



Saturday April 29

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

John J. Estrella, 30th Anniversary, requested by his wife & family

Sunday April 30

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ John Castelhana, 26th Anniversary, requested by his daughter

Monday May 1

8am ~ William Murray, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family
Gertrude M. Greaves, 22nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Tuesday May 2

8am ~ No Mass

Wednesday May 3

8am ~ No Mass

Thursday May 4

8am ~ Daniel Masson, 1st Anniversary, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Friday May 5

8am ~ Health & Blessings for Donna Smith requested by the Haggerty family

Saturday May 6

8am ~ John & Joanne McKenzie requested by the Lemieux family

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday May 7

8am ~ Robert Hall, Birthday Remembrance, **Anita Hall** and **Michelle Lemieux Kanan** requested by their family

10:30am ~ Michael Taylor, Sr., 33rd Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

Emile Martin, 12th Anniversary, requested by his family

Sunday, April 30

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, May 2

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **John J. Estrella**, 30th Anniversary, by his wife & children

VOCATION

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear from John 10, which is Jesus' sermon on how He is the Good Shepherd. It is a beautiful reminder of how Jesus Himself takes care of us. Back in 1964, Pope St. Paul VI designated this day to be World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, but that He also sends us shepherds to lead us closer to Him.

First, a reminder of what is a vocation. A vocation is a calling from God. I was at an elementary school recently and asked the kids to raise their hands if they had a vocation. Most did not. I told them they all needed to raise their hands, since every single one of them has been called by God. None of us is an accident. None of us was made by God just to "fill space." Each of us is loved into existence. Every single person in the world was made with a specific purpose – with a mission, a calling. It may take a while for us to hear where God is calling us – and it is very possible for us to say "No" to God, but all of us have a calling.

Most often, when discussing vocations, we think of state in life: priesthood, diaconate, religious life (religious brothers and sisters), marriage, or the single life of service in the Church. All of these vocations are vital to the life of the Church. Of course, the priest is up front at Mass, but that doesn't make him more important. Without the religious praying for and serving the Church, so much more would have failed. Without good, holy marriages and family life, many would not be formed for holiness. Without the single life of service, many would think they have no place in the Church.

We are in a time of noise, though. Too few people are listening carefully for God's call, and so are not responding. We are not just at a point where we have fewer priests and religious, but you may notice that fewer people are choosing to get married and have children. Fewer single people are choosing to serve. All of the service professions are noticing a downturn in "vocations." This is a day to pray for people to be open to and respond to God's call for their lives. Saying "YES!" to God can be intimidating, but it is also the only path to true fulfillment and joy.

As we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I invite you to pray for those who have not yet found their vocation in life. Pray that they would be open to God's calling, and have the courage to enter into silence – to hear His voice – and the courage to say yes to His voice.

I invite you to pray this Family Prayer for Vocations:

Father, increase our family's love for one another. May we honor each other in times of happiness or hardship, bearing with one another in love, just as You love us. In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current states of life. Should You call some of us to the priesthood or religious life, to marriage or to the single life of service, help us to respond with courage and joy. Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with Your grace, to help each other on life's journey to You. Through the intercession of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Amen

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### LENTEN ROSARY CHALLENGE

Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Rosary Challenge. There were 1759 stars placed on the "Mary's Mantle" banner in the Church, one star for each Rosary. That is over 93,000 Hail Mary's prayed throughout Lent by our parish – and those are the ones that people shared with us! Thank you for your dedication to our Lady!

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

This weekend we kickoff the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body**, an initiative for our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It has consolidated six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities N.H. parish appeal and the *Parable* magazine drive. I am grateful to all who donated to the NHCA last year. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal again will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities NH and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarian Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Catholic Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in N.H.) plus to *Parable* Magazine and the Catholic Charities N.H. special collection appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$53,280 and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs. Together, we are many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people.

To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail, visit the Appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online, or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170.

With gratitude,  
Fr. Von DeRosia

### 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 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

### **Made For More Trailer:**

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

### **Parish "Made For More" Home Site:**

<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

### KEEP KIDS SAFE

Cyberbullying is a huge problem. It can happen via many electronics platforms and is hard to get away from. 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 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 parent tips, visit

[www.catholicnh.org/parents](http://www.catholicnh.org/parents)

**The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at **7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.



### Our Common Parish Home

Saturday, May 13, 2023 (Weather Permitting) 9:30AM – 1:00PM. Help us keep our Parish Home looking beautiful...We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual spring cleanup of the parish grounds. We will be focusing on the grounds around the Church and Parish Center. Pizza lunch to follow in Parish Center. All are welcome but we ask children to be accompanied by an adult. 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 rakes, brooms, wheelbarrow, etc. for the effort.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

**STELLAR is coming!** This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE! Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

**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 in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to **St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 1, 2023.**

### 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 4/23/23

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| Offertory Envelopes         | \$4,268        |
| Offertory Electronic Giving | \$2,827        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>      | <b>\$7,095</b> |

Evangelization \$1,310

**Total Collected \$8,405**

Thank you for your continue support  
~Fr. Von~

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### May 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### May 14 Utility

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

#### May 21 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

There will be no morning Mass on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have Adoration from 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

### WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for David Avery Jr. We extend our sympathy to his family.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Website: [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

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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)