



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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.*

### 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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Will McGrath  
Peter Arnoldy, Jerry Guthrie,  
Jude Lorman, Irene Prunier,  
Steve Santinelli



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST



**OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**MON - 10/26- Weekday**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**TUES - 10/27 - Weekday - NO MASS**

**WED - 10/28 - Ss. Simon & Jude**

**5:30PM:** All Souls

**THURS - 10/29- Weekday**

**7:30AM:** All Souls

**FRI - 10/30 - Weekday**

**5:30PM:** Stevie Milan by John Milan

**SAT - 10/31 - Vigil of All Saints—**

**4:00PM:** Brian McGinley by the Knights of Columbus

**SUN - 11/1 - All Saints —**

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

**8:00 AM:** Members of the Parish

**10:30AM:** George M. Emrich by his mother, Mary  
and Robert Swallow by his wife, Clara

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 11-1-2020**

**Rv: 7:2-4, 9-14**

**1 Jn: 3:1-3**

**Mt: 5:1-12a**

**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.



November is traditionally the month in which we remember all our deceased loved ones. The "Book of Life" will be available in the Sanctuary for the entire month of November. Sheets are available on the tables in the back of the church for you to post those you wish to be remembered. Please fill them out and place them in the book beginning the Weekend of Oct 24-25.

On Monday, November 2nd, a Mass we will celebrated at 5:30pm for all those who have died from this community this past year. All parishioners are welcome to attend. If you would like a person to be remembered at Mass, please call the office, 673-1311.

**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!*

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 saintpat-  
rickmilfordnh.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 18, 2020 \$4,060**

**Mission Sunday: \$1,020**

**GIVE+ONLINE**



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

## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team

(10/25/2020)

What does the doctrine of Papal Infallibility mean? What does it NOT mean?

### Answer to last week's question (10/18/2020)

The best known version of the Rosary is that promoted since the 12<sup>th</sup> century by the Dominicans – 150 Hail Marys' divided into 15 decades, each decade focused on a mystery of the Incarnation as Mary experienced them:

#### **Joyful**

The Annunciation  
The Visitation to Elizabeth  
The Nativity  
The Presentation of Jesus  
The Finding of the Lord Jesus in the Temple

#### **Sorrowful**

Jesus' Agony in the Garden  
Jesus' scourging by the soldiers  
Jesus' crowning with thorns  
Jesus' carrying His cross  
Jesus' crucifixion and death

#### **Glorious**

Jesus' Resurrection  
Jesus' Ascension into Heaven  
The descent of the Holy Spirit  
The Assumption of Mary  
The Crowning of Mary

In 2001 Pope John Paul II introduced a set of Mysteries he described as "**Luminous**" or "**Mysteries of Light**," explaining that they are events that illuminate truths about the Incarnation: Jesus' Baptism, His first miracle at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.

### **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.**

### God's law and a disciple's actions

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on how we live out God's laws.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus continues to confront the religious leaders in Jerusalem. A Pharisee tests Jesus by asking him to choose one law that sums up the Torah's teachings.

**The challenge.** The Torah, the revelation of God's will for Israel, contained 613 precepts that were difficult to remember and sometimes conflicting. To help observant Jews, rabbis distinguished between *heavy* or serious commandments (like the Decalogue) and *light* commandments (like responsibilities for a bird's nest, Dt 22:6-7), and offered "summary statements" of the Torah. The Pharisees *test Jesus' orthodoxy* through the commandment he chooses.

**Jesus' answer.** Jesus' teaching is in line with other Torah summaries. The first command he cites, "Love God," is from the *Shema* prayer (Dt 6:5), prayed every day by every devout Jew. The second command, "Love your neighbor as yourself," is from Lv 19:18. Jesus emphasizes that the second command is *equal in gravity or importance to the first*. In his Good Samaritan parable, Jesus extends the definition of *neighbor* from "another Israelite" to "everyone."

**The consequences.** Neither Jesus nor Matthew considered Jesus' answer as a ruling to disregard the Torah's other 314 precepts. Jesus' statement that "on these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets" assumes that *the whole Law remains in effect*. Jesus' law of love summary provides an *organizing principle* to appreciate and to observe the other commandments. In Matthew's time, the conflict between the Pharisees and Matthew's *ekklesia* continued. Jesus' traditional and orthodox answer allowed the Jewish Christian believing community to respond to continuing accusations that Jesus and his followers rejected God's law.

