



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 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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



First Friday Adoration November 6, 6-8pm

Between the hour of 7:00-8:00pm we will have an intentional hour of prayer. Each month, we pray for a specific intention that affects our universal church. Our goal is to use this most holy time of prayer to call on God's involvement and blessing in these specific areas of need in our Church. There will be special prayers offered during this hour and we ask you prayerfully consider coming to church and participating in this or any portion of First Friday Adoration.

**FACE MASKS REQUIRED AND
SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICED**

NOVEMBER 2-8, 2020

MON - 11/2- All Souls' Day

5:30PM: Deceased members of the parish since last November

TUES - 11/3 - St. Martin de Porres - NO MASS

WED - 11/4 - St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM: Robert Provins by his wife, Jane

THURS - 11/5- Weekday

7:30AM: Robert W. Murphy by David Spinale

FRI - 11/6 - Weekday - FIRST FRIDAY

5:30PM: Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John

SAT - 11/7 - Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —

4:00PM: Brian McGinley by Richard Yedinak and
Special Intentions of Lucille Farwell

SUN - 11/8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Robert Holland by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Dudley and
Maurice Houle by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Carter

10:30AM: Joe Heaney by his wife, Kathy and
William Sherrard, Anthony Hicks, Tim Barton, & Richard Turner by
Kim Hicks

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READINGS 11-8-2020

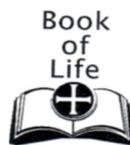
Wis: 6:12-16
1 Thes: 4:13-18
Mt: 25:1-13

**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" is available in the front of the church 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 of Life" near the statue of St. Patrick.

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!*

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in the mail slot near the glass door or
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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 25, 2020 \$6,704

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

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (11/1/2020)

As we head into winter we will experience several Holy Days of Obligation. What is meant by the term, and what are the Holy Days of Obligation on our calendar in the United States?

Answer to last week's question (10/25/2020)

The doctrine of Papal Infallibility says that the Holy Father, in His role as head of the Apostolic Church, is protected from error when teaching "ex cathedra" (from-the-seat, or "officially").

This means that the faithful can believe that papal statements of doctrine, on subjects of faith and morals, are objectively true. This is the ordinary understanding of Jesus' promise to the Apostles in Luke 10:16, "Who hears you, hears me."

It does not mean that the Pope can never make a mistake, or misunderstand something, or that everything he says is doctrine. It also does not suggest that he is incapable of sin.

While there are specific conditions that define an "ex cathedra" statement, Catholics are called to accept the magisterial teaching of the Church and to presume that the teaching of the Pope and the Bishops is true even when "ex cathedra" has not been invoked.



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Robert Swallow by his wife, Clara

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Canned Ham, Canned Meats, Side Dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), Ravioli & Beefaroni
These items can be dropped off at the SHARE office.
PLEASE CALL FIRST: 673-9898. Thank you for your donations.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Christian Beck, Julie Dupuis, Shawn Dufraigne, Laura McGettigan, Tracey Lafleur, Jen, Polly Côté, Kim Salem, Fleurette Laquerre, Patti Fay McDonagh, Doris Fay, William Lawson, Lillian Esielionis, 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.

Getting into God's eternal party

This week the celebration of the *Solemnity of All Saints* interrupts Ordinary time's readings. The Lectionary presents stories about the saints: the "holy ones," God's heroines and heroes who live with God in the kingdom, us, and how we get there.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus teaches that God's coming kingdom both heals present losses and also fulfills and completes present hopes.

What Jesus addresses. In his first discourse, Jesus address the crowd generally, but *disciples specifically*. The beatitudes describes a disciple's characteristics and dispositions. The first four beatitudes list discipleship's *passive* consequences: *poverty* (having left all to follow), *mourning* (the loss of righteousness), *humility* (to seek righteousness), and *desire* (for righteous). The second four beatitudes list discipleship's resulting *actions*: showing *mercy*, living in *alignment with God's law* (clean-hearted), seeking the *fullness of God's gifts* (peace, *shalom*), seeking *God's justice* (righteousness).

What Matthew addresses. Matthew writes his gospel in the late 80s when his Jewish Christian *ekklesia* is unwillingly separating from the Jewish synagogue. When we read the beatitudes in this context of conflict, the beatitudes both define *attitudes Matthew's believing community should exemplify* and acknowledge *the community's current sufferings*.

What the kingdom promises. Jesus' beatitudes are primarily *eschatological*, although they also include expectations of a present reward. The beatitudes are not "entrance requirements," but *characteristics and actions* that will result in a disciple's full and appropriate eschatological reward. The promise of *God's kingdom* frames the beatitudes, and the promises refer to the final judgement, the vindication of the just, and the fullness of God's perfect kingdom.

This week's festal readings ask us to think about our place as saints in God's kingdom. John the Seer imagines a disciple's life as an eternal victory party with God. John the Elder describes a disciple's life as living eternally in God's love. Jesus' beatitudes recognize discipleship's personal costs and promise current and future reward. God invites every disciple to be a saint. What is our answer? Do we want the party but think we can skip washing our robes? Do we embody the hope but resist the purification? Do we think we can enter the kingdom without giving up everything else?

