



April

Saturday April 10

4pm ~ Frank Agrella, 35th Anniversary, requested by his daughter Barbara Barrett
Dora Carpentier, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Cheryl Brunelle & Carpentier family

Sunday April 11

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ John Castelhana, 24th Anniversary, requested by his daughter
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday April 12

8am ~ Sheryl Michaud requested by the Bedard family
Blessings for Alice Haggerty requested by the Haggerty family

Tuesday April 13

8am ~ Ann Neskey requested by Rosemary
Mary Dunn requested by Paul Dunn

Wednesday April 14

8am ~ Gloria & John Carmody requested by the Lemieux family
Mary V. McKenzie, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

Thursday April 15

8am ~ For Health and Blessings for Jeff Crispo & Donna Smith requested by the Haggerty family

Friday April 16

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday April 17

4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Jr., 15th Anniversary, **Helen E. Taylor**, Birthday Remembrance, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

Sunday April 18

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Marguerite McLaughlin, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, April 11

Adoration and Confessions, 1:00-3:00 PM, in the church
 Divine Mercy Celebration, 3:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, April 12

The Case of Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

Tuesday, April 13

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 14

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, April 15

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

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Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**PERSONAL SAFETY LESSONS
FOR CHILDREN & TEENS**

Did you know? All students in our NH parishes and Catholic schools are taught personal safety lessons annually. The lessons help them to identify trusted adults, respect themselves and others, stay safe online, and more. These lessons are offered through the *Circles of Care* and *Netsmartz* programs. To learn more about the personal safety lessons for children, visit www.catholicnh.org/circles



“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! This is such a great grace that the Lord gave to the Church. Just a quick reminder about the devotion to Divine Mercy. Back in the 1930s, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina, a Polish nun, in order to reveal His merciful love to the world. You may remember the five key points of the message are: **FINCH – Feast, Image, Novena, Chaplet, Hour**. Today we celebrate the **Feast** – the Sunday after Easter. In 2000, St. John Paul the Great (at the request of Jesus to St. Faustina) made this a Feast for the universal Church.

So, what's so special about this Feast. On this day (TODAY!), our Lord promises that if we go to Confession on the Feast of Mercy: **no punishment!** He says:

Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.... The Feast of Mercy emerges from My very depths of tenderness.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699, emphasis added)

I hope that as you read that paragraph, which we believe came from the mouth of Jesus, that you heard how much love the Lord has for us. He does not want us to be frightened of Him, but rather to run to Him and His infinite mercy! See how He says that the Feast is to be a “**refuge and shelter for all souls**” and this “**especially for poor sinners**”. These are not the words of a God who is trying to “get us” or to *shame* us because of our sins. No, these are the words of a Father who is longing for His children to come back home; these are the words of a husband anxiously awaiting His adulterous wife to come back to His arms (remember that the summary of the Bible is “God wants to marry us”).

“**Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet**”!!! Jesus is inviting us not to fear, but to **trust**. In another part of the *Diary*, Jesus speaks about how trust draws down His mercy:

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. (Diary 1578)

Trust in God's mercy is everything! Trust is not the same as presumption, which says, “Since God is so merciful, I can keep on sinning.” Another way of describing presumption is, “Better to ask for forgiveness than permission.” No, trust recognizes the sin as wrong: hurtful to self and destructive to our relationship with God and others. Trust *tries* to change, but does not fret over sin, nor worry when, in one's weakness, one is unable to overcome it. Rather, trust keeps running to the arms of the God of mercy!

To conclude, I just want to throw in my favorite quote from the *Diary*:

Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. (Diary 1074)

Jesus is inviting us to snuggle close to His Heart! On this Feast of Divine Mercy – and, in fact, every day of the year – may we *run* to the merciful Heart of Jesus – especially in the Sacrament of Confession – trusting greatly in His incredible, unfathomable, infinite ocean of mercy!

**COME HELP SAVE BABIES BY BECOMING
PART OF ST. GIANNA'S FAMILY**

We currently have two part-time positions available for devout Catholic women. The first is for an administrative assistant on Mondays and Fridays. The second is for overnight staff on Saturday nights, 5:00 PM – 6:00 AM, with occasional other nights as needed. We would also gladly welcome volunteers to help with various jobs around our home. If you are interested or have questions, please call 603-521-8440 during office hours.

For more information, about us please visit our website at www.stGiannasPlace.org.

SPRING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, April 18th, at 2:00 PM**. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). For registration, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/anniversary>.



COME TO THE PENNY SALE!!!

Join us **Saturday, April 24th**, for the Annual Women's Guild Penny Sale at the Parish Center. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Kitchen door and you will exit through the Main Entrance unless you have a disability. We will be open on **Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Pick up of items will be **Sunday, April 25th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Masks and social distancing are required. Come join the fun!



The Eucharist:

Source and Summit of Our Faith

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - John 6:51

In the month of April, Faith Life families are coming together and learning about the greatest and most beautiful mysteries of our faith. The God of the Universe humbling Himself in such a way that He dwells within a simple piece of bread. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the substance of the bread and wine completely changes. When we see the Eucharist, we see Jesus.

This is why we go to Holy Mass, we can truly boil it down to one reason. Jesus is the reason we attend Mass. If you know someone who has been away from the Sacrament, invite them back. Be the voice of welcome to the person who might be uncomfortable coming to Mass on their own. The church is our home and this is truly where we belong.

God Creates, Sin Enters, Jesus Saves, We Respond
This is our faith, This is what we believe

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

UPCOMING MASS TALK

Catholic Charities NH will be coming to our parish on **April 17 & 18, 2021** for their annual Mass Talk/Appeal. They will be sharing specific ways your support allowed them to adapt and create new opportunities to serve New Hampshire residents in incredibly meaningful ways over the past year, while building on its mission – one rooted in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ – of serving the vulnerable and those without a voice. Visit www.cc-nh.org/everything to make a gift and see how your support of Catholic Charities helps our neighbors in need overcome hardship. **Our parish goal is \$18,500.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by **Monday, May 3, 2021**.

NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21st.

To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup or call 603-752-1325.

THE CASE FOR JESUS MONDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS

Fr. Von started up his Monday Night Teachings again – this time virtually. This Lent and Easter, we will make our way through Dr. Brant Pitre's program *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. Teachings begin at 7:00 PM via Zoom. **The dates are 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, and 5/17**. Please contact Fr. Von to sign up (fathervon@comcast.net).

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org. They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to pelham.formed.org

PARISH COLLECTIONS

In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in **\$8,700** per week.

Parish Collections for the week of 3/28/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$7,611
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,510
Total Offertory	\$10,121
Utilities 3/28	\$1,297
Total Collected	\$11,418

As of 3/28/21 we have an offertory deficit of \$4,399

Easter Collections for the week of 4/4/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$10,083
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,809
Total Offertory	\$11,892
Utilities 4/4	\$1,458
Easter Memorials	\$1,754
Total Collected	\$15,104

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Holy Land

collected as of 4/2/21
\$775

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 18 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Apr. 25 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

May 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

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Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them.

If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at (603)-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

Prayer Line: Please contact Lillian Murgia at Lmurgia_871@comcast.net or 603-635-2634

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am
Friday No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:45pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

FORMED

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus?
Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org