



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



**Offices will be
closed on
Wednesday,
November 11, 2020**

NOVEMBER 9-15, 2020

MON - 11/9- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30AM: Members of the parish

TUES - 11/10 - St. Leo the Great- NO MASS

WED - 11/11 - St. Martin of Tours (VETERAN'S DAY)

OFFICES CLOSED

5:30PM: NO MASS

THURS - 11/12- St. Josaphat

7:30AM: Audrey Perkins by Jane Provins

FRI - 11/13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:30AM: Donat Gagne, Jr. by John Milan

SAT - 11/14 - Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —

4:00PM: Stanley Marchocki by his daughter, Kathy and
In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Coty

SUN - 11/15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —

Church will remain open from 11:30—5pm

8:00 AM: Members of the parish

10:30AM: John & Margaret DelMonte by Marge and
Lawrence, Elizabeth & Maribeth Conrad, and Courtney Ronzio by
the family

**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED
SOCIAL DISTANCING
PRACTICED**

READINGS 11-15-2020

Prv: 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thes: 5:1-6

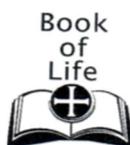
Mt: 25:14-30

**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.



The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Joe Heaney by his wife, Kathy

**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 regular basis.

Collection weekend of Nov 1, 2020 \$7,312

All Souls: \$1,830

Monthly Vanco: \$8,818.75

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

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NON-TRIVIAL PURSUITS

Weekly challenge from your Faith Formation Team (11/8/2020)

There are a number of people mentioned but unnamed in Scripture for whom we have traditional names from other sources. Do you know who these people are?

Bachos	Balthasar	Bithia	Dismas
Dives	Jannes	Jambres	

Answer to last week's question (11/1/2020)

Holy Days are Feast days that have the status of a Sunday – on which the faithful are required to participate in the Mass. There are ten feasts which are “obligatory” for Church throughout the world, but a country’s bishops can make adjustments to the list for their own people: typically adding the feast of the Patron Saint of the Country (so St. Patrick in Ireland, but St. Andrew in Scotland, St. Joseph in Canada, Our Lady of Guadeloupe in Mexico) and others who are uniquely connected with the country or region. The Bishops can also move the celebration of a feast to the nearest Sunday, or in some cases, if the feast falls on a Saturday or a Monday, drop the obligation to attend Mass (which is not the same as dropping the observance of the feast). As a result of such adjustments, in the United States the list of “feasts of obligation” is just six: The Solemnity of the Mother of God (Jan 1) and the Feast of The Immaculate Conception (Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States) along with the Feast of the Assumption, Ascension Thursday, Christmas (eg. The Feast of the Nativity) and the Feast of All Saints (Nov 11).

If you wonder why Easter is not on the list, as it is of course the most solemn feast of the entire year; that is because Easter is always on a Sunday, when we are already supposed to be at Mass! And Good Friday and Ash Wednesday are not listed because the obligatory feasts are always feasts, not fasts (in fact, Good Friday is the only day of the year when no Mass is celebrated).

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

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.

Discipleship: pay attention!

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 readiness to enter the eschatological banquet.

Matthew's gospel is part of Jesus' eschatological discourse (Mt 24:1--25:46). Jesus' parable about wise and foolish maidens becomes an allegory in Matthew's interpretation.

Jesus' original parable. All Jesus' parables are rooted in *life experience*; in this story, the wedding customs of Jesus' time. Jesus' hearers would have been surprised by the bridegroom's *treatment* of his own relatives (“I do not know you”). Jesus' point is that *those ready to hear and to act* on Jesus' message enter God's kingdom; those who reject his message are left out.

Matthew's allegory. In Matthew's telling for his believing community, the parable becomes an allegory about Jesus' delayed *parousia*. The bridegroom is now Jesus, and the maidens are the disciples waiting for his second coming. Matthew's point is that only *those prepared for Jesus' delayed return* will enter God's eschatological banquet; careless disciples will be left out.