--Terence Sherlock

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Saint and Souls Day

Listen: Pray Like a Saint – Union with God

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints

Watch: Children: Cat Chat Season 1, Session 3&4:
Teach Me to Pray & Building the Kingdom

Read: The Year and Our Children – Celebrate the faith as a family year round

Listen: Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season – by Pope Benedict XVI

Study: The Search: This addresses life's most fundamental questions:

“Why am I here?” Does my life have meaning?” What happens when I die?”

The questions are all there. And, the answers are too.

Listen: Parenting for Purity by Jason Evert – In this presentation, Jason Evert provides parents with ten powerful strategies to safeguard the innocence of their children and effectively communicate the benefits and beauty of chastity to their family.

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. 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. Thank you for your support.

**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.

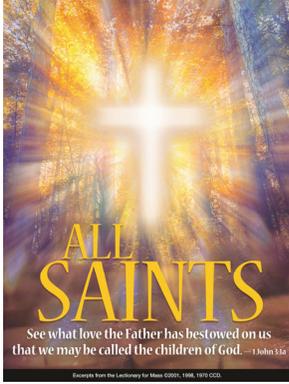


Congratulations
to the students that were
Confirmed and received
1st Communion
on October 17th & 24th.

*Madelyn Abair
Jennifer Archambault
Beckett Audley/McBride
Bentley Bowers
Emersyn Broadhurst
Keelin Cook
Emma DelliColli
Lilah Distefano
Brooke DuFoe
Charlotte Dutton
Parker Eaton
Liam Fossnes
Hayden Hanson
Sophia Hanson
Jacob Harnish
Ethan Harrison
Rachel Harrison
Chloe Hatch
Ryan Korkuc
Jennifer Korkuc*

*Liam Loughran
Emily Lloyd
Haleigh Lloyd
Kylee Lloyd
Aidan Manning
Brady Manning
Kaelyn McCarthy
Vera Mello
Keith Mello
Danica Mello
Matthew Pereira
Andrew Pereira
Kylie Perkins
Isabella Rolanti
Margaret Salvage
Elijah Servia
Sophia Smith
Natasha Smith
Nicole Smith
Mason Wheeler*

ALL SAINTS DAY 2020



The popular book *My Life with the Saints*, by the Jesuit James Martin, is an introduction to certain saints told through memoir. Some of the most famous and most well-recognized saints are there, including St. Peter, Mary, the mother of Jesus, St. Ignatius of Loyola (the founder of the Jesuits), even Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa, and more, as well as some of the lesser known saints. Most of the saints he discusses, as reflected in the sample selection above, and as has been true throughout Christian history, were unmarried.

But the fact that most saints were unmarried does not mean that one needs to be unmarried to be a saint, or that those who are married have a more difficult time becoming a saint. Instead, it's a reflection of the kinds of people with whom the church is familiar. Even when married people are recognized as saints by the church, it's most often because they lived as celibates after having children (e.g., Saints Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi) or one spouse lived as a celibate after the other died (e.g., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton). This can make it seem like the only way to become a saint is to be unmarried!

Because so many whom the church names as saints were priests, religious, or consecrated people, it can make these people seem far removed from the daily life of a vast majority of people. One estimate, for example, lists a total of ten married couples who have been recognized as saints in the two thousand years of Christian history. And the Quattro-chis, mentioned above, led a family life almost as if it were a small monastery with daily Mass, daily rosary, and regular theology classes at the Gregorian University in Rome. Not many Catholics maintain that kind of home life, and it certainly is not the only way to sanctity.

So, it's critically important that we have the words of the Beatitudes in today's gospel to remind us of what holiness looks like. Nowhere in the Beatitudes is a word about celibacy or, frankly, about sexuality at all. There is certainly nothing about one's vocational state (priest, sister, etc.). Instead, we have attributes such as "poor in spirit," "meek," and "merciful." These are the hallmarks of sanctity. And they can be practiced by anybody, religious or lay, Catholic or Protestant, even Christian or non-Christian. We recall that the Gospel of Matthew is much more about actions than words. And those actions have to do with mercy rather than celibacy.

Holiness and sanctity can seem so out of reach when we have as examples those whose lives are so different from the vast majority. Sainthood is not a prize given to those who complete a marathon, something most people cannot do. Instead, sanctity is something each of us is called to. Holiness is something each Christian can live. It is nothing more than living the paschal mystery, a daily dying to self so that we put others before us. Family members practice this daily! (Or at least they have many chances to practice this each day.) When parents sacrifice their own wants for the sake of their children, or when siblings put the needs of their brothers or sisters before their own, these are acts of sanctity. It is through such acts that we live the gospel passage today as "peace-makers." Division and strife are not marks of sainthood; unity and peace are. Let us live the gospel message today and, in so doing, live the paschal mystery into our own sainthood.

Fr. Dennis