

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 13, 2021



Saint Patrick Catholic Church
34 AMHERST STREET, MILFORD, NH 03055

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

All are Welcome

No matter your present status in the Catholic Church;
No matter your family or marital status;
No matter where you are in the practice of faith;
You are always welcomed here at St. Patrick.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:00 A.M.; 10:30A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 A.M.

Wednesday 5:30 P.M. Mass,
unless otherwise indicated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

5:30 P.M.

(Except Dec 25th, Christmas &
Jan 1st, Mary, Mother of God).

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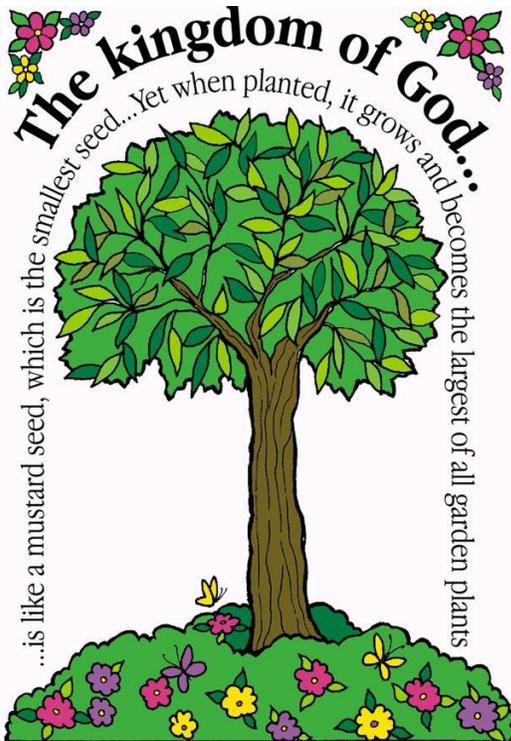
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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

JUNE 14-20, 2021

MON - 6/14- Weekday

7:30AM: Mary Clare, Jack & Kathleen Milan by John

TUES - 6/15- Weekday - NO MASS

WED - 6/16- Weekday

5:30PM: John Spurrier by Frank & Annie Merlenbach & family

THURS - 6/17- Weekday

7:30AM: Fred & Celia Lorden by Jane Provins

FRI - 6/18 - Weekday

7:30AM: All Souls

SAT - 6/19 - Vigil of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM: Colin Lizotte

SUN - 6/20 - The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church closes at Noon on Sundays

8:00 AM: Members of the Parish

10:30AM: Richard Wagner by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Courage and Laurette Cote by her daughter, Ida Caveney

READINGS 6/20/2021

Jb: 38:1, 8-11
2 Cor: 5:14-17
Mk: 4:35-41



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of John Spurrier by his parents, Jim & Ann.

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

Monday - Friday: 9-5pm
Saturday: 9-3pm
Sunday: **Closes at Noon**

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!

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.

Weekend of June 6, 2021: \$5,629

GIVE+ONLINE



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.

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (6/13/2021)

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary at the Annunciation, he addressed her not by name, but as *Kecharitōmenē* – literally “Graced one” although often translated as “Favored One.” What does this title reveal about Mary, and what does it teach us about Jesus?

Answer to question 6/6/2021

The Council of Ephesus, in 431, formally declared “Mother of God” as an appropriate title for Mary as a part of its determination that the Nestorian belief that Jesus was an ordinary human being who was, in effect, “possessed” by the Holy Spirit was a heresy. In the Incarnation, the Council taught, the eternal divine Son was born into time and space as a human being – True God and True Man. (The Nestorians rejected the title Mother of God, insisting that Mary was only Mother of Christ – the anointed Messiah.) So the title “Mother of God” emphasizes the reality of the Incarnation: Jesus, Son of Mary, consubstantial with the Father.

The mystery of God's kingdom

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on the mystery of the kingdom of God.

Gospel (Mk 4:26-34)

Mark's gospel presents two parables about the kingdom of God and asks us to explore the kingdom's mystery.

A hidden seed. In the “hidden seed” parable, Jesus reminds his hearers that the seed's growth is *hidden* and grows *without human intervention*. Jesus' hearers would be surprised that God's kingdom would come *unnoticed*, without apocalyptic signs. Jesus challenges his hearers to *see how the kingdom is coming about*. God's kingdom is a divine work, not a human achievement. Humans can *cooperate with or inhibit* God's work, but *cannot control or hasten* the kingdom's arrival. Mark includes this parable to address concerns in his own community. The parable *encourages* those who feel their efforts are fruitless, and also *warns* those who think they can bring about the kingdom by their own projects and plans.

