be given freely.

We must die to the grudges, slights, rudeness, and other transgressions we’ve suffered and rise to a sense of freedom that comes through forgiving as we’ve been forgiven. Jesus himself warns us in a negative way that if we withhold forgiveness, it will be withheld from us. And the consequences of that are severe indeed.

Fr. Dennis



On our website, we now have a section titled “Pastor’s Notes” in that section you will find the past weekend Homilies and other messages from Fr. Dennis.

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St. Patrick Church - Milford Income/Expense -
 Pastor's Summary Statement
 July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

	Budget	Actual
<u>Income</u>		
Sunday Offertory - Envelopes	301,600	320,678
Sunday Offertory - Loose	127,400	104,871
Holy Days	40,700	37,389
On- Going Renewal/Facilities Repair Fund	36,000	40,443
Weddings/Funerals	13,160	13,300
Votive 3 Day Candles		3,637
Faith Formation	7,500	5,517
Interest Income	72	541
Rent	-	-
Donations/Gifts	-	108,000
Fundraising	-	14,368
Miscellaneous	16,600	9,857
TOTAL INCOME	543,032	658,602
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries/Benefits/Taxes	224,138	213,276
Diocesan Assessments	67,548	64,133
Deanery Assessment	34,825	33,511
Charity	-	6,010
Utilities/Tel/Elec/Gas/TV/Internet	39,792	36,371
Contracted Services/Grounds/Trash/Plowing	22,430	24,701
Insurances	53,735	53,628
Supplies - Church	17,550	13,566
Supplies - Offices	15,621	16,513
Supplies - Faith Formation	3,550	5,043
Faith Formation/Children and Adult	44,187	38,567
Socials		
Rectory Room and Board	8,800	7,258
Equipment Purchase and Maintenance	4,600	3,609
Clergy Assistance	1,000	400
Capital Improvements - See reverse side of this sheet.		160,060
Miscellaneous	4,180	13,076
TOTAL EXPENSES	541,956	689,723
NET INCOME/ (DEFICIT)	1,076	(31,122)
NET INCOME PRIOR TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,076	20,939

CASH ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2020	
TD BANK - Operating Account	\$87,647.56
TD BANK - On-Going Renewal/Facilities Repair Funds	\$12,780.13
TD BANK - Cemetery Account	\$4,649.26
ST MARY BANK - Savings Account	\$34,380.00
DIOCESAN CENTRAL FUNDS SAVINGS	\$10,454.85
DIOCESAN CENTRAL FUND CEMETERY	\$49,435.03
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$199,346.83

Parishioner Support of Catholic Charities New Hampshire 2019-2020	\$35,657.00
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PAID CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/MAJOR EXPENSES
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

**ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE PAID IN FULL FROM OPERATING/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND
THE MONTHLY ON-GOING RENEWAL/FACILITIES REPAIR COLLECTION**

RE-KEY/LOCKS ENTIRE CAMPUS \$4,378.00

STORAGE POD PURCHASE \$3,500.00

CHURCH

- Roof Repairs Church/Center/Rectory \$30,630.00
- Replace handrails between Center and Church \$1,860.00

CHURCH HALL

- Parish Hall Ceiling and Lighting and Painting \$97,569.00

OFFICE/CENTER

- Re-surface Parish Center Entrance \$5,675.00
- Install Computer Backup System/ New Computers/
Upgrade All Office Computers to Windows 10 \$8,402.00

RECTORY

- Replace Front Door \$5,502.00

26 AMHERST ST

- 1st Diocesan Appraisal \$625.00
- 2nd Diocesan Appraisal \$1,500.00
- Legal Expenses \$419.00

SPECIAL NOTE

This past spring, we applied to the federal government "Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)" for a lifeline loan to assist the parish to keep our employees fully funded for 2 months during this Corona Virus pandemic. We were granted \$35,400.00 and have now applied to have this loan forgiven. We are grateful to the Finance Office of the Diocese of Manchester for their leadership in securing this assistance to our parish.