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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
 to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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.

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

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
 2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
 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.

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



Saturday April 13
 4pm **Helen Taylor** requested by the Taylor family
Lawrence J. Bouchard, 34th Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos

Sunday April 14
 8am **Robert Hall & Corey Lemieux** requested by the Hall family
 10:30am **Marguerite McLaughlin**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday April 15
 8am **Marjorie Mathieson** requested by Tricia Yankowskas

Tuesday April 16
 8am **George Salvo** requested by the Haggerty family

Wednesday April 17
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona** and **Nicholas Betancur** requested by Donna Smith

Thursday April 18, Holy Thursday
No morning Mass
 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 19, Good Friday
 3pm Adoration of the Cross
 7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 20, Holy Saturday
No 3:00 PM Confessions
No 4:00 PM Mass
 8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday April 21, Easter Sunday
 8am Easter Memorials
 9:30am Easter Memorials
 11:30am Easter Memorials
No 6:00 PM Mass

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 4/7/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,106
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,091
Total Offertory	\$7,197
 Total Collected	 \$7,197

As of Apr 7th our offertory is at a deficit of **\$5,656**

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements
 collected as of 4/7/19
 \$1,602
 Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Apr. 21 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Apr. 28 Teen Ministry
 This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

May 5 Capital Improvements
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

May 12 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

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

We are in need of **hospitality ministers** for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20th at 8:00 PM. If you can assist, please contact Stuart Robertson at spr928@comcast.net



Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

Confessions, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, April 16

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 17

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM
Women’s AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, April 18

Men’s AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
Adoration, 8:30 PM-Midnight, in the parish center

Friday, April 19

Confessions, Noon-2:45 PM
Adoration of the Cross, 3:00 PM, in the church
Divine Mercy Novena, 4:30 PM, in the chapel
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
How many	Spiritual
—	Instruct the uninformed
—	Counsel the doubtful
—	Admonish sinners
—	Comfort the sorrowful
—	Bear wrongs patiently
—	Forgive offenses
—	Pray for the living and the dead
How many	Corporal
—	Feed the hungry
—	Clothe the naked
—	Give drink to the thirsty
—	Shelter the homeless
—	Comfort the imprisoned
—	Visit the sick
—	Bury the Dead



Holy Thursday, April 18

Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00 PM
Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 19

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM
Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM
Divine Mercy Novena: 4:30 PM
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS
Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

**On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering
Salvifici Doloris**

Join Fr. Von in studying St. John Paul II’s letter about making sense of suffering in our lives. Monday nights: **April 22nd & 29th at 7:00 PM** in the **Youth Room** at the **school**.

For more information, contact Fr. Von fathervon@comast.net or 603-635-3525.

St. Gianna’s Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a benefit banquet on May 1st from 5:30-9:15 PM at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester, NH. Our guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations \$65 per person/\$650 per table. Make checks payable to St. Gianna’s Place and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.

Confession during Lent:

This Monday, April 15th from 11:00-1:00 and 5:00-7:00 PM

Good Friday, Noon-2:45 PM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is Palm/Passion Sunday. At Mass this weekend, we hear about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and then His rejection, suffering, and death. This is the beginning of Holy Week, the high feast days of our year. I strongly encourage you, if you are able, to come to the Sacred Triduum: **Holy Thursday (7:00pm), Good Friday (3:00pm), Easter Vigil (8:00pm)**. These high holy days are the center of our Faith!

In today's article, I will focus on the last words of Christ that we hear only in Luke's Gospel. The first is

Father, forgive them, they do not know what they do (Luke 23:34).

This word from the Cross reminds me of two things. The first is that God is NOT a rival to us. What do I mean by this? In the Garden of Eden, the serpent gets Eve (and Adam) to eat the forbidden fruit by telling them that God is keeping something from them, and that they will be *like God*. In essence, Satan tells us that God is afraid of us, and sets Himself up as a rival to us. This is the language of power, control and "taking," NOT the language of love, surrender, and "receiving." God's love is such that He wants us to surrender to His overwhelming, head-over-heals love for us. He wants us to receive His love that He freely gives. We, on the other hand, very often don't trust God. We feel that we have to be in control, because if we are not, we will end up ruined. We *take* what we think we need, instead of trusting God to provide for our needs, and fulfill our desires. On the Cross, Jesus puts the lie to the idea that God is our rival. Even as He is being killed, He doesn't call out for vengeance, or even justice, but for *mercy*! He is not against us, but for us.

