



Saturday April 1

4pm ~ Anita Hall requested by Andrea Celine Martin, Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Martin family

Sunday April 2

8am ~ Frank Agrella, 37th Anniversary, requested by his daughter Barbara Nunzio & Rosanna Concemi and Maria Concemi requested by wife & mother
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday April 3

8am ~ Violet Ogiba & Therese Dastous requested by Donna Smith

Tuesday April 4

8am ~ Michael Taylor, Jr., 17th Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family

Wednesday April 5

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday April 6 Holy Thursday

7pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 7 Good Friday

3pm ~ Adoration of the Cross

4:30pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 8 Holy Saturday

2:30pm ~ Blessing of the Food

3pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil

Sunday April 9 Easter

8am ~ Easter Memorials

9:30am ~ Easter Memorials

11:30am ~ Easter Memorials

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Any adult ages 18-35 are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 13th, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Starting with Divine Mercy Novena in the Church then continue in the K of C Hall. **Social Hour:** 6:15-7:00 PM. **Talk:** 7:00 PM with Fr. Von. **Topic:** The Theology of Body. This event is BYOB for anyone 21+ and ID required.

April

Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 5

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

Confessions, 12:00-2:45 PM, in the church

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

VOCATION

"Truly, this was the Son of God!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7

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 8

Blessing of the Food: 2:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

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

Easter Sunday, April 9

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Palm Sunday 2023

Dear Brother and sister in Christ,

Today is Palm Sunday, and we begin Holy Week with the whole Church. Holy Week is an important week in the calendar of the Catholic Church, which has many liturgy rites to express the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this Holy Week, the Church invites us to participate in Masses in the Church, especially with three sacred days called Tridium: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil (Saturday night).



In this Holy Week, we are called to listen to the Word of God and meditate on the love of God who is ready to die to save humanity. Jesus is the true God and true man who obeys His Father to come to the earth and dwell with us, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness," (Philippians 2:6-7). Each of us is invited to open our hearts to receive Holy Communion in Holy Week and the Easter season.

The death of Jesus is completely voluntary for all people, and He gives Himself for humanity. This is unconditional love. He is a good shepherd and does God's will as Saint Paul said, "Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Moreover, through the Passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He brings us the hope in our faith that we will be raised to live with Christ. As Saint Paul said, "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Cor 15: 13-14).

The Passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ bring the love of Christ to those who are still suffering, hopeless, and sick. As Pope Francis states, that "it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not 'by-pass' suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God" (Urbi et Orbi Message of His Holiness Pope Francis, Easter 2020).

May the resurrection of Jesus Christ always be with you, your family, and our parish.
Happy Easter 2023 to everyone
Phong Quang Le

Palm Sunday Reflection: History of the Rosary

Taken from: [The History of the Rosary | EWTN](#)

The origins of the rosary are "sketchy" at best. The use of "prayer beads" and the repeated recitation of prayers to aid in meditation stem from the earliest days of the Church and have roots in pre-Christian times. Evidence exists from the Middle Ages that strings of beads were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Marys. Actually, these strings of beads became known as "Paternosters," the Latin for "Our Father."

The structure of the rosary gradually evolved between the 12th and 15th centuries. Eventually 50 Hail Marys were recited and linked with verses of psalms or other phrases evoking the lives of Jesus and Mary. During this time, this prayer form became known as the rosarium ("rose garden"), actually a common term to designate a collection of similar material, such as an anthology of stories on the same subject or theme. During the 16th century, the structure of the five-decade rosary based on the three sets of mysteries prevailed.

Tradition does hold that St. Dominic (d. 1221) devised the rosary as we know it. Moved by a vision of our Blessed Mother, he preached the use of the rosary in his missionary work among the Albigensians, who had denied the mystery of Christ. Some scholars take exception to St. Dominic's role in forming the rosary. The earliest accounts of his life do not mention it, the Dominican constitutions do not link him with it and contemporaneous portraits do not include it as a symbol to identify the saint.

In 1922, Dom Louis Cougaut stated, "The various elements which enter into the composition of that Catholic devotion commonly called the rosary are the product of a long and gradual development which began before St. Dominic's time, which continued without his having any share in it, and which only attained its final shape several centuries after his death." However, other scholars would rebut that St. Dominic not so much "invented" the rosary as he preached its use to convert sinners and those who had strayed from the faith. Moreover, at least a dozen popes have mentioned St. Dominic's connection with the rosary, sanctioning his role as at least a "pious belief."

Another good read on the origin and some more facts on the rosary can be found here: [The History of the Rosary - Catholicism.org](#).

As we prepare for Holy Week and reflect back on all the rosaries we have prayed together. Let us sing Hosanna to the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Our rosaries are powerful weapons which lead us and our loved ones (all whom we pray for) closer to Jesus through Mary. This week is the perfect week to reflect even more on the sorrowful and glorious mysteries. Let us lay down our cloaks, our pride, selfishness, anger, frustration, fear, anxiety, etc.-- at the feet of Jesus as we process with Him into Jerusalem and head towards Calvary. Let's together contemplate the ways we have participated in HIS crucifixion and remember HIS great love and mercy for us. The redeemer of our souls. Let us sing joyfully of his glory and give him praise.

Scripture to Ponder: John 19

Fasting Idea: Consider fasting for 3 days as we journey to Calvary. This could be from coffee, soda, favorite snack or even to only eat bread and drink water for 3 days. (Pray and ask God what he would like for you to fast from).

Almsgiving idea: Prayerfully consider inviting someone to join you for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass.

CREATION AT THE CROSSROADS

A Small-group Interfaith

Discussion Series in 4 Sessions

on Pope Francis' letter to the world,

Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home

(materials provided – offered in Pelham, NH)

6:30-8:00 PM

April 13th & 20th, at St. Patrick's School Bld.

To Register Contact:

St. Patrick's Parish Office at 603-635-3525

For Information Contact:

Julia Steed Mawson at

islandwork999@gmail.com

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Laudato Si' Circle – a Creation Care Ministry

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 15th, 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, and 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.

Deadline for the Easter Memorials is this Monday, April 3rd.
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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 9th, 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!

KEEP KIDS SAFE

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to **all** NH Catholic adults and is available on at <https://macnhester.cmgconnectorg> For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **April 10th, 17th & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.

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 3/26/23

Offertory Envelopes \$5,414

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,207

Total Offertory \$7,621

Total Collected \$7,621

Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

Catholic Relief

collected as of 3/26/23

\$1,794

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Apr. 9 Utility

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

Apr. 16 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Apr. 23 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.

Saturday, April 8th 4:00 PM Mass will not be shown live on PTV. You can watch the Sunday, April 9th Easter Mass at 8:00 AM live on PTV.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Shannon Walsh, Fabiola Morin and Eva Bedard. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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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 603-635-2634 or 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 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