



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, 27th Anniversary,
requested by his daughter

Monday April 22

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

Tuesday April 23

8am ~ Robert Comeau, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by his wife & family

Wednesday April 24

8am ~ Kyle Sage Grikscheit requested by a
friend
Lorraine Jacobs requested by Virginia
Leonard

Thursday April 25

8am ~ Joseph Freitas, III, requested by Roland
& Therese Soucy
Lory Dalpe requested by Lou & Si Dalpe

Friday April 26

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday April 27

4pm ~ Rick Bouchard, 1st Anniversary,
requested by Joan Janos

Sunday April 28

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Jeannette McCoy, 2nd Anniversary,
Mike McCoy, 7th Anniversary, Lisa McCoy, 27th
Anniversary, requested by Brian, Monique &
family

Sunday, April 21

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, In the parish center
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Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, April 22

Eucharistic Adoration: Divine Mercy for the
Earth, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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 25

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

Friday, April 26

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



“There is no salvation through anyone else.” Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Rolande Jean, 4th Anniversary,** by her family

**Eucharistic Adoration:
Divine Mercy for the Earth**
Join us on Monday, April 22nd 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.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After the "Kiss of Peace," the priest begins the Fractioning Rite. This takes place during the "Lamb of God." The priest takes the presider's host and breaks it, and places a small piece of the host in the chalice saying,

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring life to us who receive it.

This hails back to the early Roman Church when the deacons at the Pope's Mass would take hosts from the altar to other Churches in Rome, and the priests in each church would place a small piece of that host in the chalice at their Mass, symbolizing the unity between what they were doing and their bishop.

The Lamb of God hearkens to John the Baptist's words about Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29, cf. 1:36, and many references in Revelation). The prayer is, again, one of the few in the Mass directed to Jesus, and not to the Father. We beg His mercy upon us, as well as His peace.

After the Fractioning Rite, the priest quietly prays a prayer asking Jesus to heal his sin and prepare Him for Communion:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

Then he raises the host either over the paten or over the chalice and says to the assembly:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Again, we harken back to the words of St. John the Baptist. We are invited to look at Jesus – to behold Him with faith. He truly is the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away our sins and those of the whole world. The book of Revelation refers to heaven as the "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9), and we know about the parable of the Wedding Feast, where many are called to enter the feast, but too many refuse to come (Matthew 22). We are invited to the feast – the supper of the Lamb – and Jesus desires for us to be blessed by entering in.

And together with the people the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

This prayer of the people comes from Matthew 8:8, where Jesus is going to heal the centurion's servant, but the centurion knows that will make Jesus ritually unclean, and so tells Jesus He doesn't need to come. This prayer is an act of faith on our part, that we believe that, while we are sinful and broken (not worthy), we trust Jesus that His healing is close – He has only to say the word, and we are healed. Do we really trust this? Even if we go to confession right before Mass, there are so many times that we get distracted during Mass, or have a judgmental thought about someone and we allow it to linger in our minds. We might allow an impure thought to remain, or we might become impatient with our kids. All of these things can make us an unworthy tabernacle for the most-pure God, yet, we make this act of trust in our God who heals us.

All of this is to prepare us for the moment of Communion – an intimate union with our God. Next week, we'll begin looking at this great act Communion.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, 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 the other 87 parishes raised more than \$3.8M. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year. 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, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials 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>

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We invite you to join us in praying for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage. Please pray for men and women to lovingly respond yes to God’s calling.

**MARIAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus  
and Mother of the Church,  
to you we commend our young people,  
in particular those called to follow your Son  
as brothers, sisters, and priests.  
You know, O Mary, the struggles, doubts,  
and obstacles they must face.  
Assist them to answer Yes to the divine call,  
as you did at the invitation of the angel.  
Draw them near to your heart so that  
they can understand the joy that awaits them  
when they answer your Son’s call  
to be witnesses of His love in the world.  
Amen

**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



**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).**

## TALK WITH YOUR CHILD

Open communication with your child is a key factor in helping to keep him or her safe. It's important to start talking about safety matters with children from a young age. Let children know that you want them to tell you if anyone touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable or sends them inappropriate messages or pictures. Role-play different safety-related scenarios to help teach skills such as saying no, telling a trusted adult, and resisting peer pressure. Use our *Family Discussion Cards* to help jump-start these important conversations: [www.catholicnh.org/cards](http://www.catholicnh.org/cards)



Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus this weekend. Please come and join us.

**CREATION CORNER:** In this weekend's gospel Jesus says "I am the good shepherd" two times. First, he makes the point he is *Committed* to His sheep – that's love in one direction. Then he says His sheep know Him – that's love in both directions. We are also shepherds. We are given a family, a town, a parish, and a land to shepherd. Let us love them all and be loved by them!



### 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!

## 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 4/14/24

Offertory Envelopes \$7,291

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,026

**Total Offertory \$9,317**

Utilities \$2,234

**Total Funds Collected \$11,551**

Thank you for your  
faithful & generous support  
~Fr. Von~



## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Apr. 28 Evangelization

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

### May 5 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### May 12 Catholic Communication

This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs and evangelization in NH.

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

### Monday Night Teachings

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Group discussions will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

The Consecration Preparation begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **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**

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)