

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
 to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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.

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: www.kofcpelhamnh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 27
 4pm **Armand Berard**, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by Barbara & Glenn
 Campbell

Sunday April 28
 8am **Robin Morin**, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by her family

10:30am **Bernie Thibault & Phyllis Dexter**
 requested the Bereavement Group

6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday April 29
 8am **Theresa Straughan**, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by
 Doug & Laura

Tuesday April 30
 8am **Mary Gerry** requested by Joan
 Berard & family

Wednesday May 1
 8am **Frances S. Siara** requested by
 St. Patrick Parish

Thursday May 2
 8am **Phyllis Dexter** requested by
 Andrea

Friday May 3
 8am **Ronnie Letty** requested by his
 friend Harriet St. Onge

6pm Holy Hour

Saturday May 4
 8am Women of Mary

4pm **Robert White**, 2nd Anniversary,
 requested by his wife Jeannie &
 family

Leo Drobnic requested by Ray &
 Rose Graham

Sunday May 5
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona & Nicholas
 Betancur** requested by
 Donna Smith

10:30am **Emile Martin**, 8th Anniversary,
 requested by his family

Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., 8th
 Anniversary, requested by his
 wife Angela

6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, May 3rd, at
 8:00 AM.**
**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, May 4th,
 at 8:00 AM.**

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 4/14/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$7,017
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,346
Total Offertory	\$8,363
Faith Life	\$1,753
Total Collected	\$10,116

Easter Sunday	\$11,572
Electronic Giving	\$1,151
Total Offertory	\$12,723
Utility	\$2,081
Total Collected	\$14,804

Easter Memorials \$1,970

As of Apr. 14th our offertory is at a deficit of
\$4,693

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

Holy Land

collected as of 4/19/19
 \$1,068

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

May 5 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the
 parish.

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

The Parish Spring Clean-up is on Saturday, May
 11th, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We are looking
 for volunteers to help rake and clean up the
 parish and school grounds. If you have rakes,
 gloves, wheelbarrows or trimmers, please bring
 them with you. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 28

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
 Adoration and Confession, 1:00 PM, in the church
 Divine Mercy Celebration, 3:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, April 29

Teaching on Suffering, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, April 30

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 1

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 classroom
 Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school
 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, May 2

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, May 3

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Our next Community Dinner is on Friday, May 10th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
___	Instruct the uninformed
___	Counsel the doubtful
___	Admonish sinners
___	Comfort the sorrowful
___	Bear wrongs patiently
___	Forgive offenses
___	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
___	Feed the hungry
___	Clothe the naked
___	Give drink to the thirsty
___	Shelter the homeless
___	Comfort the imprisoned
___	Visit the sick
___	Bury the Dead



The following couples will enter the Covenant of Marriage in May:

Joseph McCarthy & Faith Williams
 and
Matthew Campagna & Stephane Rene

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love the God.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thanks to your support of our Parish Appeal, Catholic Charities New Hampshire is able to respond to the unique needs of community members across the Rockingham Region, from newborns and children to adults and the elderly. In the past year, our various programs and services touched **11,451 individuals and families in your region**, much of which was made possible through your generous support and prayerful gifts. While everyone has a different story, together, we are walking with them to overcome poverty, despair, and significant, unpredictable life challenges. Visit www.cc-nh.org/impact-rockingham to learn more about the impact of Catholic Charities NH in the Rockingham Region. A Catholic Charities speaker will be talking at all the Masses next weekend on May 4th & 5th. Our Goal this year \$24,000.

St. Gianna's Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a benefit banquet on May 1st from 5:30-9:15 PM at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester, NH. Our guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. \$65 per person/\$650 per table. Visit stgiannasplace.org to reserve your seats.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALL

Bishop Libasci invited you to support priestly vocations by joining him for the **Transitional Deacon Ordination**, Saturday, May 25th, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral for **Mr. Ryan Amazeen** and **Mr. Joshua Livingston**, and for the **Priest Ordination**, Saturday, June 1st, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral of **Rev. Mr. Adrian Frackowiak** and **Rev. Mr. David Wong**.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is Divine Mercy Sunday. Every year, we hear the same Gospel from John 20:19-31. After Jesus rises from the dead, He visits the disciples, but Thomas is not with them. The following week, Jesus appears to all the disciples, including Thomas, whom He invites to examine His nail marks and put his hand into His side.

