



**Saturday April 23**

**4pm ~ John J. Estrella**, 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his wife & family

**Sunday April 24**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ John Castelhana**, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his daughter

**Monday April 25**

**8am ~ Robert Comeau**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Olivia Comeau & family

**Tuesday April 26**

**8am ~ Thomas Hebert** requested by Roland &  
Therese Soucy

**Edward Izzo & Olive Guzelf** requested by the  
Haggerty family

**Wednesday April 27**

**8am ~ Deacon Winton DeRosia**, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary as a Deacon, requested by Fr. Von

**Thursday April 28**

**8am ~ Dick Dube** requested by Tristan & Adam  
**Franklin Froton** requested by Shirley  
Wakefield

**Friday April 29**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday April 30**

**4pm ~ Theresa Straughan**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura  
Masson

**Sunday May 1**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ Emile Martin**, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his family

**Catherine Callahan**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,

**Gregory Barrows**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Dan & Sue Martin

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for *Alice Haggerty* and *Don Graves*. We extend our sympathy to their families.



**Sunday, April 24**

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

**Tuesday, April 26**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 27**

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 28**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, April 29**

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **John J. Estrella**, 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & family



"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have come to Divine Mercy Sunday again. It is always good to remember how God is an infinite ocean of mercy, and He revealed this to us in a special way through St. Faustina. What's so special about this Feast Day?

Jesus says to St. Faustina:

**Tell the whole world about My inconceivable 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.* On that day all the divine floodgates**

**through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.... The Feast of Mercy emerges from My very depths of tenderness.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary* 699, emphasis added)**

Jesus is pouring out such unprecedented graces because too often we're afraid to go to God. He wants us to know that there is no need for fear: only trust! He will forgive us *with no punishment whatsoever* if we but enter the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This includes going to Confession and Communion. Both of these sacraments are about relationship: Confession is about healing a wounded or broken relationship with God; Communion is about entering into an intimate union with God. God is longing for us to be in a close, intimate, deep relationship with Him (remember: God wants to marry us!), and He is saying, "Do not be afraid to come to me! I am breaking down all barriers! Do not be afraid of punishment, for I only want you to come to me, to be Mine." Even if our sins are as scarlet, He does not want us to be afraid of growing closer to Him.

The question is not about God's willingness to forgive, but whether we really trust Him. Pope Francis said that God never tires of forgiving us, it is we who tire of asking forgiveness. Do we trust? Jesus says:

**The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. (*Diary* 1578)**

The more we trust, the more we will receive. God so wants us to love Him and to allow Him to love us.

On this holy day, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we allow God's mercy to pour upon us, may we turn to the Fount of Mercy and receive the peace that only Jesus can give.

### 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. 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.

### Craving More Peace and Less Stress this Season?

Join us on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM** in the Youth Room of St. Patrick's School for a Night of Reflection on Claire McGarry's new book *Grace in Tension: Discover Peace with Martha and Mary*. Outlining the G-I-F-T acronym, Claire will walk us through the steps for how we transform our tension into grace at the feet of Jesus, the place where all wonderful transformations take place.

This is a free event with no need to RSVP. Claire will be available to sign and sell copies of her book immediately after the presentation.

If you can't make it but would still like to purchase a book, email Claire at [graceintensionbookorder@gmail.com](mailto:graceintensionbookorder@gmail.com) for a signed copy, or find it on Amazon.

### 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.

### 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>



### 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.

### New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:

Next week begins the first annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith (NHCA), a new initiative designed to strengthen our ministries of the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, education of seminarians and vocations, Catholic Education, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities NH and more. Everyone in our parish will receive more information in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in the 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>.

### 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.

### 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 4/10/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,719

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,069

**Total Offertory \$8,788**

Easter Collections for the week of 4/17/22

Easter Collections \$15,225

Utilities 4/17 \$2,114

Easter Memorials \$1,850

**Total funds Collected \$27,977**

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

### Capital Improvements

collected as of 4/10/22

\$3,067

Thank you for your generosity!

### Holy Land

collected as of 4/15/22

\$900

Thank you for your generosity!



**The Parish Spring Clean-up is on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** We are looking for volunteers to help with our Annual Spring Clean-up of the parish grounds. We will be focusing on the front of the Church and Grotto. All are welcome but we ask that an adult accompany children. Please call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 to sign up so we can get a head count. Please also let us know if you can bring Gloves, Rakes, Brooms, Wheelbarrow, Trimmers, etc. for the effort.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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)