



**Saturday April 6**

**4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Jr., 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

**Sunday April 7**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ Robert N. DiMartino, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,** requested by his sister Angela Delorfano

**Monday April 8**

**8am ~ Prayers for Vocations** requested by a friend  
**Red & Gerry Gibson,** Wedding Anniversary, requested by Ronnie & Kathy Blanchette

**Tuesday April 9**

**8am ~ Mary Duarte** requested by Ernie Duarte  
**Shannon T. Lally** requested by a friend

**Wednesday April 10**

**8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday April 11**

**8am ~ Prayers for Seminarians** requested by a friend  
**Health & Blessings for Marie & Lou Dalpe**

**Friday April 12**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday April 13**

**4pm ~ Marguerite McLaughlin,** Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday April 14**

**8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Hall,** Wedding Anniversary, requested by their family  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday, April 7**

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center  
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 Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Monday, April 8**

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school  
 Discernment of Spirits, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, April 9**

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

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, April 10**

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

**Thursday, April 11**

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

**Friday, April 12**

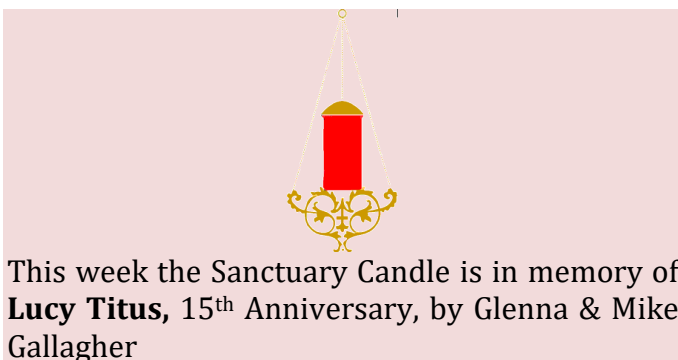
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Saturday, April 13**

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the K of C Hall  
 Penny Sale, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, in the parish center



“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).





My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We now return to our examination of the Mass. After the Eucharistic Prayer, we enter the Communion Rite. We begin by joining our prayers in the prayer taught by the Lord: the Our Father. The priest introduces the prayer by saying:

**At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:**

It is the Savior's command because Jesus taught us to pray this way, but what is this part about "we *dare* to say"? We know that God is so far beyond us... He is "other" in a way nothing else is other. He is not a being, but the ground of all being. His greatness and glory would blow our minds (I mean that literally) if we saw Him as He is, and as we are now. Of all time, no one would have thought of calling a god, or the God "Father." In fact, Muslims see this as blasphemy. The Israelite people understood themselves in a certain way as children of God, but to call God "Abba"... that was too much for them. Jesus shows us this is the relationship God wants to

have with us, and so, now that this has been revealed, we can now dare to call God Abba, Father.

Together, we then pray the Lord's Prayer, worshipping God, and asking Him to be part of our lives. Jesus – the second person of the Blessed Trinity, Almighty God Himself – taught us this prayer! We should be in awe that God would humble Himself to teach us to pray. Because we are so familiar with the Lord's Prayer, it is easy just to say the words, and not enter into the mystery. So, it is good to take time to reflect on what we say in the prayer, and to whom we are speaking. One practice that has helped me over the years is to pray the Lord's Prayer backwards – beginning with the final petition ("deliver us from evil") and moving to the beginning – and so we end in the arms of Our Father.

We begin "Our Father." We start off as a family – God isn't simply "my Father" but "our Father." This means we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Yeah, we might not always get along, but if we remember that we are all His children, it will help us to love each other.

Then we recognize that He is in Heaven. Not because God is localized to a particular place and no other, but, rather, Heaven is wherever God is, that Heaven is being in the presence of God. While our eternal life will be split into Heaven and Hell, it's not so much the place that makes the split as the choice to be in the presence and love of God – or, conversely – to reject that presence and love for all eternity – which makes Heaven Heaven and Hell Hell.

We then praise God for the holiness of His name – and a reminder to us that we are not to take His name lightly. Just a gentle reminder that it is not just the name of Jesus which is holy, but "God" and "Lord." When we use His name in vain (not just in anger or as a curse, but in vain – uselessly), it is an offense against God, rejecting His holiness and His majesty.

