

**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

Monday April 19

8am ~ Rev. Lucien Loiselle requested by the Lemieux family
Health & Blessings for Barbara Uebel requested by the Haggerty family

Tuesday April 20

8am ~ Dan Guimond requested by the Bedard family
John S. McKenzie, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family

Wednesday April 21

8am ~ Rolande Jean, 1st Anniversary, requested by her family

Thursday April 22

8am ~ Cam Dostie requested by Mr. & Mrs. Hay

Friday April 23

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday April 24

4pm ~ John J. Estrella, 29th Anniversary, requested by his wife & family

Sunday April 25

8am ~ Robert Hall requested by Anita Hall & family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

6pm ~ Madeline Cinquegrana requested by her friends

**Sunday, April 18**

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

Monday, April 19

The Case of Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

Tuesday, April 20

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

Wednesday, April 21

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 22

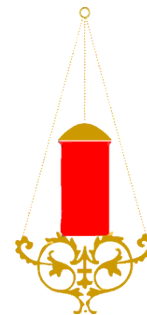
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Friday, April 23

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

Saturday, April 24

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Rolande Jean, 1st Anniversary by her family

VOCATIONS

"Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus wants to make Himself known to you through the vocation He chooses for you. Will you obey His call to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that the "COVID vaccine" is available for almost everyone, I wanted to remind people about what the Church teaches about all of this. We had an insert a couple of months ago, but so much has happened since then.

First of all, even though all of the available treatments have some connection – even if remote – with abortion, the Church has clarified that it is **morally permissible** to get the COVID-19 vaccination. That being said, the Church has also said that it is **NOT morally obligatory** to be vaccinated.

Whether we are vaccinated or not, there are consequences that flow from our choices, and these must be weighed in the balance. Not getting vaccinated may mean certain restrictions within society, and the possibility of a higher rate of contagion. Those who are vaccinated may have to deal with unknown physical reactions, both now and possibly years down the road. With the high level of divisiveness of this issue in our country whether you are vaccinated or not, you risk virtue-signaling and the judgment and ire of those on the other side of the issue.

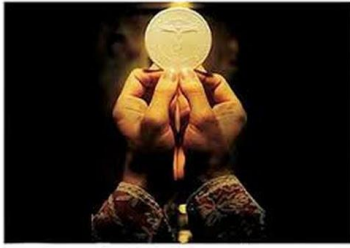
Whichever choice you make, though, there is a moral obligation to uphold the sacred dignity of every human life. This means that we have an obligation to protect those most vulnerable – standing up for the unborn, whose cell-lines have been used in the development and production and/or confirmatory lab tests; and protecting those who are sick, elderly, or immune-compromised in another way and so have a higher death rate from contracting COVID-19.

For some, the choice will be easy. For others, it may require much prayer and soul-searching. If you have not yet decided, I encourage you to discern this in the context of prayer. Ask God what He wants for your life. Given all of the particular situations of your life, where is God leading you. Maybe you could list out all of the positive and negative aspects of each choice and lay them before God with a firm "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Another major part of this is connected with something I mentioned last weekend – **Mercy First!** We are called NOT to look down on those around us for their choices, but to recognize that each person has to discern where God is leading him or her. We can certainly have conversations, share information and express opinions, but remember that we are called to love each other, even if we think others have chosen poorly. After all, God still loves us, even though we constantly sin against Him. He wants what is best for us, but does not shame us into it. Rather, He reaches out in love, trying to draw us away from our sin and back to His Heart.

I remind you that the Diocese of Manchester website has a number of resources about COVID-19 vaccines as well as template letters you can send to the various pharmaceutical companies, encouraging them to separate themselves from connection with abortion. You can find all of this information at: www.catholicnh.org/coronavirus.

Amidst all of this, I remind you that Jesus is in charge! He is the One who saves – not vaccines or masks or science. May we keep our eyes fixed on Him as we navigate these difficult waters.



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

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.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:

Providing Healing for those struggling

Want to know one of the many ways your support of Catholic Charities NH matters? It's because of you that they were able to swiftly move their entire Mental Health Counseling Services program into virtual settings when the pandemic began, ensuring they remained there for those struggling emotionally in these incredibly difficult times. More than 2,600 teletherapy sessions were conducted, helping hundreds of NH residents better cope with these uncertain times and find a greater sense of peace. To see more ways that you are bringing positive change, or make a gift, visit www.cc-nh.org/everything. **Our parish goal is \$18,500.**

BOUNDARIES IN MINISTRY:

Use Technology Safely

Church personnel must take great care when communicating with minors via electronic means such as email, social media sites, or texting. Here are some rules to remember:

- Obtain permission from the pastor/principal and parents before communicating electronically.
- Do not use electronic means of communication with minors younger than high school age.
- Communicate with the entire group, not individual minors.
- Use official parish accounts.
- Copy parents on all communications.
- Keep all communications ministry-focused.
- Do not "friend" minors to whom you minister.
- Keep copies of all messages and posts.

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

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 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, and 5/17).** Please contact Fr. Von to sign up (fathervon@comcast.net).



St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is offering "Summer Fun" at St. Joseph, a six-week program open to children ages 4-8, beginning June 21st through August 8th (*not available the week of July 5th*). Each themed week is filled with fun, enriching activities including active time in our beautiful playground. Half day/full day and before/after care options available. To register, and for more information, email Mrs. Farren: summer@sjrcs.com.



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!

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website www.stpatrick-pelham.com and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link ptv.viebit.com. If you would like to hear Fr. Von's past homilies, please visit our Parish Website under "quick links."

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2021-2022, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

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 4/11/21

Offertory Envelopes \$4,742

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,177

Total Offertory \$5,919

Total Collected \$5,919

As of 4/11/21 we have an offertory deficit of \$5,879

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

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 4/11/21

\$2,033

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 25 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

May 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

May 9 Utility

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

May 16 Catholic Communications

This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs such as PARABLE magazine and our diocesan website.

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

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org to register, go to 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. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org