This week's readings ask us to think about God's laws and how we live them out. In the Exodus reading, God makes clear that we must act to protect society's powerless and voiceless. Paul praises the Thessalonians for actively turning to God from idols to serve the true God. Jesus summarizes all God's laws into the law of love. As disciples, how to we enact God's law? Do we adhere to a law's literal reading, or do we act on the law's deeper meaning? Do we fulfill the minimum of what's asked of us, or do we act in love? Do we simply check the box to comply, or do we seek out and actively serve those in need?

--Terence Sherlock

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



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Julie Dupuis, Shawn Dufraine, Laura McGettigan, Tracey Lafleur, Beverly Balfour, Jen, Polly Côté, Kim Salem, Fleurette Laquerre, Patti Fay McDonagh, 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 at 673-1311 when someone can be taken off the prayer list.**

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



**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 — November 1, 15

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.

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever!

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  3. Click I belong to a parish or organization
  4. Enter our zip code 03055
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***Saint Simon And Jude***

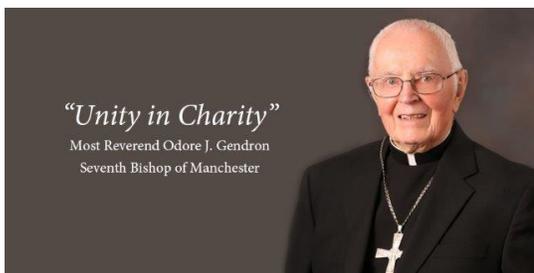
**Program:** Lectio: Evangelization

***Saint Colman of Kilmacdaugh***

**Book:** Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

***Saint Wolfgang***

**Book:** The Young People's Book of Saints



On October 16, 2020, Bishop Emeritus Odore J. Gendron, Seventh Bishop of Manchester, was called to his rest and to the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments. At 99 years old, and having just entered his 100th year last month, Bishop Gendron was the oldest bishop in the United States. Bishop Gendron had been receiving supporting care at Mount Carmel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for several years.

Odore J. Gendron was born on September 13, 1921 in Manchester, New Hampshire and was ordained a priest on May 31, 1947 by the Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D., Fifth Bishop of Manchester, at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Father Gendron studied at Saint Charles College, Sherbrooke, PQ, Canada and completed his ecclesiastical studies at Saint Paul's Seminary in Ottawa, PQ, Canada.

Father Gendron was assigned as associate pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin in June 1947 and then as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon in December 1952. In May 1960, Father Gendron was assigned as associate pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Nashua.

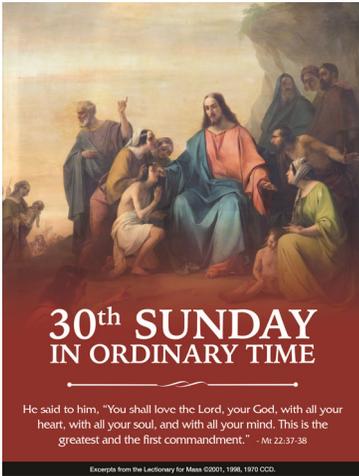
In April 1965, Bishop Ernest J. Primeau, D.D., S.T.D. appointed Father Gendron as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pittsfield. In 1966, he became Diocesan Vicar for Religious for the French-Speaking Communities of Women. In September 1967, Bishop Primeau appointed Father Gendron pastor of Saint Augustin Parish in Manchester where he served until February 1971 when he resigned the pastorate to become Diocesan Vicar for Religious full time. On December 22, 1970, Pope Paul VI named Father Gendron a Prelate of Honor with the title of Reverend Monsignor. In April 1972 he was named the first Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Manchester. In January 1974 he became the first Episcopal Vicar for Clergy in the Diocese of Manchester. On December 12, 1974 he was appointed by Pope Paul VI as Bishop for the Diocese of Manchester. The Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop took place on February 3, 1975.

