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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
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.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>



Saturday April 22
 4pm **Helen E. Taylor** "Birthday Remembrance" requested by the Taylor family

Sunday April 23
 8am **Intentions for all our Parishioners**
 10:30am **Marguerite McLaughlin** "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Richard Koch** requested by his family

Monday April 24
 8am **Mario Matos**, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his wife Rita
Rev. Andrew Meehan

Tuesday April 25
 8am **Rita Delisle**, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Wednesday April 26
 8am **Rev. Andrew Meehan**

Thursday April 27
 8am **Theresa Straughan** "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Jeannette Masson

Friday April 28
 8am No Mass

Saturday April 29
 4pm **Rev. John Sledziona** requested Donna Smith
Helen Stevens, 19th Anniversary, requested by her daughter Helen Munson

Sunday April 30
 8am **Robert Hall** requested by his family
 10:30am **Emile Martin**, 6th Anniversary, requested by his family
 6pm **Shirley Zouvelos** requested by Doris A. Houle

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 following week:

Offertory 4/9/17	\$9,315
Utilities	\$1,871
Easter Sunday	\$12,222
Maintenance	\$2,321
Easter Memorials	\$1,975

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$27,704**

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Holy Land

collected as of 4/14/17
\$1,125

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 30 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

May 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

May 14 Utility

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

May 21 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 28 Catholic Communications Campaign

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.



Sunday, April 23

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

Adoration and Confessions, 1:00 PM, in the church

Divine Mercy Celebration, 3:00 PM, in the church

Monday, April 24

The Wild Goose, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, April 25

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 26

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

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, April 27

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

At almost **one month of age**, your spiritually adopted baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Brain, spinal cord, and nervous system development are well underway. His/her heart is pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. **Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his/her mother to give him or her the most precious gift of all: the Gift of Life.**

INFERTILITY MASS

All are welcome to attend a celebration of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Bishop Peter Libasci in prayerful support of those suffering from infertility or pregnancy related loss. Where: Chapel of St. Joseph Cathedral; When: April 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM. There will be light refreshments following Mass.

TECHNOLOGY TIPS: CYBERBULLYING

43% of students report that they have been cyberbullied, the following tips can help parents and kids prevent and respond to cyberbullying:

- Teach your kids to "think before they post"
- Encourage children to speak up if someone they or someone they know is being bullied, whether in person or online
- Tell your children not to forward mean or embarrassing posts or photos
- Let children know that you want them to come to you if there is a problem
- Remind children to treat others as they wish to be treated

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

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

A Mass of Healing Service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua, Friday, April 28th at 7:00 PM. Reverend Marcel Martel, from St. Teresa's and St. Mary's parishes, will preside over Mass and will offer to anoint those present after mass. Prayer teams from the Rivier Community of Nashua will be available to pray with individuals for healing. For more information, please call 603-889-3483. All are welcome.

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- Instruct the uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- Feed the hungry
- Clothe the naked
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the Dead

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we again celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. St. Maria Faustina Kowalska had been having visions and inner locutions (hearing a voice speak to her in her heart) of Jesus for several years by the time, in 1931, Jesus appeared to requesting a Feast of Mercy be established on the Sunday after Easter (cf. *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska* 49). On this Feast of Mercy, Jesus asks that we worship His great mercy in a special way. Even though we have sinned terribly against Almighty God, He forgives all, ALL that we surrender to His mercy!

When Faustina tried to start spreading this Feast, she met with resistance. Some resistance was because there already was a Feast of Mercy in the Church. When she brought this concern to Jesus, He responded:

And who knows anything about this feast? No one! Even those who should be proclaiming My mercy and teaching people about it often do not know about it themselves. That is why I want the image [of Divine Mercy] to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary 341)

So true! I think about growing up before 2000, before Saint John Paul II had established the Feast of Mercy for the universal Church – I never knew about a Feast of Mercy!

Jesus does not just *ask* for us to do something for Him, He also makes huge promises of *what He will do for us*! He pours out incredible graces on this Feast of 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.... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

This is a huge gift! Jesus promises us that if we go to Confession and Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, we will return to our Baptismal purity! When we sin, not only do we offend God (guilt), but attachment to the sin is created (punishment). Purgatory is about having our sins, *which have been forgiven*, purified of this attachment or punishment. What does this look like? Let's say that you have a sugar addiction. You work really hard throughout Lent to break yourself of that addiction. Then on Easter Sunday, you binge, having eaten five chocolate bunnies! Won't you find that all the work you did throughout Lent is down the tubes, and the addiction is back in force?! This happens with all sin. All sin, freely chosen, leads us more easily away from God, away from the best version of ourselves. This attachment to "not-God" (as it were) needs to be purified before we get to heaven – either here or afterward (in Purgatory). Jesus says going to Confession and Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday will take all of that punishment away!!!!

