Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025



Saturday April 5

4pm ~ **Michael Taylor, Jr.,** 19th Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

Gerry Martin requested by Dan & Sue Martin

Sunday April 6

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners 10:30am ~ Robert DiMartino, 4th Anniversary, requested by his sister Angela Delorfano Paul Rourke, 5th Anniversary, requested by his family

Monday April 7

8am ~ Mary Lavallee requested by David & Maureen Groff

Bruce Beckwith requested by Joan Berard & family

Tuesday April 8

8am ~ Dorothy Kubit requested by Priscilla Kubit

Ernest Vandal requested by Donna Smith Wednesday April 9

8am ~ Philip McLain requested by Pat Lawlor Thursday April 10

8am ~ Lory Dalpe requested by Lou & Si Dalpe Friday April 11

6:30pm ~ **Chris Curran** requested by David & Maureen Groff

Roberta Otremba requested by Kathy Jean **7pm** ~ **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday April 12

 $4pm \sim Intentions \ of \ all \ our \ Parishioners$

Sunday April 13

8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hall, Wedding Anniversary, requested by their family
 10:30am ~ John Castelhano, 28th Anniversary, requested by his daughter



Sunday, April 6

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, April 7

Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, April 8

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the library at the school Confirmation, 6:00 PM, in the church

Wednesday, April 9

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, April 12

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Lucy Titus,** 16th Anniversary, by Glenna & Mike Gallagher

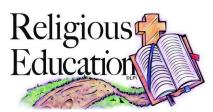
PRAYER OF HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love. ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating significant years of marriage to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 1st, at 2:00 PM at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **May 9th**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!



Dear Faith Life Families,

This month, we're going to explore an important and exciting theme: spiritual preparation. While it may sound a bit unusual to talk about "preparing for battle," as Christians, we all encounter obstacles and challenges in our prayer lives and spiritual journeys. These moments require us to be vigilant, mindful, and equipped with the strength that comes through prayer.

We'll also learn about the saints—our heavenly friends—who can guide and assist us during these challenges. As we reflect on their lives and their examples of faith, we'll discover how they can inspire us to live holier lives and overcome spiritual obstacles with their intercession.

I can't wait to journey with you as we learn, grow, and prepare our hearts together this month.

Jennah Costa | Faith Life Administrator



Monday, April 14

Confessions: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18

Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday, April 20

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



CHANGE IN FOOD PANTRY HOURS

New service hours (all on Wednesday)
Wednesday 1:00-2:30 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM
Effective April 1, 2025, the Food Pantry will no longer be open Tuesday evenings but will be open Wednesday evening instead. Wednesday afternoon is unchanged. This change is due to state licensing guidelines that we have recently become aware of. As always, we are happy to serve those who visit us. Thank you.



The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants three \$500 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for 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 of Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 5, 2025 by 3:00 PM.

APRIL IS 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, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others.

CREATION CORNER: Why is it that this weekend's Gospel doesn't tell us what Jesus was writing on the dusty ground with his finger? Here was Jesus foiling an intellectual trap, and he just doodles? As it turns out, there was no one left standing around to report what Jesus had written-not the sinful woman, not the hypocritical scribes and pharisees. We are often lured into intellectual traps that compromise our mission to love and care for God, our neighbor, and Creation. May we, like Jesus, show mercy and urge conversion.



OUR COMMON PARISH HOME Saturday, May 3, 2025 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM (Weathering Permitting)

Help us keep our Parish Home looking beautiful... we are looking for volunteers to help with our annual spring cleanup of the parish grounds. This year we will be focusing on the grounds around the Church and Rectory. Pizza lunch to follow in the school. All are welcome but we ask children to be accompanied by an adult. Please call the Parish Office 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. (Rain date of Saturday, May 10, 2025).

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for **Patricia Mooers** and **Mike Melia.** We extend our sympathy to their families.

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 3/30/25

Offertory Envelopes \$7,038 Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,593

Total Offertory \$8,631

Total Funds Collected \$8,631

Thank you for your continue support ~Fr. John~

Catholic Relief

collected as of 3/30/25 \$1,362 Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 13 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Apr. 20 Utility

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

Apr. 27 Evangelization

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

May 4 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 Deadline for Easter Memorials is Monday, April 14th.

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Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or

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LAST RITES

When Fr. John 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 Norm at 603-635-3088 or nva48@comcast.net

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone going into the hospital for a procedure or surgery and would like to be anointed, please talk to Fr. John after Mass and he will anoint you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM

Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am Friday No Mass 8am

First Friday and First Saturday

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

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.

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

FORMED

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