



**Saturday April 13**

**4pm ~ Marguerite McLaughlin**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday April 14**

**8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Hall**, Wedding Anniversary, requested by their family

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday April 15**

**8am ~ Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**Roland & Rita Delisle** requested by Al & Christine Lemieux & family

**Tuesday April 16**

**8am ~ Harry Casey** requested by a friend  
**Leo Carroll, Jr.**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his daughter Rosemary Reppucci & family

**Wednesday April 17**

**8am ~ Thomas Straughan**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson  
**Noah Maccio** requested by David & Maureen Groff

**Thursday April 18**

**8am ~ Celyne Casey** requested by a friend  
**Orion Adey** requested by a friend

**Friday April 19**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday April 20**

**4pm ~ Helen E. Taylor**, Birthday Remembrance, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

**Sunday April 21**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ John Castelhana**, 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his daughter

**Eucharistic Adoration:  
 Divine Mercy for the Earth**

Join us on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for Earth Day at 7:00 PM in the Church. Pray with us as we work to heal our relationship with Jesus Christ, our neighbors, and all of Creation... God's Great Gift of Love.

**Sunday, April 14**

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

**Tuesday, April 16**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Wednesday, April 17**

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

**Thursday, April 18**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, April 19**

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school  
 Candlelight Eucharistic Procession, 7:30 PM, in the church

**Saturday, April 20**

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school



"Peace be with you." His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The next **FIRE OF GOD** Regional Prayer Group will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, IHM Concord. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Von DeRosia topic: **THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS!** For more information, call Jackie Morganti at 603-332-3576.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The next section in the Mass is the prayer for peace. The priest reflects on Jesus' words to His apostles:

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

This is one of the few prayers in the Mass directed to Jesus (most are directed to the Father). It is a beautiful prayer asking for peace and unity in the Church.

The priest then extends peace to the assembly: "The peace of the Lord be with you always" and the people respond, "And with your spirit."

Then there is the optional sign of peace (indicated by the priest or deacon saying, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace."). As you know, right now, the Bishop has asked that we not extend the sign of peace to each other. Over the centuries, the sign of peace has had to go through various renewals, as it has gotten out of hand and lost focus on its true meaning. Our Bishop believes this is a time of this renewal.

So, what is the sign of peace? Many times, we look at the sign of peace as an opportunity to reconcile with each other. The Scripture we remember is:

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

In the western Church (that's us), however, this is not how it has developed. Rather, it is about Jesus giving us His peace, and we share *that* peace with each other. To put it another way, the peace we share in Mass is "vertical" – coming from Jesus – not "horizontal" – reconciling differences.

The horizontal dimension of the "kiss of peace" (by kiss, think of an embrace) is clearer when we look at how it was shared in the Tridentine Liturgy (the "Pre-Vatican II" Mass). The priest would kiss the altar near the host (receiving the "peace" from Jesus), then he would "kiss" the deacon, who would then "kiss" the subdeacon – passing Jesus' peace from one to the other. No one can give the peace who has not received it from someone else.

The symbolism is both beautiful and clear. All true peace comes from Christ through the ministration of His Church. Grace cascades from the Eucharist through Christ's ministers to His people, forming a "chain of love" that both binds and elevates. ("The Kiss Off: A Crisis of Meaning in the Sign of Peace" by Michael P. Foley, April 14, 2023)

This "Kiss of Peace" is sometimes referred to as the "Paschal Kiss" – meaning it is taken from the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. St. Thomas Aquinas says that the Paschal kiss helps us prepare for Holy Communion, as we receive Christ's peace flowing from His Paschal Mystery, which is sacramentally present to us in the Eucharist.

Often our focus during the sign of peace is not on this grace "cascading" from the Eucharist, and so our Bishop wants to help us refocus the meaning of this act. He promises a further catechesis on the meaning of the sign of peace before he reestablishes it in our Diocese. In the meantime, we can reflect on the mystery of Christ pouring out His peace upon us in the Eucharist.



