

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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.

**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary
The Feast Day is October 7th**

Joyful Mysteries (Mon & Sat)

Annunciation

Visitation

Nativity of Christ

Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple

Finding of the Christ Child in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tue & Fri)

Agony in the Garden

Scourging at the Pillar

Crowning with Thorns

Carrying of the Cross

Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries (Wed & Sun)

Resurrection

Ascension

Descent of the Holy Spirit

Assumption

Coronation of Mary

Luminous Mysteries (Thur)

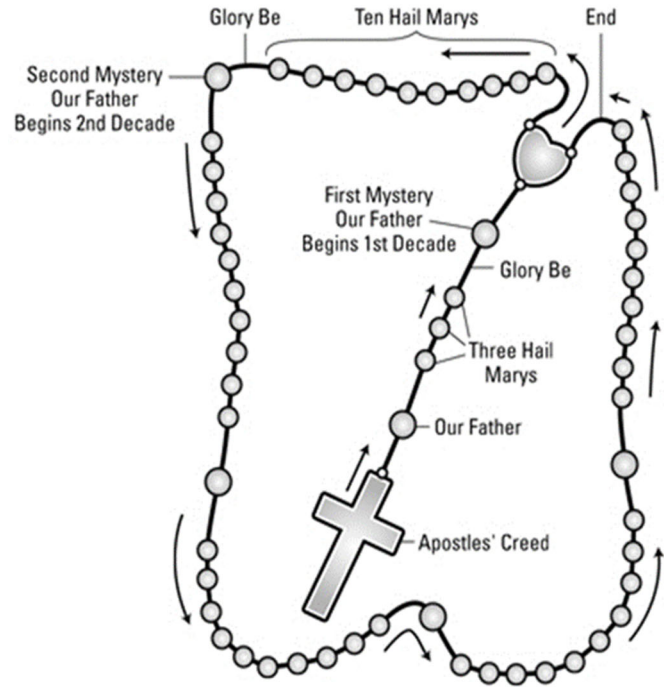
Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

Manifestation of Jesus at the Wedding at Cana

Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Transfiguration of Jesus

Institution of the Eucharist



October

OCTOBER 5-11, 2020

MON - 10/5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

7:30AM: Harry Salisbury

TUES - 10/6 - St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher - NO MASS

WED - 10/7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

5:30PM: Frank Mallare by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scanlon & family

THURS - 10/8 - Weekday

7:30AM: Harry Salisbury by the Knights of Columbus

FRI - 10/9 - Ss. Denis & John Leonardi

5:30PM: Louis Boudreau by the family

SAT - 10/10 - Vigil of the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time—

4:00PM: Florence & Louis Philbrook by Jane Provins

SUN - 10/11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary time—

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: John & Noreen Esposito, Demetrio & Mary Caruso, Ernest Dubois
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Esposito

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 10-12-2020

Is: 25:6-10a
Phil: 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt: 22:1-14

**Are you or someone you know
interested in the Catholic Faith?**

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.

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.

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 27, 2020 \$5,242
Priest retirement: \$2,722

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**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 sacramen-
tally, 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 (10/4/2020)

Catholics (and Orthodox) believe that the Sacraments are “effective signs,” symbolic acts that actually accomplish what they symbolize. Some of our Protestant brothers and sisters disagree, insisting that these rituals are only symbolic. Some reject the whole notion of sacraments, while others recognize two “sacraments” (Baptism and Communion) but with varying ideas of what the term means even in those cases.

Easy question – List the seven sacraments. Challenge question – cite at least one example from the New Testament that speaks of each one. (Use of the Catechism or the Internet is wholly encouraged for this one.)

Answer to last week’s question (9/27/2020)

Peter speaks “for the Apostles” on numerous occasions. Probably the most notable was when he said, in response to “Who do you say that I am?” “The Christ, the Son of the Living God.” When Jesus asked the disciples if they, too will leave after the Bread of Life discourse, it is Peter who answered “To whom would we go? You have the words of everlasting life.” Peter is also the one who said, “We’ve given up everything to follow you, asked, “how many times do I have to forgive?” and exclaimed “God forbid that this should happen” when Jesus told them He was going to be killed.

We see Jesus single Peter out from the group in Matthew 16:18-19, the famous “On this Rock I will build my Church” passage. In doing so Jesus used language associated with the role of the High Priest in the Temple (“rock”) the Chief Steward in the Royal Household (“keys”), and the teaching authority of those who “sit in Moses’ seat” (bind and loose). We also learn, in an aside from Paul, that Jesus appeared to Peter in private after the Resurrection, as well as to the other Apostles and disciples.

Peter does not assume the leadership role, however, until after the Ascension. Then in Acts we see him declare that Judas’ empty office must be filled (Acts 1), preach the first mission on Pentecost (2), judge the dishonest Ananias and Saphira (5), condemn Simon Magus for simony (8), baptize the first Gentile converts (10), and lead the first Church Council (15).

St. Patrick Church’s own ScoutsBSA Troop 1794 is actively recruiting girls ages 11 through 17. This great opportunity for Milford and surrounding towns provides girls fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility as they work their way to become an Eagle Scout. If girls have an interest in the outdoors, learning dozens of new hands-on and lifelong skills, or may have had an interest in following the BSA scouting traditions, we encourage you to join our Troop and give ScoutsBSA a try. This year meetings are held in the Church Hall and remotely via Zoom on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30p. You may join any upcoming Monday and try it out! If you have questions, please call Jeff Curless at (603) 546-8261 or contact Paul Rolanti at (603) 801-4954 or email psrolanti@comcast.net.