This picture, *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas*, by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio speaks shockingly of the



fleshiness of the Resurrection. Jesus practically drags Thomas' hand into His side. We often don't think of the reality of Resurrection in this very tangible way. And yet, this is the reality – Jesus was brutally killed, and the Gospels are clear that the marks of this death were still present, visible, touchable in His resurrected Body.

There is something both awe-inspiring and unnerving about this reality. And what should blow our minds the most is that this reality is meant for each of us! God has promised us resurrection. We proclaim

this at the end of the Apostle's Creed, the belief in "the resurrection of the body," not just Christ's Body, but everybody!

As I gaze on this picture, I see the incredible mercy of God! Jesus could have been upset with Thomas. He could have given him a hard time for not believing when the ten Apostles, and others, told him that Jesus had risen. Instead, Jesus gives Thomas the grace to believe – the very things he said that he needed to believe: "**Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe**" (John 20:25). This grace then transformed Saint Thomas so much, that, despite the fact that he is now called "Doubting Thomas," he is the first of the Disciples to proclaim the full truth of Jesus' Divinity: "**My Lord and my God!**" (John 20:28).

One of the prayers associated with the Divine Mercy devotion is "**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!**" These words speak about what happened after the soldier thrust his spear into the side of Christ – Blood and Water flowed out (see John 19:34). The Church has interpreted this as the fount of mercy pouring out from Jesus' side: the water as the source of Baptism, and the Blood as the Eucharist. These two gifts (Baptism and Eucharist), more than any others, draw us into the mercy and mystery of Christ. And, as seen in the Caravaggio, Thomas probes into the source of this mercy.

When I look at this, I get the sense that Jesus so desires for us to enter into His Heart. As he practically drags Thomas in, He is calling us, drawing us, leading us into His mercy, into His Heart. The prayer the *Anima Christi*, says to Christ, "**Within Your wounds, hide me.**"

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we be filled with love of God. May we allow Jesus to draw us into His mercy. May we truly hide within His wounds, protected from all evil. May we probe His side, from whence Blood and Water flowed, and be washed clean of all of our sins.

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on May 4th. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the church.

VOCATION

“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 Fr. Matthew Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org
Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering Salvifici Doloris

Join Fr. Von in studying St. John Paul II’s letter about making sense of suffering in our lives. Monday night: **April 29th, at 7:00 PM** in the **Youth Room** at the **school**.

ONLINE SAFETY

As caring adults, we are all concerned about what our children may be exposed to on the internet, including “smart” devices. Here are some tips to help keep your children safe when they are online:

- Keep your computer and other devices in high traffic areas of the home.
- Set rules about what sites your child is allowed to visit.
- Make sure your child does not use their name or identifying information as their user name.
- Remind your child that he or she should never give out personal information.
- Activate the parental controls on all devices, including laptops, phones, TVs & gaming systems.
- Know your children’s passwords and make it clear that you will periodically check on their online activity.
- Have your children turn in their devices to you at a designated time each evening.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday dive into the Ocean of Mercy
Adoration & Confession at 1:00 PM
A sung Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM

OUT OF HIDING

An Easter Season Prayer Night

Please join us on Saturday, May 4, at 7:00 PM to celebrate our risen Lord! The evening will include a time of reflection by Fr. Von, acoustic music, and Eucharistic adoration. Come to spend time with our Lord, and to open our hearts more deeply to the truth of our salvation - we are deeply loved and we are redeemed! We hope to see you there. For questions, please contact Fr. Von at 635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

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 23 registered attendees so far 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.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

You may have forgotten why we pray the St. Michael Prayer at the end of Mass. Pope Leo XIII, after having a private revelation that Jesus was giving Satan a century to have more power over the Church and the world, wrote the St. Michael Prayer. He recognized how we are in a spiritual battle. After many of the evils we’ve seen over the last several years, with the permission of the Bishop, I reinstated this prayer at the end of Mass. We are still in much darkness in the world and the Church, and so we need St. Michael’s great intercession. For more information about the history of the St. Michael Prayer, check out: www.ourcatholicprayers.com/the-saint-michael-prayer-html.