

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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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.



First Friday Adoration October 2, 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**

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.

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

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4, 2020

MON - 9/28- Ss. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

7:30AM: Jack & Kathleen Milan by their father, John

TUES - 9/29 - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels- NO MASS

WED - 9/30 - St. Jerome

5:30PM: Bridget Philomena Condon by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scanlon & family

THURS - 10/1 - St. Theresa of the Child of Jesus

7:30AM: Members of the Parish

FRI - 10/2 - Holy Guardian Angels

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

SAT - 10/3 - Vigil of the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time—

4:00PM: John Spurrier by his parents, Jim & Ann & Walter Kane by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gilbert

SUN - 10/4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary time—

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Barbara Powers by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bergin & Jeffre Hicks by his wife, Kim

10:30AM: Members of the Parish

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READINGS 10-4-2020

**Is: 5:1-7
Phil: 4:6-9
Mt: 21:33-43**

**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.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the deceased members of the Coté & Caveney families by Ida Caveney.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Fr. Dennis will celebrate a "Blessing of the Animals" on Sunday, October 4th, at 11:45 AM in the lot behind St. Patrick Church. We invite all parishioners with pets to join in this special blessing in honor of St. Francis, patron saint of animals.

In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
All animals must be leashed or kenneled.
Social distancing practiced.
Masks required for humans.

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 regular basis.

**Collection weekend of Sept 20, 2020 \$4,343
Summer make-up: \$1,899**

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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!*

NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Discipleship: the responsibility to do God's will

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (9/27/2020)

In the Gospels, Peter's name is always first on the list of Apostles, but his role among the Apostles seems to be mostly that of "spokesman." Can you name three such episodes?

In the book of Acts Peter's role as chief of the Apostles is more evident? Can you think of three times he acted as their leader?

Answer to last week's question (9/20/2020)

It is absolutely true that there is nothing in the New Testament Church that resembles the medieval monarchical papacy. But there is plenty of evidence of a basic structure of Orders, and of a role for Peter that differed from that of the other Eleven. All of these reflect the positions of authority in Jewish practice at the time of Jesus.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus chose two groups from among His followers to whom He gave specific tasks – the Twelve Apostles (Luke 6:12-16 and 9:1-6 and 10-17. and the Seventy (Luke 10). In doing this, Jesus echoed the institution of the "Old Covenant" (Exodus 24) in which twelve "Young men" – one from each tribe – offer sacrifice, and 70 elders enter into a communion banquet in the Presence of God. (In the Mosaic Covenant, the roles of the 12 and the 70 were turned over to the Levites because of the Golden Calf debacle.)

In John's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples on the evening of the first Easter, and "breathes on them" and gives them His authority to forgive or retain sin (Jn 20:19-23). On another occasion, He appears to them all again, but takes Peter aside and gives him an additional assignment – to "tend the sheep. (Jn 21:15-17). Luke describes Jesus, at the Last Supper, telling the Apostles that He was appointing them to "sit on 12 thrones" and "judge the tribes of Israel" – and then instructing Peter that, after he has failed and "turned again," he is to strengthen his brothers. (Luke 22:28-33). Matthew reports the "twelve thrones" comment in Mt 19:27-28. In all three accounts, this role of authority is revealed to be a role of service, most dramatically in John's account (Jn. 13:1-17) of Jesus washing their feet at the Last Supper, but also in Luke 22:24-27, Mark 10:42-45 and Matt. 20:25-28.

In Acts, as the Church grows and spreads, we see these roles of authoritative teaching, offering sacrifice, and serving being carried out by the Apostles, and then by others they ordain as deacons, elders (or presbyters) and eventually "bishops" or "shepherds" (in Greek, episcopos). (The term "priest" was not used for ordained Christians until after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem brought an end to the Levitical priesthood.)

More on Peter's role next week!

St. Patrick Church's own Scouts BSA Troop 1794 is actively recruiting girls ages 11 through 17. This great opportunity for Milford and surrounding towns provides girls fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility as they work their way to become an Eagle Scout. If girls have an interest in the outdoors, learning dozens of new hands-on and lifelong skills, or may have had an interest in following the BSA scouting traditions, we encourage you to join our Troop and give Scouts BSA a try. This year meetings are held in the Church Hall and remotely via Zoom on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30p. You may join any upcoming Monday and try it out! If you have questions, please call Jeff Curless at (603) 546-8261 or contact Paul Rolanti at (603) 801-4954 or email psrolanti@comcast.net.

During Ordinary time the Lectionary presents stories and teachings from Jesus' everyday ministry. This week's readings focus on each disciple's responsibility to learn and to do God's will.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus confronts the religious leaders when they question his authority to teach. Jesus' parable about a vineyard owner and his two children criticizes the religious leaders and their actions.

The parable's cultural context. The parable seems clear, but Western hearers can easily miss the parable's cultural conflict. Middle eastern culture values *honor*, while Western culture values *action*. The first son tells his father "No," but then regrets his answer and goes to the vineyard. The second son tells his father "Yes," but doesn't go. Jesus' hearers would *disapprove of the first son's outright refusal*, even though he later reconsiders and goes. In an honor/shame culture, the son's "No" *dishonors his father*. Jesus' hearers would *approve of the second son*, whose "Yes" *honors his father*, even when he doesn't follow through.

