

**Saturday April 2**

**4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Jr.**, 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
In Honor of **St. Joseph** requested by the  
Taylor family

**Thomas Straughan** requested by Jeannette  
Masson

**Sunday April 3**

**8am ~ Frank Agrella**, 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his daughter Barbara Barrett  
**Dick Dube** requested by Andrea

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday April 4**

**8am ~ Barbara Perrotta** requested by Susan &  
Dick Hogan

**Prayers needed for Christina Mello &  
Arianna Richman**

**Tuesday April 5**

**8am ~ Andre Montminy** requested by St.  
Patrick Parish

**Wednesday April 6**

**8am ~ Dick Dube** requested by Donna Smith

**Thursday April 7**

**8am ~ Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard  
family

**Prayers needed for Christina Mello &  
Arianna Richman**

**Friday April 8**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**6pm ~ Arthur Amato** requested by the  
Montano family

**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday April 9**

**4pm ~ Helen E. Taylor**, Birthday  
Remembrance, In Honor of **St. Joseph**  
requested by the Taylor family

**Ann Gallant** requested by her friends

**Sunday April 10**

**8am ~ Robert Hall** requested by Anita Hall &  
family

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**We will have a 6:00 PM Mass on April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday, April 3**

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school  
cafeteria

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

**Monday, April 4**

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school  
cafeteria

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

**Tuesday, April 5**

Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish  
center

**Wednesday, April 6**

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the  
parish center

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, April 7**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, April 8**

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

Laudato Si' Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the  
church

**Saturday, April 9**

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish  
center

Grade 3 Confirmation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in  
the school cafeteria

**VOCATION**

"Christ Jesus has made me His own." Are you  
called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon  
or through the consecrated life? Contact the  
Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email:  
[mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a time to look at our lives, to see how we need to change our lives and receive God's mercy and healing. This weekend's Gospel highlights this. When we look at this story of the woman caught in the very act of adultery, we see our story laid out before us. Much like last week's Gospel (with the Prodigal Son parable), we find ourselves in each of the supporting characters.

When we look at the woman caught in adultery, don't we see ourselves? There we see this woman caught in her shame, exposed before everyone. We see this deep fear within each of us: that our sins will be found out, exposed to everyone, and we will be condemned. Isn't this why we're constantly wearing "masks" – not masks over our faces, but masks over our being. We can be so afraid of being condemned that we refuse to show our true selves. Will I no longer be liked? Will I be rejected? The problem with

these masks, of course, is that when we don't show our true selves, we're always surrounded by the nagging thought that those around me like my "persona" – my mask – not who I really am. And we are left still empty and separated from everyone else in our existential loneliness. We even can't abide to look at ourselves. We, too often, see such hideousness in our shame that we don't want to look at it, lest we fall into the darkness of depression and self-condemnation.

On the other side, we see the Pharisees bringing this woman to Jesus. Here, we see that they have caught, shamed and condemned this woman – and that's what they are planning on doing with Jesus as well. They do not want to look at their own sins, and find it so much easier to condemn others. It's almost as if their insecurity requires them to condemn the other who questions their status quo. This is so easy to do in our virtual reality. Trolling and cyber-bullying are now part of the norm. We see the "other" as either a block or a stepping stone to our own success.

For both the woman and the Pharisees, Jesus works in mercy and love. To the Pharisees, He invites them to look into their own lives, seeing their own sins, the ways they have rejected God's law, and repent of their self-righteous condemnation of the other. To the woman who is caught in her shame, Jesus identifies Himself with her, not fearing her "messiness," and says, **"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more"** (John 8:11). To each of us, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid to look at your sinfulness. Your fear is manipulating you, causing you to wear masks, luring you to strike out in condemnation so that your sins won't look so bad or will at least remain hidden. Do not be afraid. I will not leave you. I do not condemn you. I have united Myself to you. Go and sin no more."

May we receive the merciful love of Jesus, knowing that no matter how dark our past may be, no matter how wretched our sins, He pours His loving mercy upon us. And in receiving that mercy, may we reach out in mercy to those around us.

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**GHB911** will be putting together care packages for about 100 people. They will be in the school on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00-6:30 PM. The items they will be collecting is Chap Sticks, Dry Shampoo, Bath Wipes, New Underwear for men and women. You can also write a note of hope and encouragement. For more information or questions, contact Linda Merrill at 603-930-6436.

### 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.

### STEBENVILLE EAST

We are so thankful that the powerful experience of Steubenville East will be made available to the parish's teens once again. Steubenville East is a weekend retreat for grades 9-12 that is held every summer. This retreat reminds the youth of our Church that they are a beloved child of God and that they truly belong here in the Catholic Faith. Of course, there is always a cost involved with any retreat that is attended and this is where we are asking for your help. **We will be holding a Steubenville East Free Will Offering after all of the Masses on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.** Every dollar contributed is a great help and, above all, we ask for your prayers. Pray that all of the teens attending Steubenville East will be reminded of God's deep love for them. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### **Holy Thursday, April 14**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

#### **Good Friday, April 15**

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM

Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 4:30 PM

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

#### **Holy Saturday, April 16**

Blessing of the Food: 2:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil: 7:45 PM

*PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS*

*AND NO 4:00 PM MASS*

#### **Easter Sunday, April 17**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

### Following Jesus...TOGETHER

We invite you to join us this Lenten season in following the way of Jesus through **PRAYER**, **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING** as a parish.

#### How:

**Prayer** – We encourage you to continue praying the rosary every day. If you struggle to do this, don't give up. Do what you *can*. Maybe, instead of doing a whole rosary in one sitting, you pray one decade (one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's, one Glory Be) at a time at different parts of the day.

**Fasting** – Keep “fighting the good fight” of fasting, training your will to give up something good, so that you can choose to give up that which is not good.

**Almsgiving** – As inflation increases, the poor will struggle even more. It is in helping each other that we find fulfillment. Continue to reach out helping those in need around us.

To join our Lent challenge you can still sign-up online (go to [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com) or the parish Facebook page).

**MEN OF ST JOSEPH (MOSJ)** — will be meeting on **April 9, 2022 from 7:00-9:00 AM** in the Church. Our guest speaker this month will be Fr. Von. “As iron sharpens iron, so shall man sharpen his fellow man.” – Proverbs 27:17. We will have time for prayer, a talk, light breakfast and coffee, and time for discussion and fellowship. We will promptly end at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Al Lemieux: [al@lemieux-design.net](mailto:al@lemieux-design.net) 781 879-7527 or visit the parish website [stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/](http://stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/)



**You Are Invited...**to join the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci and the priests and deacons for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass.

**When:** 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Location:** St. Joseph Cathedral, corner of Lowell and Pine Streets in Manchester

**Registration:** [catholicnh.org/chrism](http://catholicnh.org/chrism)

### 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 3/27/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,141

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,987

**Total Offertory \$8,128**

**Total Collected \$8,128**

Thank you for your continued support

~Fr. Von~

### Catholic Relief

collected as of 3/27/22

\$1,528

Thank you for your generosity!

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### Apr. 10 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

**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.

### Monday Night Teaching

Join Fr. Von for teaching on “The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible” on **Monday Nights: April 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

**The Deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, April 11<sup>th</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)