



Saturday April 16, Holy Saturday

3pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena
 No 3:00 PM Confessions
 No 4:00 PM Mass

7:45pm ~ Easter Vigil

Sunday April 17, Easter Sunday

8am ~ Easter Memorials
 9:30am ~ Easter Memorials
 11:30am ~ Easter Memorials
 12:45pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

Monday April 18

8am ~ Marguerite McLaughlin, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

6pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

Tuesday April 19

8am ~ Thomas Straughan, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Dick Dube requested by Sie & Lou

6pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday April 20

8am ~ Robert Comeau requested by his wife & family

6pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

Thursday April 21

8am ~ Rolande Jean, 2nd Anniversary,
 requested by her family
 Trevor Hennessey, 6th Anniversary, requested
 by the Haggerty family

6pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

Friday April 22

8am ~ No Mass
 6pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday April 23

2:30pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena
 4pm ~ John J. Estrella, 29th Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & family

Sunday April 24

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
 10:30am ~ John Castelhana, 25th Anniversary,
 requested by his daughter
 3pm ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sunday, April 17

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

Monday, April 18

Teaching on the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, April 19

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

Wednesday, April 20

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

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 21

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

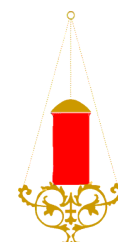
Friday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 23

Penny Sale, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, in the parish center

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Rolande Jean**, 2nd Anniversary, by her family



“The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, I am reminded of a quote I heard from Pope St. John Paul II: “Jesus Christ is the answer to the question posed by every human life.” In our relativistic world, we can think there is no answer. In our chaotic, noisy and distracting world, we can even ignore the question!

Yet, the truth is that we each have that question in our being. We want to know the meaning of life, the reason we suffer, why there is anything instead of nothing. We look at our particular lives and wonder if we’re an accident or if *my* life has meaning. The answer is “Yes, there is a meaning to my life, to all life. There is a God who has entered our suffering and death and conquered it!” Jesus *IS* the answer to every question!

This is the point of the past week (Holy Week): God entered our humanity and took on all we experience. He walked our walk, talked our talk, lived our life and died our death. He experienced the most extreme physical, mental, emotional and spiritual suffering known to man. He knows what it means to be betrayed by a close friend. He knows what it means for His love to be rejected by those He loves. He knows the physical suffering that wracks the whole body, leaving one helpless. He knows the anguish and stress of extreme terror, even to the point of sweating blood. He even knows the existential loneliness and spiritual darkness of those who feel abandoned by God. God has entered into all of this Himself. He knows it by experience!

But He didn’t just leave it there. He entered into our suffering and then overcame it in the Resurrection. By doing this, He redeemed us – destroying the power of sin, of death, of suffering. Now we can look at our plight in life and know there *is meaning!* Jesus entered into it to give it meaning. He entered even into the smallest and most vulnerable life (that of a zygote) to show us that God wants to unite our lives to His life, that He imbues all of human existence with meaning.

These are generalities, but God doesn’t deal in generalities – He loves specifics: this person! He entered our humanity to give *you* meaning, to give me meaning. He is the answer to every problem, every crisis. He is the love of God outpoured through humanity.

The question isn’t, “Is there an answer?” The question is whether *we will allow Jesus to answer it* in our lives. He is pouring out His infinitely passionate, tender and merciful love on each of us, here, now, today. Will we let Him in? Will we allow Him to be Lord of our lives?

As we enter this Easter Season, I invite you to invite Jesus into your life (or re-invite Him in). No matter what the problems, worries or stresses you have in your life, Jesus is the answer... because He is God! May we allow Him to answer the question of our lives.

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**LIFE IS MESSY COMMUNITY**

Please join us following Easter for our ***Life is Messy* book community**. Every Easter, the parish offers a book to the members of St. Pat’s. We would love to have a parish community that is diving deeper into their faith together. We invite you to grab a copy and join our book community. This doesn’t require meeting in-person because we know people have busy schedules, but we can meet virtually on Zoom (if your schedule allows for it) or communicate via text/email/Facebook to discuss the readings. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/cj3EtAADgLQuCVaY8>

### April Family of Faith at St. Patrick Parish

"The One who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" -Revelation 21:5

This month families are discussing the four pillars of the Church. The Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Like the four legs of a chair, these markers are there to always remind us of the primary call of the Church. This is our call as Catholics, to live out these pillars in our daily lives every day.

