



## Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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

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### **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Peter Arnoldy, Jerry Guthrie, Irene Prunier,  
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### **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.

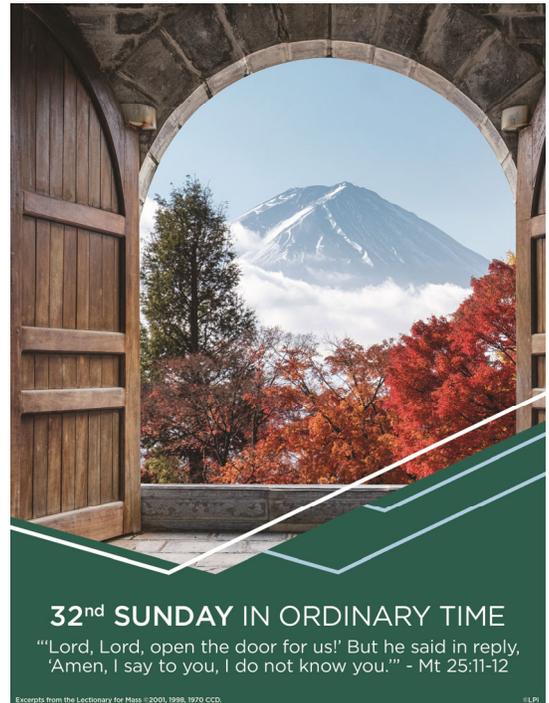
**Sacrament of the Sick:** If you are anticipating surgery or experiencing health issues and would like to be strengthened with the Church's sacrament of healing and hope, please contact the pastor personally to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

## 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.*



### **32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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**NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020**

**MON - 11/16- Ss. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude**

**7:30AM:** Irene Finan Mitchell by John Milan

**TUES - 11/17- St. Elizabeth of Hungary - NO MASS**

**WED - 11/18 - The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul, and Rose Philippine Duchesne**

**5:30PM:** Lena Burke by Fred & June Burbee, Diane Poodiack & Jane Provins

**THURS - 11/19- Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Special Intentions of Lucille Farwell

**FRI - 11/20 - Weekday**

**7:30AM:** Roy, Jeanne, Irene & Sonny Dubay by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hunsader

**SAT - 11/21 - Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe —**

**4:00PM:** Maria Viera by the Crestwood Staff & Residents and Donna Thomas by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Berube

**SUN - 11/22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe —**

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

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

**10:30AM:** Luke Coté (30 anniversary) by his daughter, Ida Caveney

**FACE MASKS  
REQUIRED  
SOCIAL DISTANCING  
PRACTICED**

**READINGS 11-22-2020**

**Ez: 34:11-12, 15-17**

**1 Cor: 15:20-26, 28**

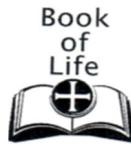
**Mt: 25:31-46**

**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"

For anyone who would like to stop in to Church for private prayers. These are the times when the Church is opened.

Monday - Friday: 9-5pm

Saturday: 9-3pm

Sunday: 11:30-5pm

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 Nov 8, 2020 \$7,790**

**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 sacramentally, 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!*

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

## NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

### Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (11/15/2020)

Continuing with the names of the unnamed – in Tobit the Angel Raphael identifies himself as one of the Seven Holy Angels who go in and out before the Holy One. Two of the other Seven are named in Scripture. The other four have traditional names from extrabiblical sources. How many can you name?

### Answer to last week's question (11/8/2020)

Bachos is the name traditionally given to the Ethiopian who was baptized by the deacon Phillip in Acts 8:26-40.

Balthasar is one of the traditional names given to the Magi.

Bithia is the name in Jewish tradition of the daughter of Pharaoh who adopted Moses.

Dismas is the name by which the Church remembers the thief who professed faith in Jesus on the Cross.

Dives isn't actually a name, it is Latin for "Rich Man" and is used for the man in the parable Jesus told of the poor beggar Lazarus.

Paul refers to Jannes and Jambres in 2 Tim. 3:8 as the magicians who opposed Moses in the court of Pharaoh.

### **Discipleship: hear and act!**

As we near the end of the liturgical year, the Sunday readings' themes become eschatological, focusing on the *end times* and Jesus' *second coming* (*parousia*). This week's readings focus on a disciple's behavior while waiting for Jesus' return.

Matthew's gospel is part of Jesus' eschatological discourse (Mt 24:1—25:46). Jesus' parable about slaves who invest their master's money becomes an allegory in Matthew's interpretation.

**Jesus' parable and meaning.** Jesus, addressing *Jewish* hearers in 30 AD, told a story about a *travelling master* who gave household slaves money to hold. The faithful slaves *increased* the master's money, while the wicked slave *hid* the money and did nothing. Jesus' parable criticizes the *religious leaders' resistance to change*. "Hiding the master's money in a hole" described leaders so worried about *preserving their tradition's purity* they *rejected Jesus' message*. Those leaders lost their invitations to God's kingdom.

**Matthew's allegory and meaning.** Matthew, addressing his *Jewish Christian ekklesia* in the 80s AD, allegorized the story about an *absent* master (Jesus) who gave household slaves (disciples) money (gospel) to hold. On the master's return (*parousia*), he *rewarded* the faithful slaves who *increased his joy*, but he *punished* the wicked slave who hid the money, *taking away the slave's home and reward*. Matthew's story *warns disciples about becoming complacent* awaiting Jesus' return. "Hiding the master's money in a hole" described disciples *afraid of witnessing* to Jesus, or *not speaking or acting* as believers. Those disciples lost their places at the eschatological banquet.