The question. Jesus now asks an unexpected question. The chief priests and elders expect Jesus to ask, "Which son *honored* his father?" Instead, Jesus asks, "Which son *did his father's will*?" Now they need to think about their answer, rather than give an automatic cultural response.

The answer and its consequences. The chief priests and elders choose the son who *did what his father asked*. Jesus tells them that *dishonorable* people (tax collectors and prostitutes) are entering God's kingdom ahead of the "honorable" religious leaders. Those "dishonorable" people *honor God by acting* on the Baptizer's (and Jesus') call to *metanoia* (change their minds/hearts), while the "honorable" religious leaders *dishonor God by failing* to change.

This week's readings ask us to think about discipleship's requirements. Ezekiel calls us to take responsibility for our choices. Paul tells us that humility must guide our choices. Jesus teaches that grace and honor come from doing God's will. As disciples, our words and actions must always conform to God's will. Do we actively seek to know God's will through prayer, study, and discernment, or do we let the prevailing culture tell us what is right? Do we seek God's will with a humble and open heart, or do choose what is easy or best for us? Do we discern God's will in order to change ourselves, or to prove that we've been right all along?

--Terence Sherlock

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ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, October 18th at 2 pm**. In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries.

For more information and to register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-wedding-anniversary-mass-2020-tickets-119462616903>
Please contact Alyse Hlasny at ahlasny@rcbm.org or at (603) 663-0108 with any questions.



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Please call the parish office when someone can be taken off the prayer list.

**FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES**



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
GRADES K-6**

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00pm — October 6

Wednesday: 5:30 - 7:00pm — October 7

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

Sunday: 6-7:30pm — October 4, 18

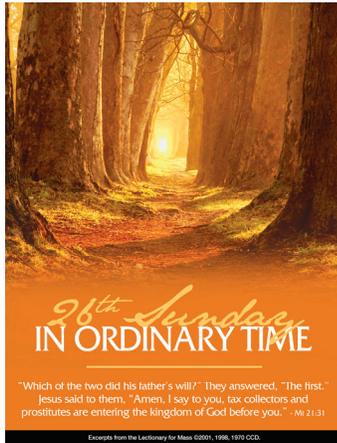
All of these classes will be through Zoom Meeting. Sue, our Faith Formation Director will be sending you a link to invite you to class.



Fr. Dennis will be celebrating a birthday on October 2nd. Please keep in in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION

The weekend of October 3-4 our second collection will be the Heating & Air Conditioning collection, this collection helps pay for the heat and air conditioning for the Parish buildings. The ushers will be going down the aisles a second time.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A-2020) St. Patrick - Milford

We just heard about the man with the two sons one of whom who told his father he would work as his father had requested and then did not. The other having said “no” to his father and then changed his mind and did what his father asked him to do. What changed that son’s mind? Was it shame? or guilt? I suspect it was the latter, his sense of guilt.

All of us have regrets, memories of unkind or hurtful or things we've done ... of the times when we saw someone and need and looked the other way. All of us have feelings of guilt. We'd all like the chance to go back and do the right thing ... or do certain things over again, or to right the wrongs we've done. What, then, do we do with our guilt? In today's parable, Jesus gives us a sense of direction. The truth is that guilt, remorse, and regret can be very powerful and potentially useful emotions. They can move us away from wasting our gifts, abusing other people, along with powerful motivation to do the right thing and make our lives and the lives around us much happier and fulfilled.

The word “responsibility” is made up from 2 words: ability and respond. There are moments of kindness, tenderness, and compassion that I may not have shared with those who needed those things from me. I have not been as courageous as I could have been. I may have shunned valor, missed opportunities to lead, passed by opportunities and moments of truth, avoided conflicts that would have changed people for the better, and not done what God had given me the opportunity to do. Moreover, some of us have blamed others and used the bad example of others as an excuse. I may have appealed to the empty phrase: “Everybody's doing it”, and even decreed certain things not to be sinful, things that God has clearly told us are truly sinful.

The popular definition of insanity goes like this: “To keep on doing the same things in the same way, while expecting a different result each time.” It is insane to regret what we've done or haven't done and yet keep on doing what we're doing or not doing? Truly, the only sensible thing to do with our regrets, our remorse, and our guilt is to change the way we act. That's the simple message of Jesus' parable.

Because of his sense of guilt, the second son faced his shame and expressed regret and went to work. “Regret” was something he felt deep down within his heart and soul. He put this ego aside and did what was right. You and I are loved sinners or, as St. Augustine said,: We are saints and sinner at the same time. God sent His only-begotten Son, not to condemn but to save the sinner. It's only when we admit to God, to ourselves, and to others the exact nature of our wrongs that we can begin to get in touch with reality and move away from avoidance and denial. Once freed from these, we can live and move and do what is right, what is decent and what is good.

Here we are, gathered around the table of the Lord and Jesus is about to come down to earth once again right here on this altar to give you and to give me the Bread of Life ... the bread and keeps us healthy and sane in body, mind, and Spirit ... the bread that gives us the power we need to accomplish His work here on earth as it is in heaven.

And so, if, in your prayer today, you hear that God is asking something from us or is asking us to go and work for him at home, at work or at school ... what will we do? Will our response bring us shame and guilt OR will our response bring us to experience the freedom of love – and live as a true daughter or son of God.

Fr. Dennis