



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

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

Parish Office: 673-1311 Fax: 673-3687

Faith Formation: 673-4797

Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dennis Audet, Pastor

daudet52@gmail.com

Patti Hendrickson, Pastoral Associate

pattih2015@comcast.net

Diane Bergeron, Secretary

diane.st.patoffice@gmail.com

Sue Pasquale, Faith Formation

re@saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

Pauline Nepveu, Accountant

pnepveu54@gmail.com

Christopher Maynard, Music Director

music.saintpatricksmilford@gmail.com

Jerry Guthrie, Cemetery

672-1254

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.

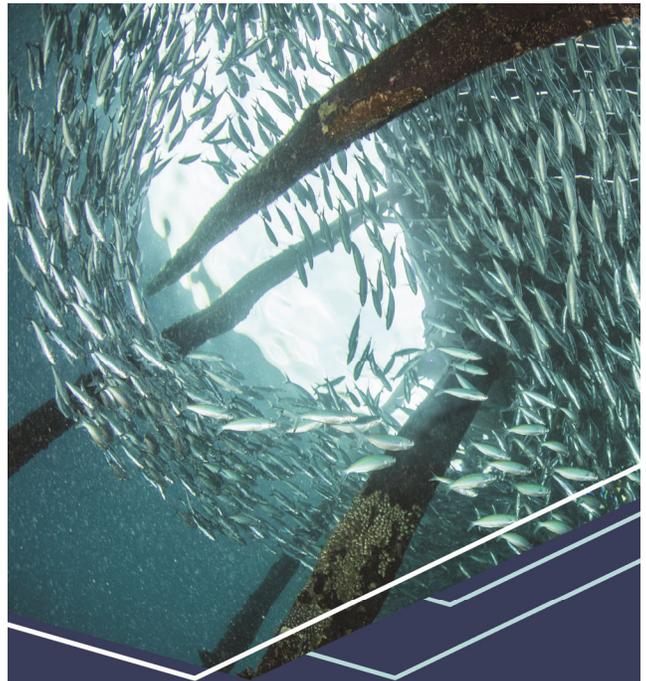
MISSION STATEMENT

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.

The week of October 12-16 we are having the parking lot seal coated & striped.

There will be no Masses, the Church and offices will be closed for the week and the parking lot will be blocked off.

You can email or call us and please leave a message and someone will get back to you.



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

OCTOBER 12-18, 2020

MON - 10/12- Weekday— COLUMBUS DAY OFFICES ARE CLOSED

7:30AM: NO MASS

TUES - 10/13 - Weekday- NO MASS

WED - 10/14 - St. Callistus I

5:30PM: NO MASS

THURS - 10/15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30AM: NO MASS

FRI - 10/16 - Ss. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

5:30PM: NO MASS

SAT - 10/17 - Vigil of the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time—

4:00PM: All souls

SUN - 10/18 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary time—

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley and
Deceased members for the Bergeron/Larose families

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 10-18-2020

Is: 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes: 1:1-5b

Mt: 22:15-21

**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 Oct 4, 2020 \$8,019

Heating & AC: \$1,415

Monthly Vanco: \$9,014

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 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 (10/11/2020)

Back to school, back to basics. The next few weeks we'll look at some quick questions.

Last Wednesday was the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – and the Rosary is one of the most iconic Catholic sacramentals. Next week we will look at the Mysteries. This week - what is involved in "Praying the Rosary?"

Bonus – why is this devotion called "Rosary?"

Answer to last week's question (10/4/2020)

The Seven Sacraments:

Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism – Commanded by Jesus Matthew 28:19, see Peter's statement in Acts 2: 37-38.

Confirmation – in Acts 8, the deacon Philip baptizes converts, later Peter and John come to lay hands on them so they will receive the Holy Spirit. Eucharist – In 1 Corinthians 11:17-32 Paul warns against unworthy reception of the Eucharist. This passage also contains the earliest written account of the Last Supper (about which Paul probably learned from Peter during the 15 days he spent with him before beginning his ministry).

Sacraments of Healing:

Reconciliation: we saw Jesus give the Authority to forgive sins to the Apostles in John 20. James 5:16 recommends confession and intercessory prayer for forgiveness of sins; and 1 John 1:8-9 reminds the Church that if we confess our sins, Jesus forgives us.

Anointing – the letter of James also recommends calling the presbyters to anoint those who are sick and pray over them.

Sacraments of Vocation:

Holy Orders: Acts 6:6 describes the ordination of deacons, Acts 14:22 says that Paul and Barnabas "appointed" presbyters in each local church, Paul describes this in 1 Timothy 4:14 as "when the elders laid their hands on you."

Marriage – of all the sacraments, marriage is surprisingly the one least "described" in the New Testament, presumably because the Church continued to perform marriages according to the Jewish traditions (an exchange of vows taking the other as "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh"). Paul wrote extensively about the role of married people and the significance of marriage as a living symbol of the relationship between Jesus and the Church, and Hebrews 13:4 states simply "Let marriage be honored by all."



The sanctuary will burn this week in memory of Ron Lockwood by his wife, Helen

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath

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

Discipleship: more than just answering an invitation

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on God's invitation and our ongoing response.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus continues to confront the religious leaders when they question his authority to teach. Matthew has turned Jesus' parable about a king's great banquet into an allegory about God's call, our response, and ongoing discipleship.

Jesus' original parables. Scripture scholars identify two separate parables: the *great banquet* and the *wedding garment*. In the *great banquet* parable, the first-invited guests reject the king's invitation, so the king replaces them with less honorable guests. In the *wedding garment* parable, the host ejects an inappropriately dressed guest from the banquet.