A mustard bush. In the “mustard seed” parable, Jesus reminds his hearers that small seeds can *grow* into a bush large enough to give shade. Jesus' hearers would be surprised that God's kingdom could have *small beginnings*. Jesus challenges his hearers to imagine *how the kingdom will be when it arrives*. Will it be small and selective, only admitting a few? Will it seem small but be large enough to shelter many? Jesus leaves the interpretation to the hearer. Mark includes this parable to address concerns in his own community. The parable encourages Mark's *ekklesia*, which is *facing failure and persecution*, to remind them that God continues to *grow the community* even when they lack faith.

The mystery of God's kingdom. God's kingdom does not make sense to humans; it is a *mystery full of paradoxes*. God's kingdom *comes* with or without human intervention. God's kingdom *grows* despite persecution and faithlessness. God's kingdom is expressed in the *paradox of the cross*: to bring eternal life to humans, Jesus must lay down his human life. Mark's seed parables are *metaphors* for his gospel's christology.

Summary and reflection

This week's readings ask us to think about God's kingdom. Ezekiel describes God's kingdom as the restoration of God's people from exile. Jesus' parables invite us to imagine and to begin to inhabit God's kingdom now, in our own lives. Jesus calls each disciple to understand and to encounter the kingdom personally. When we encounter God's secretly growing kingdom, do we work to make it visible and able to be experienced by others? Is our vision of the kingdom inclusive? Do we work to make the kingdom available to all who need its shelter?

Terence Sherlock

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

David Pfeifer, for a 70 year old man, Melissa Duffy, Bart & Robert Nichols, Doris Fay, Julie Hammond, Florence Boudreau, Mimi Shrall, Mimi Cuddington, Mark Blamy, Emily Wrzeszcz, Ashley Holland, Janet Ramsdell, Joyce Nelson, Todd Turcotte, Bettina Mace, Jean Moro, Lucille Farwell, Stephen, Cheryl Lounsbury, Baby Owen, Shawn Dufrairie, Laura McGettigan, Jen, Kim Salem, Patti Fay McDonagh, Lillian Esielionis, Conrad Bergeron, Tiffany Brown, the Staff & Residents of all Milford long term care facilities, Dr. Ray Roberge, Brendan Zubricki, Alison Caiado, John Coleman, Bruce Gade, Dorothy Gates, Eleanor Botelho, Rita Rose, Richard, Paul, Laura, Skip, Betty, Ken Jalbert, Pamela Wood, Sean, Patricia Barrett, Cameron Conley, Lexz Bragdom, Timothy Russell, Maureen Belair, Marty, Leo Barriault, Nancy Moro, Mary Ann Hower, Connor Silloway, Eva, Carolyn Hassett, Thomas Burkardt, Ben, Anne Marie, Jeffrey, Lisa, Susan Yorio, William, JoAnn & John, Gus Dreher, Irene Dion, Eugene Callahan, Andrea, Sophia Lamarche, Brundage family, Coralee Smart, Marie, Frances, Arlene, Georgian, Jeanne, Sue, Dennis Creedon, Paul Golch, John Foss, Rob Erickson, Liz Richer, Luke LaVallee, John, Mike Paxton, Isabelle Miller, Helen R., Claudette Blais, Anne Ronsov, Scott Dickinson, Joseph Koprek, Lillie & Damien, Benjamin Smith, 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, 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW HAMPSHIRE

Thanks to all who have already contributed to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. At the moment, here is our 1st report:

St. Patrick Parish, Milford

\$8,130.00 received of \$25,800.00 goal

Thanks to your support since the COVID-19 crisis began - **More than 4,300** individuals & households across New Hampshire have reached out for assistance around food, housing, energy and other essential needs. **More than 2,600** Mental Health Counseling sessions have been conducted for individuals facing increased stress, anxiety and difficult life changes. **More than 122,000** pounds of food have been delivered to homebound and disabled elderly across Greater Manchester and Nashua. While there is still much uncertainty – and life, as we know it, is on a degree of pause – our work will carry on. **Our mission and commitment to serving the needs of individuals and families in need is unbreakable**, especially in a time like this. So, once again, I ask every person to demonstrate their Christian generosity and commitment to God's people. As St. Francis of Assisi said: *"it is in giving that we receive."* I ask that you support Catholic Charities New Hampshire by making a pledge or contribution to this year's appeal. Your support will help make a difference in the lives of many of our neighbors locally and around the state.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT OR PLEDGE USING THE APPEAL ENVELOPE SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL. MAKE SURE TO INDICATE YOU ARE FROM "ST PATRICK CHURCH MILFORD" AND MAIL DIRECTLY TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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<https://watch.formed.org/contact/support>.