We pray for His Kingdom – His reign and authority – to come, and His will be done here as it is perfectly done in heaven. This means: in ME! We're saying, "Lord, not my will, but yours be done in my life." That takes surrender and humility.

We then move into the petitions, asking God to move in our lives: "Give us this day our daily bread" or better rendered from the Greek, "our super-substantial bread." We ask God to give us the needs of our bodies each day, but also of our souls – the Eucharist! Then we beg God's forgiveness... but only to the extent that we forgive others. God is all merciful, but we are reminded in this prayer that my ability to receive mercy is directly related to how merciful I am. We ask God to keep us from temptation and from the evil one – for He is the only One who can save us!

The priest then says the Embolism (don't worry – it's not a blood clot, it is a prayer placed in between two other prayers). In this short prayer, the priest asks that we be delivered from evil, that we have peace, mercy, that we be free from sin and distress, and that we hope in the second coming of Christ. This then leads us into a doxology ("For the kingdom, and the power...") praising our God who loves us so much.



**FAITH LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

“Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

~Matthew 5:23-24

In April we will continue our conversation about one of Jesus’ greatest teaching moments in the Gospels, The Beatitudes. These teachings are so central in the teaching ministry of Christ because they show us what it looks like to live as a Catholic in the world. We cannot only be Catholic on Sundays when we gather for worship. The grace of the Sacraments should change everything! We are made new when we come into communion with the Lord in the Sacraments and He calls us to a new way of living. This is why love of God and love of neighbor are the two greatest commandments.

March was wonderful, and I want to thank all of you for the prayers. So many young people drew closer to the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion. Congratulations to all of you!

This month, let us live out what we profess at every Holy Mass. Let us live as true believers in the Lord, Jesus.

In Christ,  
Adam Castor  
Director of Faith Life

**KEEP KIDS SAFE – TECHNOLOGY TIPS:  
SOCIAL MEDIA**

Teens today (as well as adults!) spend a lot of time socializing online. A 2016 survey of 13–24-year-olds indicated that the 5 most frequented social media sites are Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Kik, in that order. Other popular sites include YouTube, Pinterest, Vine, Tumblr, Oovoo, and Google Plus. Parents should familiarize themselves with these sites/apps, learn how they work, and talk with their kids about what they are doing online. For more information about child safety, visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety)



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**July 8-12, 2024 (9:00 AM – Noon)**  
 VBS is a summer camp filled with games, crafts, skits, experiments and goodies – all things FUN! Cost is \$50 a camper/\$100 family max and is for campers age 5-12. For more information, email Christine Lemieux: [CMLEmieux@proton.me](mailto:CMLEmieux@proton.me). You don’t want your children to miss the BEST week of the summer! Register today!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The next **FIRE OF GOD** Regional Prayer Group will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, IHM Concord. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Von DeRosia topic: **THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS!** For more information, call Jackie Morganti at 603-332-3576

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

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 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, April 29, 2024 by 3:00 PM.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Eucharistic Procession  
 April 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
 to pray for those away from the Church

Monday Night Teachings  
 St. Ignatius of Loyola's  
 14 Rules for  
 Discernment of Spirits  
 Join us Monday Night at 7:00 PM  
 in the youth room  
 April 8



Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by the Praise Band this weekend. Please come and join us.



**SPRING CLEANUP**

**Our Common Parish Home**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
 (Weather 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 18, 2024).**

**THE PENNY SALE IS COMING....  
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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 28<sup>th</sup> Penny Sale on April 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick Church and so much more. Hope to see you there!

**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 3/24/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,208
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,818
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,026</b>

Maintenance 3/24	\$1,927
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Easter Collection 3/31/24

Easter	\$14,492
Utilities	\$1,885
Easter Memorials	\$1,910
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,287</b>

<b>Total Funds Collected</b>	<b>\$27,240</b>
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Thank you for supporting our parish  
 ~Fr. Von~

**Holy Land**

collected as of 3/29/24  
 \$1,454

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Apr. 14 Utility**

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

**Apr. 21 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Apr. 28 Evangelization**

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

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

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Mary Conway. We extend our sympathy to her family.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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### **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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)