

## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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

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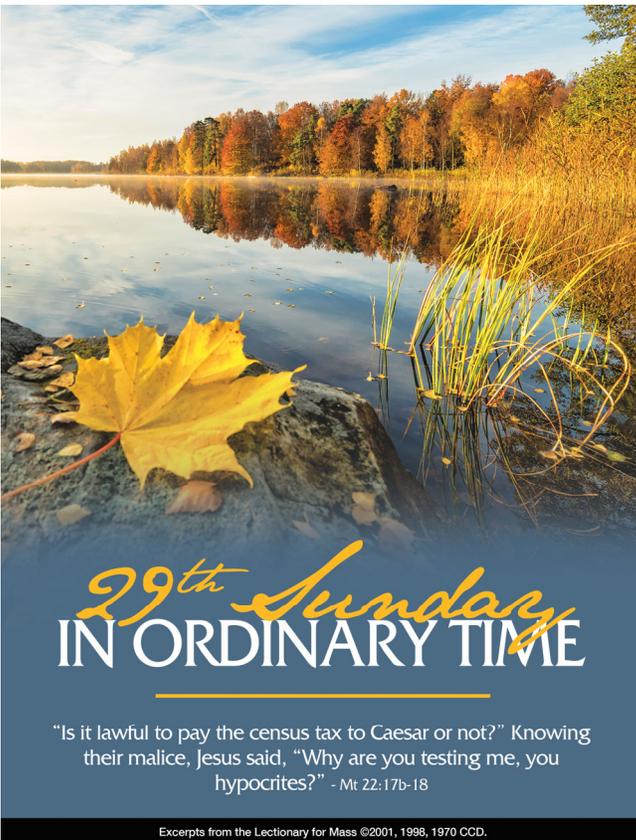
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## Welcome!

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.*



*29<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" - Mt 22:17b-18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### **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.

**OCTOBER 19-25, 2020**

**MON - 10/19- Ss. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues**

**7:30AM:** Matt Houlihan by John Milan

**TUES - 10/20 - St. Paul of the Cross - NO MASS**

**WED - 10/21 - Weekday**

**5:30PM:** All Souls

**THURS - 10/22- St. John Paul II**

**7:30AM:** Gerald O'Neil by the Knights of Columbus

**FRI - 10/23 - St. John of Capistrano**

**5:30PM:** Julie Pfeifer by the family

**SAT - 10/24 - Vigil of the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time—**

**4:00PM:** Brian McGinley by Richard Yedinak

**SUN - 10/25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary time—**

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

**8:00 AM:** Margaret Couturier by Diane, Patti, Sue

**10:30AM:** Members of the Parish

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 10-25-2020**

**Ex: 22:20-26**

**1 Thes: 1:5c-10**

**Mt: 22:34-40**

**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.

**WREATHS**

To Our Valued Wreath Customers: Troop 4 is announcing that we are cancelling our 2020 wreath sale. Due to challenges partially related to COVID, our distributor is not certain that it can provide us with our wreath order on a timely basis. The restricted border with Canada and the wildfires out West only add to the challenges. Also, as a Troop, we will not be able to do our big group event to decorate the wreaths.

We wish we did not have to cancel our sale as our Troop relies on this wreath sale to fund more than 90% of our Troop activities. Our Scouts also love delivering the wreaths as they see the happiness on their customers' faces! However, it would be worse if we disappointed our customers due to wreath shortages or had a health issue because of the sale. We expect to be back in business for the 2021 holiday season and hope you will purchase from us then.

We wish you and your families a peaceful and healthy holiday season. On to 2021! Take care, Troop 4

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](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.

**Collection weekend of Oct 11, 2020 \$8,692**

**Facility Repairs: \$1,443**

**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!*

**Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team  
(10/18/2020)**

What \*are\* the Mysteries of the Rosary?

**Answer to last week's question (10/11/2020)**

The Rosary is the best-known Christian example of a "counted" prayer. The use of a string of knots or beads as a devotional aid is ancient – in fact, the English word "bead" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "bede," meaning prayer.

In praying the Rosary, the use of the beads enables us to keep track of the repeated prayers, (one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and a Glory Be for each decade). The recitation serves to focus our bodies and active minds, so that we can meditate on the Mysteries of the Incarnation and the Gospel. (Many people also include the Fatima prayer at the conclusion of each decade or after the final decade.)

The structure of the Rosary helps us overcome the natural inclination to race through or short-change our prayer time by providing an internal structure that becomes a part of the prayer itself (as compared with an external measuring device like a timer or a clock).

The word "Rosary" comes from the medieval Latin word for a "garland," not, as one might think, from the ancient association of Mary with the Rose of Sharon in Songs 2:1



The sanctuary will burn this week in memory of Michael Lockwood, Sr. by his mother, Helen

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Will McGrath

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

**What disciples owe to God**

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on God's reign and human rule.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus continues to confront the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Matthew describes how the religious leaders and Roman political supporters conspire to lay a trap for Jesus.

**The conspirators, the tax, and the question.** The Pharisees were a lay *religious movement* who followed Mosaic law. The Herodians were a public *political party* who sought Jewish political independence. The Roman *census tax* was an annual payment by all men, women, and slaves between the ages of twelve and sixty-five, equal to a laborer's one-day wage. The Herodians favored payment of the tax; the Pharisees did not. Their question doesn't seek an answer; they want only to trap Jesus.

