



Saturday August 15

4pm ~ David & Armand Berard requested by their family

Sunday August 16

8am ~ Mae Stevens, 15th Anniversary, requested by her family
Maureen Boyden, 3rd Anniversary, requested by her husband, family & friends
10:30am ~ Lt. Donald G. Taylor, 44th Anniversary and **in Honor of St. Joseph** requested by Donna M. Taylor
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday August 17

8am ~ Theresa Straughan, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family

Tuesday August 18

8am ~ Gerri Hollywood & Nancy Robichaud requested by Lillian Murgia

Wednesday August 19

8am ~ Alice Lemay requested by Albert & the Turgeon families

Thursday August 20

8am ~ Nicholas Betancur requested by his family
Helen McManus requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Friday August 21

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday August 22

4pm ~ George & Theresa Straughan requested by their family

Sunday August 23

8am ~ Raymond & Georgianna Hall requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Phyllis Dexter, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 18

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19

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, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of David & Armand Berard by their family

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2020-2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us". We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-8:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459 or jacquelinehynes@gmail.com



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's Gospel is a difficult Gospel. It seems that Jesus is insulting this Canaanite woman, ignoring her request for her daughter's healing, and then calling her a dog. It is in these moments when we don't understand the Scriptures, that, more than ever, we need to approach the Bible with humility, asking God for understanding.

I've preached on this passage before, including recently when it came up at daily Mass (August 5). As I continue to ponder over this passage, I am reminded (and so I remind you) that God loves each person He made – passionately, intimately, devotedly, tenderly. He loves you so much! He loved that Canaanite woman. He loves us so much that He wants us to be with Him forever (a.k.a. – "God wants to marry us!"). He loves us so much that He *literally* died for us, for you.

It is hard to approach this Gospel with trust and faith in His love since it seems that, in this moment, Jesus is anything *but* loving! Yet, somehow, this passage is revealing to us the love of God. Somehow, this encounter – which Matthew specifically chose to recount – reveals to us the Fire of Mercy, which is the Heart of Christ, the furnace of passionate love which resides in the Heart of God! If we don't understand this (which I can say, I don't fully understand), we need to approach God in humility begging for that understanding.

Do we really trust that God loves us so much? Do we trust Him, even when He seems distant and silent? Do we trust Him when His timing is so different from our timing? Do we really mean, "Thy will be done" when we pray the *Our Father*, or do we mean "**My** will be done," or "Thy will be done... as long as I understand it and agree"? The silence of God can make us feel so empty, forsaken, discouraged, and we may even despair. Yet, Jesus shows that this silence is not really distance from God. Jesus experienced that emptiness on the Cross when He cried out, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" (Matthew 27:46). The silence of God, the feeling of distance and forsakenness, is an experience that Jesus has *redeemed*. He went through it to show us that when we go through it, we are **closest to God**, not furthest away.

Somehow, in the "abandonment" by God, He uses it to help us to become the best version of ourselves. Our emptiness is an invitation to yearn for God even more. Our weakness is an invitation to rely totally, constantly and explicitly on Him. Even when God seems to reject us (as He seemed to reject the Canaanite woman), Jesus is really inviting us to press on into faith, to persevere, as did the Canaanite woman.

In fact, Jesus not only encourages this woman to show the depths of her faith, He uses her to show His disciples what true faith looks like. Throughout the Gospel of Matthew, we hear over and over again about how "little" the disciples' faith is (including last week, as Peter sunk into the sea after walking on water). Here, Jesus says, "**Great is your faith!**" (Matthew 15:28).

An image that has helped me to understand God's silence, delays, and even His, "Nos": if you hold an ice-cream cone out to a child, he will take it from you, looking at the ice-cream, and not you. But if you hold it out of his reach, he'll keep asking until finally he looks at you. More than anything else, Jesus wants to have relationship with us. He wants us to look not only at His gifts, but at Him. When He gives us what we want as soon as we ask, we will inevitably stop looking at Him. But if He delays, if He seems to say, "No," eventually we will have to look at *Him*.