Matthew's allegory. Matthew joins Jesus' two parables into one allegory that address his own community's issues. In Matthew's allegory, the king (God) sends his slaves (prophets) to invite the honorable (religious leaders) to his feast (God's kingdom). Some of those invited abuse or kill the king's slaves; the king retaliates by burning their city. The king then invites everyone to the feast. The king inspects (judges) his guests and ejects improperly dressed guests (uncommitted disciples) from the feast.

The meaning of the parables and the allegory. Jesus addresses the *great banquet* parable to the chief priests and elders. Jesus' point, as in the *vineyard tenants* parable and the *two sons* parable, is that because the religious leaders rejected the invitation to God's kingdom, *other leaders will take their places*. In the *wedding garment* parable, Jesus teaches that God will *judge their righteousness*. Matthew addresses his allegory of *salvation history* to his believing community. Just as the king burns the city of those who killed his slaves, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. Just as the king invites both evil and good people to the feast, Jesus called all, including sinners and gentiles, into God's kingdom. The final saying interprets the parables and allegory: *although God calls everyone to the kingdom, only a few pass God's judgement*.

This week's readings ask us to think about our invitation to discipleship. Isaiah's hope-filled vision promises God's abundance and care at the eschatological feast. Paul closes his letter with thanks and prayers for the Philippians' spiritual abundance. Jesus and Matthew warn those invited to the kingdom that God requires righteousness. How are we answering God's invitation? Do we believe that being on a Christian membership list gets us a reserved seat at the eschatological table? Do we think that baptism guarantees a permanent place at the banquet? Do we consider how our daily words and actions weave our wedding garment? Will God judge us appropriately dressed for the feast?

--Terence Sherlock

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

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

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.

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

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever!

1. Go to our website and follow the instructions or
 2. Go to formed.org/signup
 3. Click I belong to a parish or organization
 4. Enter our zip code 03055
 5. Register with your name and email address
- To make life easy, put FORMED in your computer favorites

Saint Pope John XXIII

Movie: John XXIII: The Pope of Peace
Audio: Vatican II, Mercy, and You

Fatima Miracle of the Sun

Program: Divine Mercy, Episode 6: Fatima
Movie: The 13th Day

Saint Teresa of Avila

Program: True Reformers, Episode 5: Saint Teresa of Avila
Book: Deep Conversion Deep Prayer
Audio: The 3 stages of the Interior Life

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Watch: Footprints of God: Apostolic Fathers: Handing on the Faith
Book: Four Witnesses



SECOND COLLECTION

The weekend of October 17-18 our second collection will be “World Mission Sunday”. Church throughout the world join in fulfilling our evangelical mission to go out to all the world. The ushers will be going down the aisles a second time.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Laura McGettigan, 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 — November 3
Wednesday: 5:30 -7:00pm — November 4

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

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — October 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.

RESPECT LIFE

October is also the month in which we honor and “*Respect Life*” from conception to natural death. Learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life at the United States Catholic Bishops website: respectlife.org/respect-life-month. The following prayer is taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007), 365. Copyright © 2007, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC.

Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A-2020)

Now we come to the third of three parables in three weeks. After learning about the two sons and the evil tenants, we now hear about the royal wedding feast. This parable, like the one from last week, is addressed to the chief priests and elders. Care should be exercised to remember that Jesus is not talking about all Jews; he speaks to the leaders in a particular time and place. And the parable he speaks to them is harsh, especially the end. If we choose the shorter gospel reading, the last four verses will not be read—and it might be easier for the preacher if they weren't! Many problematic issues are avoided by simply reading the shorter version of this gospel.

This parable, then, is read like last week's, in Christian-Jewish terms. The people whom God had chosen ignored his invitation both when the prophets announced it and when the apostles were sent. We recall that Matthew is writing at a time after the destruction of Jerusalem. So the parable's mentioning of the people being killed and the city burned quite literally happened when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The original audience of Matthew's gospel did not need much imagination to get the point.

The last four verses conclude on a troubling note. When the new guests arrive, the king sees someone not properly dressed. For that he is bound and thrown out. Again, we might wonder what kind of king this is! But the image of a king in Jesus' time certainly had the power of life and death over his subjects. It makes for an apt image of God, even if the behaviors of the king in this particular parable sound off-putting. We recall earlier Matthean parables like the weeds and wheat. Matthew knows the church is a collection of the good and bad. Some quite literally need to be tossed out. (These Matthean themes of violence are often seen as problematic today and the subject of many scholarly works.)

Those invited to the feast, and those who attend, should not be smug. There is no guarantee. An invitation does not necessarily mean attendance, and attendance does not necessarily mean celebration. There are expectations that need to be met. "Many are invited but few are chosen" is a sober reminder for us all.

In a story filled with such violence as we have today, it might be easy to forget we are dealing with a merciful God! God calls a people to himself and desires that they come to him. The destruction of the city of Jerusalem with its temple was interpreted at the time by Christians as God's judgment on Judah. A violent world saw stories of violence. Though we may wish to minimize the violence, unfortunately it has been part of human history from the beginning and continues to this day.

It might be difficult to strip away the violent imagery and focus instead on the kernel underneath it all. Matthew's church has the wisdom and experience of decades since the death and resurrection of Jesus. It has learned that there are some in the church who do not belong, as indicated in several parables. Sadly, our modern experience reflects this too. Simply being in the church does not make one holy, God's chosen, or a paragon of virtue. There are weeds within the wheat. Only God has the authority to definitively and eternally expel such a person. The sobering reminder that "many are invited but few are chosen" should cause us to pause, reflect, and reexamine our lives.

Fr. Dennis