



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

Monday April 26

8am ~ Doris Houle requested by the Bedard family

Salvatore Passalaqua requested by Joan Berard

Tuesday April 27

8am ~ Amy Bergeron requested by the Lemieux family

Wednesday April 28

8am ~ David Orlep requested by the Orlep family

Thursday April 29

8am ~ Theresa Straughan, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Friday April 30

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday May 1

8am ~ Women of Mary

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday May 2

8am ~ The DiGiantomaso & Hudson Families requested by their family

Mary Larese, 10th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family

10:30am ~ Emile Martin, 10th Anniversary, requested by his family

Doris Dastous requested by Joan Berard

6pm ~ Francis Gautreau requested by his friends

Sunday, April 25

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

Monday, April 26

The Case of Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

Tuesday, April 27

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 28

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 29

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

Friday, April 30

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the Womb*.

After the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 9th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.



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

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 8:00 AM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday is "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." A lot of times, we think that Vocations are just for priest and religious. The truth is that each of us has a vocation. There is not a person God has called to Himself. There is not a person for whom God doesn't have a *great* plan! Each of us has a calling from God.

However, when we speak about Vocations in the Church, most often we are speaking about a specific form of life – a way of living love for others. Today we are invited to pray for Vocations to these states in life. So, what are these Vocations? We'll focus primarily on the big three: **Marriage, Priesthood, and Religious Life.**

A lot of times we forget that Marriage is a Vocation, a calling.

While it is part of the natural order, God has raised it to a Sacrament (a sign that gives *grace*). It is a call for spouses to help each other get to heaven. It is a call to die to self and live for another. It is an incredible call where, it seems, all of the faults, flaws and failings are on display to the other (in addition to all the good stuff, too). It is a call to love as God loves – seeing all of that brokenness and loving through it, helping each other to seek holiness despite those weaknesses. It is also a call to raise others (any children that happen to be part of that marriage) to be saints. And those children do help us to be saints, as well, as they call us to die to ourselves in all of the little and big things in our lives. From the start, children force us to turn outward from ourselves, as they deprive us of sleep and energy, without giving anything back (except throw-up, poopy diapers, and those ever important and delightful *smiles!*). Marriage and family life are a call to self-donation.

In the grand scheme of our Faith, we know that, since "God wants to marry us," Christian marriage is a *sign*, a vision of God's love for us. I believe this is why marriage is so much under attack today: Satan hates God and us, and He hates the things that are visions of the love of God.

Priesthood is not a vocation for itself. As I've said before, priests can't look in the mirror and absolve themselves of our own sins. Priests are *always* called to be priests for others. We are meant to be an image of God that Father's love for His people. The priest stands at the Altar in the person of Christ the head, and shares the life of God with the people (the Body of Christ). He is ordained to give the Sacraments to the people of God, to share the Word of God, and to serve. Ordinarily, priesthood is celibate, but I'll get into what that means in the next section.


Religious Life – both religious brothers and sisters – are a call to show the eternal love of God. They are celibate (not married) not because marriage is bad, but rather because marriage is a sign of something greater. Marriage points to the reality of how God wants to marry us, that the end of the story is the Wedding Feast of the Lamb (see Revelation 19). The celibate vocation is a sign to the world that we believe this is so real, we are willing to give up the (very good) *sign* of it (in marriage), and live its reality (the marriage to God) in this world here and now. Often Brothers and Sisters take the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience (and sometimes others, depending on the religious order). They live these out as a sign of contradiction to the world's overreaching grasp at money, sex and power – that these things are not God.

Please take time today to pray for those who have not yet discerned their vocation, that they may be open to God's calling. For those who have found your vocation, I invite you to pray that you may live that vocation well.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **May 4th**, from **6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence.

Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you are considering such a vocation, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

KEEP KIDS SAFE: AWAY FROM HOME

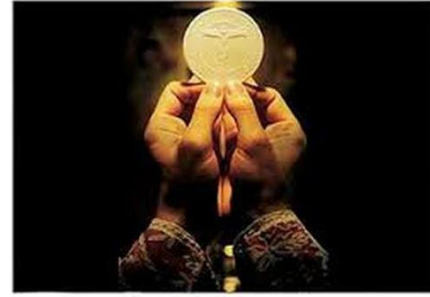
As children become older, parents are able to drop them off at activities and return later to pick them up. When you are ready to take this step, do not hesitate to ask the following questions:

- Do at least 2 adults supervise the children at all times?
- Does your organization conduct background checks?
- Does your organization provide training to adults?
- Do adults and minors have separate restroom facilities?
- Are isolated areas locked or restricted?

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

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.



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

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information, or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life.

Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Mondays/Thursdays from May 3rd - 24th or Thursdays/Mondays from June 3rd - 24th.



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.

HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, a liturgy will be celebrated at 6:30 PM in honor of St. Peregrine at the Immaculate Conception Church on East Merrimack Street in Lowell. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients, and is the saint many cancer patients, family members, and friends pray to for comfort and strength. During this Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to cancer patients and to any who wish to partake of this sacrament of God's healing. All are invited to come and pray with and for those afflicted with cancer.

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 4/18/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,241
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,871
Total Offertory	\$7,112

Faith Life	\$1,085
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Total Collected	\$8,197
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As of 4/18/21 we have an offertory deficit of \$6,167

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

~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is Monday, May 3rd.

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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