The message: pay attention! Jesus' parable warns his Jewish hearers not to *miss the opportunity* he offers to join God's kingdom. The hearers of Jesus' parable ask themselves: *What must I do to remain part of God's family?* Matthew's allegory warns his Christian *ekklesia* about *their continuing attention* to Jesus' way. The hearers of Matthew's allegory ask themselves: *How do I live daily as a faithful disciple?*

This week's readings ask us to think about our readiness for God's kingdom. The Wisdom writer tells us to keep watch for the Wisdom that leads us to immortality. Paul's hope in the Lord's words and his image of the raised faithful dead comforts the Thessalonians who have lost loved ones. The story of the wise and foolish maidens is a warning about what we need to do to enter the kingdom. How do we think about our personal end-time? Do we take advantage of the Wisdom at our front door, or do we put Wisdom off for a more convenient time? Do the Lord's words about death and resurrection offer hope, or do we grieve death and its apparent finality? Are we awake and ready to meet the bridegroom, or are we off shopping for oil while the door locks?

--Terence Sherlock

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Read, History of the Catholic Church (Pope Leo XIII, 11/10)

Listen, Saints for Sinners (St. Augustine birthday 11/11)

Listen, The Restless Flame (St. Augustine birthday 11/11)

Read, Youth: The Young People's Book of Saints (St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, 11/13)

Listen Family, St. Frances Cabrini (11/13)

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. 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.

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.



On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of SHARE Outreach, Inc., thank you for your donations of food for the SHARE food pantry. We appreciate your support.

Your donation helps us carry out our mission of assisting the needy of our communities with their basic needs: food, clothing, housing, medicine, and utilities. It is the help of many that allows SHARE to make a difference in the lives of those in need in the Souhegan Valley. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christine A. Janson
Executive Director

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32ND 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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A-2020

Robert Baden Powell founded the Boy Scouts of America over one hundred years ago. The motto he chose for the organization was, **"Be prepared."** This motto happened to have the same initials (B.P.) as his own name, Baden Powell, and this was no accident. Once he was asked about the motto, "Be prepared for what?" "Anything!" was the answer. This motto has guided scouts in the organization for more than a century, and it is similar to the gist of the gospel today.

The parable Jesus tells in today's gospel may seem at first glance to be un-Christian. Why wouldn't the five who have oil share theirs with the five who do not have oil? But that's the wrong question. A better question would be, why weren't the five who have no extra oil prepared? They knew enough to bring their lamps, but they did not bring reserve flasks of oil. They had not anticipated that they would need more oil than what their lamp could hold. Rather than share, leading to a situation where nobody would have enough oil, the "wise" ones told the "foolish" to go get their own oil. And when they were gone, doing just that, the groom appeared, the guests entered, and the doors were locked. When the "foolish" ones returned, the master said he did not know them and they were not allowed in. Their cry of "Lord, Lord" calls to mind other passages in this gospel where people cry "Lord, Lord," only to hear the master reply that he does not know them (7:21-23; 25:31-46).

The motto "Be prepared" seems particularly apt here, and it reflects the attitude of many other parables in the Gospel of Matthew. Though Christians often imagine a forgiving God, that concept needs to be squared with the parables we read, such as the one we have today. Why didn't the master simply let the "foolish" ones in? Is it really that important that they forgot to bring extra oil? Does the punishment fit the crime, so to speak? Again, these questions come readily to mind, but they are not the focus of the story. Instead, the point of the parable is "preparedness" with respect to the coming of the "Lord." And this likely reflects the situation in the Matthean community. This is the same gospel that gives us the parable of the weeds and the wheat growing together. Matthew seems to be aware that the church is a mixed bag of the wise and the foolish, those prepared for the Lord's coming and those who are unprepared. It's not for one group to throw out the other. God will allow those to enter whom he will. The ill-prepared, hoping on that day for someone else to bail them out, will not be allowed to enter.

The meaning of Jesus' parables can be difficult to discern. And the meaning is polyvalent. One can read into them almost anything. The parable we read today should be a clarion call to "be prepared" for the coming of Jesus at the end times. And even if we think the end times are far, far away, my own personal end (death) may come when I least expect it. So, it can be a fruitful exercise to read these parables in terms of my own death: Am I prepared for that? How would I live on this earth if today were my last? Or if this week were my last? Would my priorities shift? This kind of exercise can clarify our own priorities and behaviors. Jesus reminds us that the fools are the ones who were not prepared for the coming of the master. Let us be like the wise ones, attentive to the coming of the Lord, for we know not when that day might be.

Fr. Dennis