



**Saturday April 3, Holy Saturday**  
**3pm** Divine Mercy Novena  
 No 3:00 PM Confessions  
 No 4:00 PM Mass

**7:30pm** Easter Vigil

**Sunday April 4, Easter Sunday**  
**8am** Easter Memorials  
**9:30am** Easter Memorials  
**11:30am** Easter Memorials  
**12:45pm** Divine Mercy Novena  
 No 6:00 PM Mass

**Monday April 5**  
**8am** ~ In Honor of the Holy Spirit  
**6pm** ~ Divine Mercy Novena

**Tuesday April 6**  
**8am** ~ For All Souls in Purgatory  
**6pm** ~ Holy Hour for Life with Divine Mercy Novena

**Wednesday April 7**  
**8am** ~ **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**Trevor Hennessey** requested by the Haggerty family  
**6pm** ~ Divine Mercy Novena

**Thursday April 8**  
**8am** ~ **Vitto Nastasia** requested by the Lemieux family  
**Health and Blessings for Mike & Joan Pirot** requested by the Haggerty family  
**6pm** ~ Divine Mercy Novena

**Friday April 9**  
**8am** ~ No Mass  
**6pm** ~ Divine Mercy Novena

**Saturday April 10**  
**2:30pm** ~ Divine Mercy Novena  
**4pm** ~ **Frank Agrella**, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his daughter Barbara Barrett  
**Dora Carpentier**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by Cheryl Brunelle & Carpentier family

**Sunday April 11**  
**8am** ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners  
**10:30am** ~ **John Castelhana**, 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his daughter  
**6pm** ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



**Sunday, April 4**  
**Happy Easter!**  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Monday, April 5**  
 The Case of Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

**Tuesday, April 6**  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 7**  
 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 8**  
 Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center  
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Friday, April 9**  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, during April, please visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety) and share this information with others.

**VOCATION**

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.” Are you being called to proclaim the new life of the resurrected Christ to the world with His Spirit and His power? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## **A blessed Easter Sunday to all of you!**

As we celebrate this special day, we remember not bunnies and chocolate eggs but the love Almighty God has for each of us. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate how God, in a personal way, conquered sin and death, as He rose from the grave.

I love the image of the stone being thrown away from the tomb, because in my own mind, I see the stone as symbolizing all of my sin, brokenness, shame, self-hatred, fear, all of the problems in my life that I cannot overcome on my own. Jesus shows the power He has over all of that darkness, even over my eventual death. **Jesus Christ Conquers!**

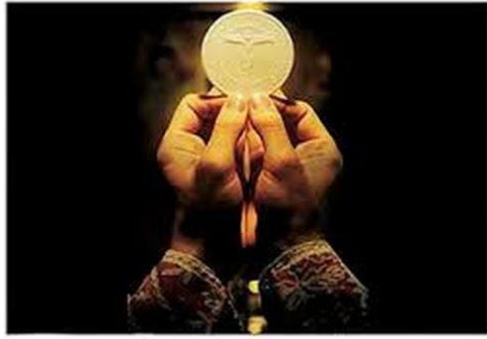
I think about last year when we were not able to have public Masses for much of Lent, all of the fifty days of the Easter Season, and beyond. It has been a very trying year for so many – including myself – but it is an opportunity for all of us to ask how much we trust God. Do we really believe that He can overcome – even COVID?! That means that since COVID came and is still around, He has a plan (in His permissive will – meaning that, while God may not directly will something, He permits it to happen) for how the experience of COVID will help you and me to become more holy, more loving, more the “best-version-of-ourselves”.

So I invite you to think about this past year. What were the struggles in which you found yourself? Maybe you or someone you know got COVID. Maybe someone you love died. Maybe you’ve experienced the loneliness of quarantine and isolation. Maybe you found that trying to work from home and help kids go to school on-line was beyond your capacity!

Whatever the issues, whatever the problems, **Jesus is the answer!** He has overcome all of our problems. He is giving us the opportunity during these troubling times to come to His Heart, to rest in Him, to allow Him to care for us, protect us, and bring us the healing we need. One of my favorite quotes is from the *Diary of St. Faustina* as Jesus speaks to Faustina saying, **“Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace”** (*Diary* 1074).

Jesus has conquered sin and death. He is the answer to every problem, every trouble, every fear in our lives. He invites us to His Heart – even to “snuggle” close to His Heart (can you believe the Lord of the universe would actually say “snuggle,” and invite us to do that with Him?! Well, He did invent snuggling, after all). He invites us to trust Him.

This Easter, may we entrust to Jesus all of the troubles and trials, sins and vices of our lives, knowing that He will give us peace if only we snuggle into His Heart.



### **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

### **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

Join Fr. Von on the first Tuesday of the month, April 6<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.

### **SPRING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM**. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). For registration, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/anniversary>.



### **COME TO THE PENNY SALE!!!**

Join us **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, for the Annual Women's Guild Penny Sale at the Parish Center. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Kitchen door and you will exit through the Main Entrance unless you have a disability. We will be open on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Pick up of items will be **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Masks and social distancing are required. Come join the fun!

### **FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

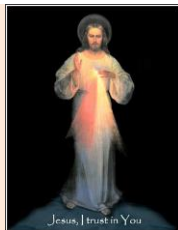
### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick 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 3, 2021.

### NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21<sup>st</sup>.

To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup](http://www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup) or call 603-752-1325.



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that during these nine days, you bring souls to the fountain of my mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace that they need in the hardships of life, and ... at the hour of death" (*Diary* 1209). Pray the Novena in your home or with the Parish.

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 12:45 PM**  
**Monday-Friday, April 5-9, 6:00 PM**  
**Saturday, April 10, 2:30 PM**

### MONEY

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Easter. The offertory collection will be in next weekend's bulletin.

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### Apr. 11 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### Apr. 18 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

#### Apr. 25 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

#### May 2 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 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 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, and 5/17). Please contact Fr. Von to sign up ([fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)).

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2021-2022, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

### 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.



**HAVE A JOYFUL AND BLESSED EASTER**

## **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).

## **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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Care to join the Knights of Columbus?  
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