**Jesus' response and challenge.** If Jesus answers "yes," he would offend Jews seeking independence from Rome and implicitly deny that God is the only legitimate ruler of Judea. If Jesus answers "no," he becomes an enemy of Rome. Jesus tells the conspirators to "show him a *denarius*." Jesus' response is that *those who willingly use Caesar's coins should repay Caesar* in kind. He also implies that neither Pharisees nor Herodians are giving God what *God is due*. This is a serious charge.

**First century and twenty-first century implications.** Jesus' answer is adequate for first century Jews and Christians, to whom the state was completely extraneous. First century Jews and Christians could no more change Roman law than they could change nature's laws. Matthew's point is to show *Jesus' skill in avoiding his opponents' trap and challenging them to pay more attention to "God's things."* Twenty-first century Christians often use this text as a basis for a doctrine of "church and state," but this text and others like it do not support such a reading. The gospel provides no theology of church and state. Rather, Jesus challenges twenty-first century disciples to *discern what belongs to God*.

This week's readings ask us to think about God's reign and God's things. Isaiah tells the exiles that God can use a gentile ruler like Cyrus to bring about their restoration. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that they received the gospel not simply in words, but through God's power. Jesus turns the conspirators' question back on them: what are they giving back to God? Discerning what belongs to God and to God's reign is a disciple's hardest work. God's reign is already present, and sometimes in conflict with earthly kingdoms. As disciples, how do we live in God's reign and give God what God is due? If all humans express God's image, how can disciples support inequality? If God's reign is open to all, how can disciples support exclusivity? If God's reign is love, how can disciples support hate?

--Terence Sherlock

Read the full reflection and subscribe at:  
[LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com](http://LectionaryInContext.WordPress.com)

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

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**Saint Luke**

**Program:** Lectio: Evangelization

**Movie:** Lost Gospels or False Gospels?

**Book:** You Can Understand the Bible

**Audio:** Acts of the Apostles

**Saint Peter of Alcantara**

**Program:** True Reformers, Episode 5: Saint Teresa of Avila

**Saint Pope John Paul II**

**Movie:** John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You

**Audio:** Saint John Paul the Great

**Audio:** The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

## 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.



TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Normand Laquerre  
Harry Salisbury  
Gerald O'Neil  
Brian McGinley

YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

### 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](http://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.*

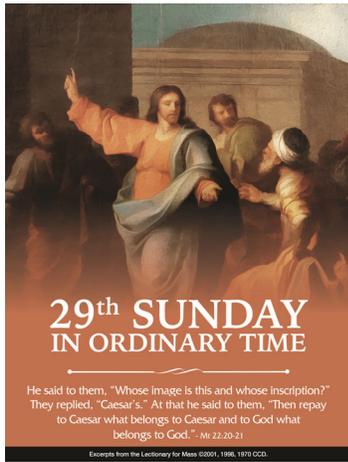


**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Julie Dupuis, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Tracey Lafleur, Beverly Balfour, Jen, Polly Coté, Kim Salem, 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 Sillowy, 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.**

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



As we continue to follow and witness Jesus' activities as events in Jerusalem march closer to that fateful end, we have today not a parable (we had three in a row in as many weeks). Instead, we hear about a verbal sparring match between Jesus and the Herodians and Pharisees, adversaries themselves. But a common threat (Jesus) has united these two competitors. The Herodians and the Pharisees (or at least their disciples) scheme together to ensnare (which is another meaning of the Greek term translated as "entrap") Jesus with a clever riddle.

The puzzle posed is sublime. When asked whether to pay the tax, Jesus might say to pay it, in which case he can be said to endorse the political system. Or Jesus might say not to pay the tax, in which case he can be said to endorse the overthrow of the political system. Either answer seemingly dooms him. But their insincerity and their plotting are plain to see. Instead of falling into the "either/or" trap, Jesus does something more cunning. After addressing them directly as "hypocrites," he asks for a coin, something which he does not have. They produce the coin, thereby demonstrating that they essentially endorse the system. He asks them whose image and whose inscription is on this coin they bear. With their reply, their fate is sealed. "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus is not issuing a dissertation on the intersection of politics, religion, and the economy. He is not endorsing or condemning an economic system. But by his reply he has indicted the Pharisees and the Herodians for their inordinate concern about money versus what ought to be a concern for the things of God.

His indictment should strike us too. Where are our concerns? Are we focused on money or on God? Are we sincere of heart, or are we scheming? It's likely too flip-pant on our part to say with a sincere heart that we are focused only on God. Jesus' words to his verbal opponents are addressed to us too: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

In the modern, rather individualistic world in which we live, there is a temptation to believe that what we have, we have earned. My possessions are mine, a result of my own hard work or that of others, such as family. But today's gospel is a good reminder that all we have is from God. As such, we should not and cannot be hoarders of God's good gifts. Even money itself should not be thought of as ours.

Jesus calls us to an entirely new way of thinking. We return to be fed at the table of his word and at the table of his Eucharist so often in part because we need to be reminded of this way of thinking when we are so immersed in the world with its ways.

Any resources we have are truly not our own. Even what we acquired through our own labor and efforts cannot be taken with us when we pass on from this life. Let us die to the notion of possessions—what is mine versus yours—and let us instead engage in a lifestyle of discipleship, which shares what we have with the least among us. In that way we will be living the pas-chal mystery.