I want to write about sin for a moment. As a culture we have dismissed the idea of personal sin. The culture tells us that there is no objective morality – in other words, we get to choose what is good for me and what is bad for me, and there is no external, universal measure of right and wrong, good and evil. My sisters and brothers, if this were the case, then we could NEVER condemn the actions of Hitler and Stalin, bin Laden or Dahmer, Tsarnaev or Lanza. Do we really want to say this? Do we want to say there is no moral compass that says that the 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda was wrong, because the majority of the government and culture said it was okay at the time?

My brothers and sisters: to side with *moral relativism* is to say these acts were neutral, at best, and maybe even to say that they were "good" for the people who did them. I think that we could agree that this goes against what is in our hearts.

There really is PERSONAL SIN. There is a natural, universal moral law which God has placed in the universe and in our hearts; a law that we can repeal no more easily than repealing the law of gravity. When we violate this law by sin, when we violate our *relationship* with God by sin, we experience the repercussions from it. AND IT IS THIS VERY SIN, TOWARD WHICH GOD IS INFINITELY MERCIFUL. The *only* thing that stops God's mercy is when we refuse to recognize our sin as sin, refuse to repent of it and bring it to God for healing and forgiveness.

In light of this, I invite you to reread, prayerfully the quote from Jesus to Faustina above (*Diary* 699). See the hope that God gives us, the grace and love He pours upon us. I invite you to join me in preparing ourselves for mercy by: 1) **Celebrating** the Feast of Mercy; 2) sincerely **repenting** of our sins; 3) completely **trusting** Jesus; 4) going to **Confession** (on or before the Feast); 5) receiving **Holy Communion** on the Feast of Divine Mercy; 6) **Venerating the Image** of Divine Mercy; 7) **Being merciful** to others.

MASS FOR THE HEALING OF THOSE AFFECTED BY CHILD ABUSE

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, and the Diocesan Safe Environment Council cordially invite all the Catholic faithful to a special Mass on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we pray for all those who were abused as children, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 180 Loudon Road, Concord, NH and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, LICSW, Director Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at jnaff@rcbm.org or 669-3100 Ext. 110.

SPONSOR A TEEN

Steubenville East is a three-day retreat specifically for teens. It shows them what a relationship with Jesus Christ truly looks like and challenges them to drop their "nets" and follow the one who made them. The cost for each teen to attend this retreat is \$250. If you would like to sponsor one of our 42 attendees this year and help make this retreat possible, please mail or drop off a check at the parish office. An investment in the youth of The Church is an investment in the future of The Church! God Bless you all and thank you for your generosity.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School and 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 May 5, 2017, the Friday after April vacation.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Kick-off Celebration

Saturday, May 13th

4:00 PM Holy Mass

5:15 PM Cook-out

6:30 Praise and Worship Adoration

8:10 Candlelight Procession and Rosary

For more information, contact St. Patrick Office at

603-635-3525 or Fr. Von at

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Friends of the Library in Pelham, NH (FLIP) are offering one \$500.00 scholarship to any high school senior. Guidelines include residing in Pelham for at least the past 12 months, planning to attend a college, university or vocational school, and completing an application by May 1, 2017. Application can be picked up at the Library and found at pelhampubliclibrary.org/friends.

PARISH WEBSITE

If you didn't come to our Parish Missions, you can watch them on our Parish Website. Our Website is www.stpatricks-pelham.com. Go under "Sacraments & Prayer" and click on the link that says "Parish Missions". You can watch Parish Missions from previous years. We also have information regarding the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Vacation Bible School and much more.

BILINGUAL PARISH & COMMUNITY SERVICES OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Catholic Charities New Hampshire is seeking a bilingual (English/Spanish) Parish & Community Services Outreach Coordinator at our Nashua District Office. Duties include emergency assistance and case-management, community education and Parish programming related to the Church's social teaching. Master's Degree required. For a complete job description and application process, please go to "Job Opportunities" under the Menu on our web-site: cc-nh.org

THE WILD GOOSE

The Ancient Celts had a name for the **Holy Spirit**: The Wild Goose. Join Fr. Von in this video series by **Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR** in growing closer to the **Holy Spirit**. Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room on April 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, June 5th. For more information, call 603-635-3525.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Please join us for our Divine Mercy Celebration on this Sunday. Adoration and Confessions will be available at 1:00 PM. A Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 3:00 PM.