Discipleship and leaders: how will God judge us?

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus’ everyday ministry. This week’s readings focus on God’s judgment of disciples and their leaders.

In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus continues to confront the religious leaders when they question his authority to teach. Matthew has turned Jesus’ parable about vineyard tenants into an allegory about the religious leaders’ failure to care for God’s people.

The parable’s historical context. First-century Jewish hearers would see parallels between this parable and *Isaiah’s vineyard parable* (today’s first reading, Is 5:1-7). First-century hearers would also recognize the parable’s *economics*. Absentee owners leased their properties to tenant farmers who worked the land for a fee or a percentage of the harvest. In the parable, the tenants assume the owner is dead, and, by killing his son, *they will inherit the vineyard*. Their plan is both illegal and foolish.

The question. By forcing the chief priests and Pharisees to answer (“what will the owner do to those tenants?”), Matthew has them *foretell their own destiny*. Matthew interprets the tenants’ fate in connection with Jerusalem’s destruction in 70AD.

The answer and its consequences. “The owner will execute those tenants and lease to other tenants who will produce its fruit.” The *chief priests and Pharisees* understand that the parable applies to them. Matthew is clear that the *tenants* (= religious leaders), not the *vineyard* (= God’s people), will be replaced with “others.” These “other tenants” are leaders of Matthew’s Jewish-Christian *ekklesia*. There is no indication in the parable to assume that the “others” are gentiles, or that the handing over of leadership involves the rejection of Israel.

This week’s readings ask us to think about discipleship and leadership. Isaiah’s parable cautions that God continuously evaluates those who claim to be God’s disciples. Paul reminds the Philippians that true peace comes through prayer and service to others. In Matthew’s allegorical parable, Jesus addresses leaders who fail God’s disciples. God holds disciples to a high standard, and leaders to a higher standard. As family or community leaders, do we act to serve others or expect others to serve us? As social leaders, do we speak for the voiceless or amplify the powerful? As individuals, do we hold leaders to a higher standard or to the lowest common denominator?

--Terence Sherlock

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603-673-1311**

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ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, October 18th at 2 pm**. In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries.

For more information and to register please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-wedding-anniversary-mass-2020-tickets-119462616903>

Please contact Alyse Hlasny at ahlasny@rcbm.org or at (603) 663-0108 with any questions.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Irene Mitchell, Tracey Lafleur, Beverly Balfour, Jen, Polly 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.

**FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES**



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — October 6

Wednesday: 5:30 -7:00pm — October 7

**YOUTH MINISTRY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES 6-12**

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — October 4, 18

All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.



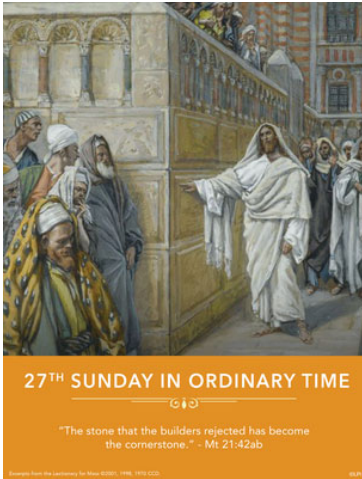
SECOND COLLECTION

The weekend of October 10-11 our second collection will be the Facilities Repair fund which helps pay for repairs to the Church buildings. The ushers will be going down the aisles a second time.

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.

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A-2020)



The second of three parables in as many weeks greets us on the Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The image of the vineyard itself is rooted in Isaiah 7 which is the first reading this Sunday. Jesus was familiar with Scripture and often used images from the sacred text in his teachings.

As we focus on the key words "*The kingdom of God will be taken away from you / and given to a people that will produce its fruit*", Jesus has harsh words today for the chief priests and elders. As a faithful Jew, Jesus was not confronting them about their Jewish religion, but about their practice of it. The chief priests and elders were the authority figures within the religious community. In the Magnificat we are told who our God is. He champions the lowly and casts down the mighty. It seems the chief priests and elders had grown comfortable with where they were and did not like Jesus' teachings that challenged their authority. Jesus' words remain as shocking and challenging today. Especially now, where Christians might find themselves as the majority religion in many parts of the world, and enjoying the power that comes with being able to influence laws and culture, we must always ask our-selves: With whom are we aligned? Are we producing the fruits of the kingdom of God where the lowly are lifted up, or have we become the new keepers of the status quo—a status quo that benefits us? Often this parable is read in a way that reflects relations and tensions between Christians and Jews of Matthew's time. It's clear from Matthew's telling that the chief priests and Pharisees certainly had no misunderstanding—they saw themselves in this parable and did not take kindly to this verbal dagger. They tried to arrest Jesus. But in the story proclaimed today, we do not hear the reaction of the chief priests and Pharisees.

From the early Christians' point of view, the Jews had Jesus killed and the Father had effectively opened up the vineyard (the kingdom of God) to the nations (Gentiles). The church today is clear that this reading does not mean the Jewish people were rejected. Though the gospel was written two thousand years ago, it unfortunately has been misused throughout history as justification for Christians to persecute Jews.

It must be admitted that many of these passages are capable of providing a pretext for anti-Jewish (anti-Semitic) sentiment and have in fact been used in this way. To avoid mistakes of this kind, it must be kept in mind that the New Testament texts, even those expressed in general terms, have to do with concrete historical contexts and are never meant to be applied to Jews of all times and places merely because they are Jews. Now in the modern world, especially in light of the holocaust, we must do all we can to put away any anti-Jewish reading of the text. In so doing, we will walk in the newness of life.

Fr. Dennis