Prior to his ordination as Bishop of Manchester, Bishop Gendron also served as Notary to the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal; Chairman of the Diocesan Personnel Board; founding member of the Pastoral Commission; Chaplain, Court of Our Lady of Lourdes of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Pittsfield; Diocesan Consultor; President, Diocesan Senate of Priests; ex officio Chairman of Diocesan Personnel Board; received the "Granite" Award from the Knights of Columbus; and received the "Defender of the Innocent" Award from the N.E. Christian Conference, Hampton. Bishop Gendron retired from ministry as bishop on June 12, 1990.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at noon, the Rite of Reception of the Body will take place at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Bishop Gendron will lie in repose in the cathedral until 6:00 p.m., concluding with the Mass of Jesus Christ, High Priest. On Thursday, October 22, 2020, Bishop Gendron will lie in repose from 8:00 a.m. till 9:45 a.m. The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, will preside at a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester on October 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The Rite of Committal will be celebrated after the Mass at The Cathedral Bishops' Cemetery in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Due to current circumstances, attendance at the Funeral Mass will be limited to clergy, family, religious, and those closest to Bishop Gendron. The faithful are welcome to pay their respects and attend the Wednesday evening Mass following COVID precautions. All funeral services will be available via livestream at [www.stjosephcathedralnh.org](http://www.stjosephcathedralnh.org).

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



There's a Texas saying, "When you boil the pot dry," meant to refer to what's left after all else goes away. For example, "When you boil the pot dry, it was a misunderstanding that caused all the fuss." It's akin to getting to the gist of the matter, without superfluous details. "What's the bottom line?" is another expression that captures the sentiment.

In Jesus' day—when over 600 particular laws made up the totality of Mosaic Law, and a violation of one effectively meant a violation of the totality—the question posed to Jesus is seen as reasonable. Moreover, in the context of the larger story, Jesus had bested the chief priests, elders, disciples of the Pharisees, the Herodians, and the Sadducees; and now the Pharisees themselves are ready to take another turn. One of their number, a scholar of the law, becomes their mouthpiece. We should keep

in mind that though the question seems perfectly legitimate on its face, the scholar was asking Jesus in order to test him.

That test doesn't seem to bother Jesus, who responds by quoting Mosaic Law, 1 Deuteronomy 6:5 followed by Leviticus 19:18. It's quite likely that Jesus himself was the first to combine these two commandments. For him, and for his disciples, these two commandments are the foundation of the law and the prophets. It's what we have when we boil the pot dry. It's the bottom line.

When we love God and love our neighbor, we are fulfilling the law. All of the law, the entirety of the more than 600 particular laws, are summed up in these two. For us today, we might think of something similar if one were to ask which is the most important teaching in the catechism, or which is the most important precept of the church. Perhaps a comparable question might be whether it is more important to tend to a sick relative or attend Mass? The answer sidesteps all these questions by saying the most important law is two-fold: Love God and love your neighbor. With these as our guiding light, all else comes into focus.

Getting to the crux of the matter can be an important exercise. Pruning away extraneous detail to reveal the core issue is essential in many cases. For Christians, we recall that Jesus' teachings were rooted in Mosaic Law and the prophets. Yet he emphasized or combined aspects of each that made them seem to come alive, or to be read and understood in a new way. It's certainly true that loving God and loving one's neighbor were commandments in Mosaic Law. But who had ever combined them like this before? Ultimately, it's a good reminder of the core of the religious message. All of our actions ought to flow from this twofold love. Loving God and loving neighbor go together, and they cannot be reduced one to the other or one over the other. When we live by this guiding principle, we are living the paschal mystery.

Fr. Dennis

## SHARE the Holidays

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SHARE is foregoing its usual holiday program this year. There will be no 'giving trees' and no traditional 'adopt-a-family program'. Instead, we are asking supporters to help us with donations of gift cards or money. Needed gift cards are: Amazon, Target, Walmart, grocery stores, or drug stores.

Donations may be mailed or dropped at the SHARE Center, 1 Columbus Ave., Milford. Please be sure to include your name and address so that your gift may be acknowledged. You may also make a credit card donation from our website [www.sharenh.org](http://www.sharenh.org). Click on DONATE then DONATE TODAY. **Be sure to include a note that the gift is to be used for the holiday program. All donation must be received by December 4.** Questions? Call 673-9898 or email [info@sharenh.org](mailto:info@sharenh.org). Thank you for your support.