One Saint who truly lived by these pillars is our saint of the month, St. Catherine of Siena. She is quoted saying, "be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." This sums up her inspirational life and also what our call is as Catholics.

Keep in prayer all of our second graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 2<sup>nd</sup> this month. It is always such a joy to see families coming to this beautiful Sacrament of Mercy together.

**The Faith Life Program** is Recruiting Catechists for the **2022-2023** School Year Now! Christian Formation is a LIFELONG journey for ALL of us! Do you have the desire to share your faith with your St. Patrick Parish family? Join our Catechist Team in one of these areas:

~ **Family Faith Formation:** We meet with the families once a month to engage in fellowship, faith and fun!

~ **High School Youth:** This essential ministry will take place once a month. Through prayer, catechesis and fellowship, this is where future generations of the Church come from.

~ **Adult Formation:** Monthly, the parents gather to deepen their faith and grow in community. This is an opportunity to witness and teach other adults.

~ **First Sacraments:** In grade 2, we help the children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In grade 3, we help the children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. To do this we hold retreats throughout the year.

If you take it to prayer and you feel God is calling you to become a Catechist, please reach out to Adam Castor, our Faith Life Director. Email him at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net). Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry. Ample teaching resources and support are made available.

**St. Gianna's Place** cordially invites you to their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Banquet, *Celebrating the Family*. Our keynote speaker is Raymond Arroyo. The event takes place on **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 PM** at the Event Center in Nashua, NH. To purchase tickets please go to [stgiannasplace.org/an-evening-with-raymond-arroyo](http://stgiannasplace.org/an-evening-with-raymond-arroyo). The price is \$100 per person or \$300 per person for meet, greet and dinner. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at 603-770-9288.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's 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 2, 2022**.



**St. Patrick Women's Guild** will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the **Parish Center**. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Honduras, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If you would like to donate **NEW ITEMS** to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office.

### Monday Night Teaching

Join Fr. Von for the final teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on this **Monday Night: April 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

St. Patrick School & Grounds

Camp cost is \$50 for children ages 5-12.

Indoor and outdoor activities.

For more information, contact Christine Lemieux at [christine@lemieux-design.net](mailto:christine@lemieux-design.net)

Registration forms are available at the parish office, or on the parish website and at the front entrance of the Church.

**FLIP, Friends of the Library** for Pelham NH is offering a \$750.00 Scholarship to any high school senior residing in Pelham, NH for at least the last 12 months. The applicant must be planning to attend a college, university or vocational school in the fall of 2022.

For guidelines and application, please visit <https://pelhampubliclibrary.org/friends-library-pelham-flip> or visit the front desk at the library.

**Ste Jeanne d’Arc School**

68 Dracut Street

Lowell, MA

[www.sjarc.org](http://www.sjarc.org)

PK3 to Grade 8 Catholic Independent School now accepting application for the 2022-2023 school year

For more information, please contact Admission Director Mrs. Brenda Lyons 978-453-4114 or [blyons@sjarc.org](mailto:blyons@sjarc.org)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

We are in need of prayer shawls. If you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

**MONEY**

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Easter. The offertory collection will be in next weekend’s bulletin.



**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Apr. 24 Maintenance**

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

**May 1 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**May 8 Utility**

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

**May 15 Teen Ministry**

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

**HEARING ASSISTANCE AT MASS**

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, we have portable hearing assistants that tap into our sound system. If you would like to borrow one for Mass, please check in the Sacristy before Mass.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Monday through Friday, April 18-22 at 6:00 PM, Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 PM. The Divine Mercy Celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Adoration and Confessions from 1:00-2:45 PM, Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer Service at 3:00 PM

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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### **PARISH WEBSITE**

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

### **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)