**The message: hear and act!** Jesus' parable warns about holding so tight to tradition that we close our minds to Jesus' call to *metanoia* (change of mind/heart). Jesus' parable asks: *How do I discern human tradition from God's essential message?* Matthew's allegory warns about the *ongoing requirement* to practice Jesus' way. Matthew's allegory asks: *How do I act as a faithful disciple while awaiting Jesus' return?*

This week's readings ask us to think about how we act while waiting for Jesus' return. The Proverbs writer praises an honorable wife who serves her family, neighbors, and God. Paul teaches that Jesus' return should not worry us; as disciples, we already live as children of the light. The gospel story about faithful and lazy slaves is a warning about continually listening to and acting on Jesus' message. How are we living our discipleship in Jesus' absence? Are we loving God through service to others, or do we defer such acts for "later"? Are we awake and alert to living in the light, or do we ignore the unavoidable? What unearned divine abundance are we "hiding in a hole"?

--Terence Sherlock

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



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Baby Owen, Christian Beck, Julie Dupuis, Shawn Dufraigne, Laura McGettigan, Tracey Lafleur, Jen, Polly Coté, 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.**

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  4. Enter our zip code 03055
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**FORMED:**

**Learn**, From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science (Father Robert Spitzer)

**Watch**, The Gardener of God (Gregor Mendel, Catholic priest, father of modern genetics)

**Read**, Saint Guiseppe Moscati (11/16)

**Watch**, Mary of Nazareth (11/21 Presentation of Mary)

**FAITH FORMATION  
CLASSES**

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION  
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — December 1  
Wednesday: 5:30 -7:00pm — December 2

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

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — November 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.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new to our parish, or you are thinking of joining our parish, you may pick up a registration form in the rack in the vestibule., or you can register online on our Website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org). Once it is filled out you can put it in the collection basket or mail it in. As a registered parishioner, you will be added to our mailing list and you will receive donation envelopes and we will have a record if requested of your participation in the parish.

**If you plan on moving away from this parish please let the office know by calling 673-1311.**

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Registrations are available at the office, at the entrance of the Church, and on our website: [saintpatrickmilfordnh.org](http://saintpatrickmilfordnh.org)

**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.**



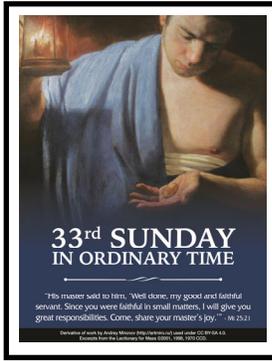
Donations may be mailed or dropped at the SHARE Center, 1 Columbus Ave., Milford. Please be sure to include your name and address so that your gift may be acknowledged. You may also make a credit card donation from our website [www.sharenh.org](http://www.sharenh.org). Click on DONATE then DONATE TODAY. **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.

**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.**



## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A-2020)

The parable in today's gospel follows immediately upon the parable we read last week. Both the parable of the wise and foolish virgins and the parable of the talents speak to the coming of the Lord on the last day. In each case there is a delay in the time during which different characters in the story respond and react differently. In today's story, the master entrusts money with three servants according to their ability. One receives five, another two, and the last, one. The first two invest the funds in a variety of activities and they both double the money entrusted to them. The third, however, buries the sole talent in the ground, depriving the master of the simple interest it would have earned if it had been deposited in a bank. Not surprisingly, the master is furious with the third servant.

Jesus concludes the parable with some folk wisdom akin to: "the rich get richer and poor get poorer." It would be a mistake to read this parable as somehow endorsing a political and economic system whereby the wealthy receive a majority of benefits while the poor suffer. Instead, that economic condition, which characterized the time of Jesus (and perhaps even our own!), becomes the folk wisdom reinforced by the parable.

The lesson from the parable has to do with the intervening time between the resurrection and the coming of Christ. How will the disciples (the servants) invest their own talents in service of the master? One must risk oneself to earn a reward. The investment of talent, skills, and gifts will generate returns. The miserable disciple who invests nothing of himself, but instead uses the time prior to the coming of the Lord merely to loaf around, will be punished. He is hardly worthy of the name servant (disciple). Interestingly, the reward for the first two is the same, "Come, share your master's joy." But the third is exiled.

Like last week's parable, and many before, today's story is an echo of St. Matthew's church, which had both weeds and wheat in its midst. There were industrious Christians, investing their talents and skills in the service of the Lord, and there were freeloaders, who risked nothing of themselves for God. It would be a mistake to read this parable in terms of dollars and cents or endorsing a particular system or class of people. Instead, this parable is speaking to life in the church prior to the coming of Jesus: Am I a disciple who invests myself, my skills, and my talents for God? Or am I content to let others do that work? To those who invest themselves, Jesus says, "Come, share your master's joy."

Life in a community can be a gift. We join others who share a common purpose. We combine effort to achieve a common goal. But in these cases, much like "group work" assigned to schoolchildren, there can be slackers who live off the generosity of others' efforts while contributing little to no effort of their own. The parable today reminds us that there will come a time when God will take stock of each person's efforts. This is not our work to do, but God's. When we hear this parable and others like it, we can be moved to action, investing ourselves more fully in the Christian life. And for the Gospel of Mat-thew, that means service of others, especially the less fortunate. May this gospel motivate us to continue serving without counting the cost, investing fully of ourselves and our talents. There will be an accounting, and when there is, we want to hear the words, "**Come, share your master's joy.**"

Fr. Dennis



To the Family and Friends of

**Donna Thomas  
Lena Burke  
Joseph Fisher**

You are in our prayers.



Memorial gifts to our church are always welcome and very much appreciated. If you wish to make a gift, please send it to the church office and designate in whose memory or honor the gift is being given.