



**Saturday April 15**

**4pm ~ Helen Taylor**, Birthday Remembrance, In Honor of **St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family  
**Marguerite McLaughlin**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday April 16**

**8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hall**, Wedding Anniversary, requested by their family  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday April 17**

**8am ~ Thomas Straughan**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson  
**James Dawson** requested by a friend

**Tuesday April 18**

**8am ~ Rose-Anne Pelletier** requested by her daughter  
**Dennis Groulx** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon & family

**Wednesday April 19**

**8am ~ Earth Day honoring Educators, Scientist and workers who serve God Creation** requested by St. Patrick Laudato Si' Circle

**Thursday April 20**

**8am ~ Ann Marshall** requested by Wayne & Sue Cope  
**Paul Rourke**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family

**Friday April 21**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday April 22**

**4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday April 23**

**8am ~ Rolande Jean** requested by the Raby family  
**Robert Comeau**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & family  
**10:30am ~ Robert N. DiMartino**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his sister Angela Delorfano

**Sunday, April 16**

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school  
 Adoration and Confessions from 1:00-2:45 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 17**

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school  
 Faith Life Confirmation Class Grades 5-12, in the school  
 The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, April 18**

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Wednesday, April 19**

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 20**

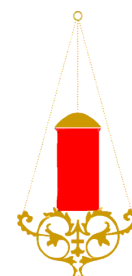
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school  
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, April 21**

Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the church  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Saturday, April 22**

Confirmation, 12:00 PM, in the church



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Rolande Jean**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, by her family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday again. This incredible gift from Almighty God is the gift that keeps on giving, as He calls us back to His Heart! It's all about relationship – God's relationship with us; our relationship with God. Even "while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "God, who is rich in mercy" (Ephesians 2:4), spares nothing that we may be embraced by His love.

What are the areas where we need mercy? Of course, we know the general idea – sin. But I want you to think specifically about your own life. What are the areas that you need God's mercy? Areas of addiction... areas of brokenness... areas that you hide in the darkness... areas of shame. Nothing is too big for God to take care of. He *is* merciful love. The gift of the Divine Mercy revelations are a beautiful way of emphasizing our need for mercy and His desire to pour it out.

Remember **FINCH: Feast, Image, Novena, Chaplet, Hour**. Today, on the FEAST, we hear Jesus say:

**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)**

That means: **NO PUNISHMENT!**

Remember Pope Francis' reminder: God never tires of forgiving; it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

I pray that you open yourself today (and each day) to that incredible mercy! We do this by trusting Him. Remember Jesus' words:

**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 a 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)**

May we snuggle into the merciful Heart of Jesus, receiving all of the mercy He desires to pour upon us.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last Year, our parish along with 40 other parishes raised over \$1.4M. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year. This year, all 88 parishes in N.H. will participate. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities NH and more. Everyone in our parish will receive more information in the mail soon.

Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

## KEEP KIDS SAFE

Kids today (as well as adults!) spend a lot of time socializing online. A 2022 Pew Research survey of 13-17 year olds indicated that the 5 most frequented social media sites are YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook in that order.

Other popular sites include Twitter, Twitch, WhatsApp, Reddit, and Tumblr. Parents should familiarize themselves with these sites/apps, learn how they work, and talk with their kids about what they are doing online. The Diocese of Manchester has some social media parent guides available at [www.catholicnh.org/parents](http://www.catholicnh.org/parents)



"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)

## FAMILY OF FAITH FOR APRIL

"Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that love comprises all vocations - that love is everything, and because it is eternal, embraces all times and places. My vocation is love... Love will descend into my nothingness and transform this nothingness into living fire."

-St. Therese of Lisieux

During the month of April, families in the Faith Life program will be learning about the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Marriage. These Sacraments are different in many ways but at the heart of them both is this deep response to our calling of holiness and love.

The Sacred Priesthood calls men to give themselves completely to the Church. This is a necessary calling. As parents, are we daily praying for and nurturing the vocations of our children? As a father, I find this happens in small moments. Those car conversations that open a door and allow us to talk about what a vocation is, or perhaps what they might be called to in the future.

The call to Sacramental Marriage is equally important and most of our children will be called to this way of life, as they become adults. As I always say, Holy Priests come from Holy Marriages! It is much clearer than the chicken and egg debacle for we can clearly see which comes first. Young men learn to live lives of holiness and find the calling of Priesthood by modeling what their parents are doing. Young women find their calling to religious life by modeling that their parent are doing. Similar to the Priesthood, the Sacrament of Marriage calls the couple to lay down their lives completely for the one they enter into the marriage covenant with. This Sacramental Vow is a promise made for life, a vow made before God is one that runs much deeper and is much more binding than any other promise we make.

In short, pray for an increase in holy vocations. In the world, God calls us to share in His redemptive mission through these vocations. Let us pray that our children & grandchildren may respond with a bold YES! Just as Mary did on the day of the Annunciation.

Also, pray for those who have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion in our parish. Bishop Libasci will be joining us this month to confer these Sacraments.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

**Made For More Trailer:**

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

**Parish “Made For More” Home Site:**

<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

**COMBATting EVIL**

I was recently informed that at the end of April (28-30), “Satancon” – the “largest satanic gathering in history” – will be taking place in Boston. Many times, Satanists will steal the Eucharist – the very Body and Blood of our God – to desecrate at their Black Masses. In this time of evil, the most appropriate and most effective action is *prayer!* I invite you to join me for extra time in prayer that weekend. After each of the weekend Masses, we will have a time of **Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. On **Saturday, April 29**, this will be from the **end of Mass until 5:30pm**. On **Sunday, April 30**, Adoration will be for the full time **between the morning Masses**, and from the **end of the 10:30am Mass until Noon**. Please plan to join us for this time of prayer and reparation for the protection of the Eucharist and conversion of hearts.

**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 4/2/23

Offertory Envelopes \$6,380

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,145

**Total Offertory \$8,525**

Easter Collections for the week of 4/9/23

Easter Collections \$17,453

Utilities 4/9 \$2,060

Easter Memorials \$1,700

**Total funds Collected \$29,738**

Thank you for your faithful & generous support

~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvement**

collected as of 4/2/23

\$2,818

Thank you for your generosity!

**Holy Land**

collected as of 4/7/23

\$1,088

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Apr. 23 Evangelization**

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

**Apr. 30 Maintenance**

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

**MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING**

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing “The Chosen” Series. The dates are **April 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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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**

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