FORMED:

Read: *A School of Prayer: The Saints Show Us How to Pray* by Pope Benedict XVI

Listen: *The Truth to Inspire Series* for Children and Teens: Listen to St. Anthony of Padua, Feast day June 13

Listen: *Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait Audio Book* by Leo Maasburg

Watch: *Y Disciple series* for Youth and Teens

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.



"St. Patrick Helpers" We are looking for men/women to help with small project in the community. Your expertise and talents would be greatly appreciated. Interested? Please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.



**Knights of Columbus Father Don Jacques
Council #3035, Milford, NH**

St. Patrick's Helpers: Do you have a small project or a list of projects that you need completed around your house? How would you like to have "masked" Knights of Columbus take care of this for you? We are offering handy-man services to the community. Proceeds will be donated directly to St. Patrick Church – Facilities Fund. Please contact Pauline Nepveu at pnepveu54@gmail.com or 603-672-0564. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF JUNE 19-20

Saturday 4:00PM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Suzanne Price
Pauline Nepveu
Gary McCartney
Dianne Hamilton

Sunday 8:00AM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Will McGrath
John Ordemann
Steve Santinelli
Sue Pasquale
Diane Bergeron

10:30AM

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Greeters

Jude Lorman
Dave Couture
Steve Dudley
Tony Varga
Michelle Varga



11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B-2021)

Jesus' parables are not just nice entertaining little stories! As Jesus proclaims in the first words he speaks according to Mark, his mission is to announce the Good News of the kingdom, the reigning and transforming presence of God in his person and words, and call the people to faith and repentance.

Like all the parables, the two parables of green and growing things we hear today are words of Jesus that tease us into contemplating our own lives and our response to the kingdom. In the first parable, Jesus compares the growth of the kingdom to the seed that is planted by the farmer who then retires from the scene into the rhythm of his everyday life. Day and night he

wakes up and sleeps, while the seed, once sown, has its own potential for growth independent of the farmer. The mystery of growth belongs to the seed and the soil, to the gradual "dispossession" of the hard little seed to the nourishing earth, and its consequent unhurried and gradual growth: first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain. The only activity required of the farmer is vigilant patience.

Even Jesus had to accept some unknowing, some surrender of events into his Father's hands. Perhaps we have had the experience with children who have planted their seeds in the garden and, excited about the possibilities of the flowers or vegetables to come, must be advised against regular and disastrous digging down into the earth to see how the growth is proceeding! The farmer must wait confidently on God's good time and providence, and eventually the time of growth and the time of harvesting will intersect. Once we have received the seed of God's word in the soil of our hearts, we must be ready for the dispossession, the gradual unfolding of the seed's potential that will push into our consciousness and transform our lives, making us a plentiful harvest and enabling us to become nourishment for others. Because the growth of the seed is God's secret, it can often happen in what, to our limited human perspective, are the most unlikely places: in the lives of the poor, the despised, the persecuted. This was surely a great consolation to Mark's community, for this was the reality of their lives.

It should give the same hope and confidence to Christians today in our personal, communal, or national situations. What seems humanly insignificant, and even a failure, is transformed by God's power, just as the seed of Jesus' life fell into the ground of death to be transformed by his resurrection. This is the great encouragement for disciples as we live between the planting and harvesting into the kingdom of God.

The parable of the mustard seed and its surprising growth is also one of encouragement for struggling communities frustrated or despondent because of what seems the small and insignificant growth of the kingdom of God and its impact on the world around them. Jesus makes use of legitimate poetic license in exaggerating the size of the mustard seed ("the smallest of all the seeds on the earth") and the bush that grows from it ("the largest of plants"), in order to stress the extravagant and disproportionate growth of the kingdom. That God is in all our beginnings and endings is the great and faithful hope of Jesus' disciples. The mustard bush, we are reminded, does not exist only for itself, but it offers a refuge and shelter for the birds of the air who nest in its shade.

So, the Christian community should spread out its branches in welcome to others, especially to those who are enduring the heat of suffering, who are searching either physically or spiritually for some "shade" or sanctuary. We often find it hard to be at home and comfortable with mystery; there is still the temptation want to become like gods, to know everything, to overreach our God-given humanity. That we have Jesus's word to "explain" to us the deeper meaning of God's action in our lives and our world, is the privilege of Jesus' disciples.

Fr. Dennis