May the faith you confirm today by your key to open the doors... HOPE, when all seems lost, JOY, when despair consumes you, LOVE, when hatred afflicts you, and PEACE, when turmoil surrounds you. Guard it well and keep it close, this precious key, for when it is lost all is lost. But when it is found, it will set you free and always guide you HOME.

**Congratulations to our Students who received Confirmation and First Eucharist on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.**

Caeden Baisley, Ana Bistany, Brayden Carlstrom, Gideon Castor, Ana Comeau, Preslee Cunha, Giada DeNapoli, Lorenzo DeNapoli, Brianna DiPerri, Cooper Durand, Makayla Eno, John Enos, Jr., Michael Forristall, Lilliana Furtado, Maximus Gensale, Collin Geragosian, Ava Godfroy, Ryan Gosselin, Parker Hamlin, Emily Laferriere, Jake McCabe, Christopher Orlep, Isabella Patalano, Dylan Peterson, Kara Peterson, Caden Poliquin, Hayden Powers, Blake Regan, Evan Rodriguez, Talon Rondeau, Danica Rondeau, Rebecca Toupin, Jacob Trudel, Cole Updyke, Benjamin Wise.

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**FAITH LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

“Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

~Matthew 5:23-24

In April we will continue our conversation about one of Jesus’ greatest teaching moments in the Gospels, The Beatitudes. These teachings are so central in the teaching ministry of Christ because they show us what it looks like to live as a Catholic in the world. We cannot only be Catholic on Sundays when we gather for worship. The grace of the Sacraments should change everything! We are made new when we come into communion with the Lord in the Sacraments and He calls us to a new way of living. This is why love of God and love of neighbor are the two greatest commandments.

March was wonderful, and I want to thank all of you for the prayers. So many young people drew closer to the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion. Congratulations to all of you!

This month, let us live out what we profess at every Holy Mass. Let us live as true believers in the Lord, Jesus.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

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**CREATION CORNER:** In this weekend’s first reading Peter tells the Jews they “put to death” the “author of life.” They got it totally backwards! But he also tells them (and us) that their denial and killing of Jesus “may be wiped away” if they “Repent, therefore, and be converted.” That’s what repentance is, a *conversion*, a new way of thinking and living. May we, observing the beauty of Spring, experience what Pope Francis calls an “eco-conversion,” thinking and living only for the “the author of life,” present in all living people, plants, and animals of Creation!



### Our Common Parish Home

Saturday, May 4, 2024 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
(Weather Permitting)

Help us keep our Parish Home looking beautiful... we are looking for volunteers to help with our annual spring cleanup of the parish grounds. This year we will be focusing on the grounds around the Church and Rectory. Pizza lunch to follow in the school. All are welcome but we ask children to be accompanied by an adult. Please call the Parish Office to sign up so we can get a head count. Please also let us know if you can bring rakes, brooms, wheelbarrow, etc. for the effort. **(Rain date of Saturday, May 18, 2024).**



**Adoration**

Eucharistic Procession  
April 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
to pray for those away from the Church

### TECHNOLOGY TIPS: 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](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety).

**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 4/7/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,438
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,152
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,590</b>
 <b>Total Funds Collected</b>	 <b>\$8,590</b>

Thank you for your continue support  
~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvement**  
collected as of 4/7/24  
\$1,958

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Apr. 21 Faith Life Formation**  
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Apr. 28 Evangelization**  
To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.  
Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Gertrude Dearborn and Gerald Sullivan. We extend our sympathy to their families.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**July 8-12, 2024 (9:00 AM – Noon)**

VBS is a summer camp filled with games, crafts, skits, experiments and goodies – all things FUN! Cost is \$50 a camper/\$100 family max and is for campers age 5-12. For more information, email Christine Lemieux: [CMLEmieux@proton.me](mailto:CMLEmieux@proton.me). You don't want your children to miss the BEST week of the summer! Register today!

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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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net)

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

### **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  
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

### **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**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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