The second thing I think about is that Jesus forgives! He is the most innocent person *ever*. We speak about innocent people suffering unjustly, but no one was as innocent as Jesus, nor was there anyone ever who suffered so deeply from physical, mental, emotional or spiritual torture as Jesus, nor was there ever such a miscarriage of justice as when *we* judged and killed God! Yet, in that moment, He forgave. This great grace points out that Jesus calls us to forgive even the worst of offenses against us or our loved ones. But He doesn't just *demand* forgiveness, He gives us the *ability* to forgive. May we grab ahold of this grace so that we may experience true freedom in Christ!

The second word from the Cross is

Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. (Luke 23:43)

This comes at the request of the "good thief" to be remembered by Jesus in His kingdom. We know almost nothing about the "good thief" (traditionally called Dismas), but he may have been like one of those we hear about in the parable of the Good Samaritan – someone who waylaid travelers on their way up to Jerusalem. Often, these thieves brutally mugged people, even killing some. Whatever Dismas' crime, it was enough for the Romans to desire crucifixion for him – a horrible and torturous form of capital punishment. It is at this moment, with an act of trust on the part of Dismas, that Jesus promises him Paradise... not in some distant future when he has atoned for all of his sins in Purgatory, but *today*! This is the power that an act of trust has over Jesus' Heart – it's like He can't resist us, when we place a childlike trust in Him. Trust brings about the infinite *mercy* of God!

The final words from the Cross in Luke is

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. (Luke 23:46)

Here, despite all of the horrible torture – bodily, mentally, emotionally and spiritually – that Jesus has gone through, He makes an act of trust in His Heavenly Father. In the midst of what looks like complete failure from a worldly perspective, Jesus trusts in the Father's success. He teaches us that we can always trust God.

Do you see in these words of Christ on the Cross this deep connection between **trust** and **mercy**? In the 1930s, when Jesus revealed Himself to St. Faustina, He revealed how trust and mercy are linked. The image of Divine Mercy has the signature "Jesus, I trust in You". This is not by accident, but as a sign of how our trust in God opens us to the profound mercy of God, how that by an act of trust in God's mercy, God cannot, as it were, refuse us that mercy!

This Friday, Good Friday, the world is invited to pray the Divine Mercy Novena – nine days of asking for God's mercy to pour out anew on the world, leading up to the great feast of Divine Mercy (this year, April 28th). I invite you to pray this Novena with me. You can come to the parish and pray it as a community or pray at home. Trust in God's love and mercy, and I promise you (because He did) that you will not be disappointed!

SMARTPHONE SAFETY

Smartphone technology means that the internet is literally at our fingertips! This is both a blessing and a challenge. When your kids are ready for a Smartphone, keep the following in mind:

- Use Parental controls to limit access to inappropriate content
- Set the device so that app purchases require parental approval
- Make a contract with your child listing rules you expect him or her to follow
- Be aware that in-phone apps sometimes provide access to sites you've blocked
- Consider having children turn in their phones to you at a certain time each night
- Know passwords & make it clear that you will be checking the phone periodically
- Tell your kids that they will not be punished if they come to you and report that they received inappropriate content or messages-you will help them!

For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Helping your fellow man is not easy it takes time and commitment. We are challenging our faith communities to put words into action. Gather your congregants, mission team, youth group, choir, or any church group and join us on Saturday, May 18th to end Family Homelessness in Sothern New Hampshire.

It is easy to join, register yourself at www.runreg.com/home-stretch-5k. Adults are \$25, kids (9-14) are \$15, Kids younger than 9 are free. Then join or create a fundraising team for your congregation. The congregation with the largest number of participants will win an amazing trophy! For any questions, please email: Amy at 5k@annemariehouse.org.



If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2019, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

We are grateful for the forgiving action of Jesus. Let God show you how much of an impact forgiveness can be in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are June 8-9, 2019 in Medway, Ma and September 14-15, 2019 in Medway, Ma. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Praise and Worship Adoration on Saturday, May 4th, at 7:00 PM with Angelique Bolduc.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19th at 4:30 PM
Saturday, April 20th at 3:00 PM
Sunday, April 21st at 12:45 PM
Monday-Friday, April 22-26 at 6:30 PM
Saturday, April 27th at 2:30 PM

VOCATION

"The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Matthew Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org
Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

CREATE A LEGACY

Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church
In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

The Deadline for the Easter Memorials is this Monday, April 15th.