I wonder if this is what is happening in the Gospel today. I wonder if this is why God allows bad things to happen to us, why He allows us to feel His silence and distance. May we use every opportunity of emptiness, forsakenness, discouragement and despair to turn our eyes to God, persevering in faith and trust in His love.



May the faith you confirm today be your key to open the doors... HOPE, when all seems lost, JOY, when despair consumes you, LOVE, when hatred afflicts you, and PEACE, when turmoil surrounds you. Guard it well and keep it close, this precious key, for when it is lost all is lost. But when it is found, it will set you free and always guide you HOME.

Congratulations to our Students who received Confirmation and First Eucharist on Friday, August 7, 2020 and Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Charlotte Rose Albert, Tyler Jose Arruda, Anna Scarlet Arseneault, Amelia Lynn Bellemore, Hailey Lorraine Bellemore, Emily Faith Borst, Brayden Stanley Bushnell, Olivia Ryann Bushnell, Alexandra Rose Carter, Emily Marie Castles, Shawn Stephen Castles, Jr., Ani Carolyn Castor, Clare Marie Castor, McKenzie Jeannette Cunliffe, Hannah Rose Deschene, Ryan Michael Deschene, Shannon Marie Deschene, Lucas Matthew Ducharme, Ania Lillian Fredette, Jakub Christopher Fredette, Brady James Fox, Bryanna Emma Gosselin, Hannah Marie Gouger, Jeanette Francine Haverty, Deigo Hector Jimenez, Hannah Faith Kelly, John Cornelius Kelly, Euphemia Grace Kerrigan, Hailey Ann LeBlanc, Robert Joseph LeBlanc, IV, Khloe Marie Letourneau, Abigail Rose Migliore, Jackson Peter Milano, Ava Grace Milley, Gabriella Rose Milley, Julianna Elizabeth Milward, Michael Anthony Milward, Ashley Taylor Nickerson, Evan Francis Nickerson, Cheyenne Elizabeth Normandie, Kacey Katherine Normandie, William Gregory Palmer, Emily Marianna Powers, Colin Joseph Roark, Hugh Brendan Roark, Kaelin Elizabeth Shanahan, Khloe Layne Shanahan, Mia Virginia Winn Suchecki, Ryan David Suchecki, Adrian Roberto Villanueva, Lillian Wilder, Rose Elise Wilder, Sarah Marie Wilson, Olivia Patricia Wing, Hannah Jean Wojcik, Hunter James Wojcik.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Is desiring to live the Catholic faith more fully?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your perspectives and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Ron Turturici at 603-898-1555 or at ronturturici@aol.com

VOCATIONS

“Woman, you have great faith.” It takes faith to hear God’s call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, or priest? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

Join Us For Family Faith Life Registration Night!

On Wednesday, September 9th, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the cafeteria of the school we will be holding an informational meeting for all those interested in learning more about the Family Faith Life Program. We welcome old and new families to this event because things will definitely look different this year. We would ask that all parents please wear a mask to this meeting and practice social distancing. If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend this meeting and would like to learn more please email the Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he would be happy to schedule a one-on-one conversation. Also, if you are just looking to register your child/children for Faith Life you may drop your paperwork off in the parish office during our regular hours, Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- Instruct the Uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive Offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- Feed the hungry
- Clothe the naked
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

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 8/9/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$7,109
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,396
Total Offertory	\$8,505

Utility \$1,281

Total Offertory \$9,786

As of 8/9 we have an offertory deficit of \$1,796

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Mission Appeal

collected as of 8/9/20

\$2,922

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 16 NH Missionaries Abroad Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH

This collection supports *The Good Samaritan Home* in Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin. In addition, a portion of this collection supports the diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of New Hampshire.

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

There is a school supplies drive for the children of Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, MA. Cor Unum is a restaurant style soup kitchen that provides meals for all people who are in need of one. It is a welcoming and wonderful place that helps hundreds of people every day. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details on how to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Michaella at mniceforo22@windhamsd.org.

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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.

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

1st 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.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org to register, go to 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. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org