

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 19
4pm	Lt. Donald G. Taylor, 41st Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family
Sunday	August 20
8am	Robert Scruton, Jr. requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
10:30am	Roland Gonsalves "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Helen Gonsalves & family
6pm	Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith
Monday	August 21
8am	In Honor of the Virgin Mary
Tuesday	August 22
8am	In Honor of Jesus Christ
Wednesday	August 23
8am	Anthony Caggianelli requested by his family
Thursday	August 24
8am	David Meltzer, 1st Anniversary, requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx Baby Orlep requested by the family
Friday	August 25
8am	No Mass
Saturday	August 26
4pm	Matthew J. Janos requested by Joan Janos Robert Scruton, Jr. requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
Sunday	August 27
8am	George & Theresa Straughan, 19 th Anniversary, requested by Doug & Laura Masson
10:30am	Blanche Turcotte, 16th Anniversary, requested by her granddaughter Patty Kennedy
6pm	David Meltzer, 1st Anniversary, requested by Tim & Jeanne Glasheen



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Roland Gonsalves "Birthday Remembrance" by Helen Gonsalves & family

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 following week:

Offertory 8/13/17	\$7,205
Utility	\$1,450

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,655**

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 27 Faith Life Formation
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Sept. 3 Conference of Catholic Bishops
This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at the Catholic University of America and supports the work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Sept. 10 Capital Improvements
This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 17 Utility
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

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



Monday, August 21

Divine Mercy, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, August 22

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 23

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, August 24

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Saturday, August 26

Fathers Retreat, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, in the meeting room



CALLING ALL DADS!!

We will be having a Fathers Retreat on Saturday, August 26th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This retreat will take place in the Meeting Room under the Church.

Please email Adam Castor if you are planning on attending at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A Turkish proverb states that “One who conceals grief finds no remedy for it” and scripture states, Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.” St. Patrick Parish and Catholic Charities are offering a bereavement group for those who have lost a loved one. The program uses presentations and group discussion to help individuals express their grief. The group will run for 6 weeks. Dates and time to be announced in order to accommodate those who register. Please call Judy Nelson, Catholic Charities in Salem, NH at 603-893-1971 with questions and to register for the group.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a **Special Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office **by September 22, 2017**. We will need your **last names, first names and mailing address**. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. **There is no need for the couple to RSVP.**

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

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, speaks to us of how God **"delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all"** (Romans 11:32). While remembering, of course, that this is not an invitation to sin, it is a great CONSOLATION! I can't tell you how many times people have come to me discouraged because they sinned; and not only that they sinned, but that they freely chose to sin! How many times has this been my story?!!

It's like when Esau, being famished after a long day, comes in seeking food. His brother Jacob is making some red pottage to eat, so Esau asks for some. Jacob gives it to him at the price of his birthright (in the ancient near eastern culture, the firstborn's inheritance would have been larger than any of the other children's) (see Genesis 25:27-34). *Honestly!* To sell the birthright for some soup! What was he thinking?!!!

Yet we do this all the time by our sin. And, to add to this, very often *we know what we are doing!* We know what we are doing is wrong. We feel it in our soul. Yet, we still choose to disobey God. Maybe it is because we think we know better. Maybe we're feeling empty, and we don't trust that God really can fill us up (in an even better way than anything else in the created world!). Whatever the reason, we sell the gift of God – our birthright as His beloved children – by our rebellion and disobedience, for pittance.

The letter to the Romans is Good News for us. God desires to have mercy on us! He wants us to realize that we are truly weak and broken, but that He is our strength, and He can make us NEW (really! **NEW!**). We have great opportunities in this time of mercy to receive His mercy. The only thing that keeps us from receiving His mercy is if we refuse to ask for it.

We can refuse to ask for mercy because we don't think sin is really sin, if we refuse to acknowledge that we have sinned, if we refuse to take responsibility for our actions. Then, we limit God's mercy, because we say we don't want it or need it. God respects our free will – even unto Hell. He will not force relationship upon us; He will not force His mercy on us if we don't want it, He will not force us to come into Heaven.

The other time we don't ask for mercy is when we DO have a real sense of our sin. We see how bad it is ... and we don't think God can forgive us, that He wants to forgive us, that we deserve to be forgiven. **This wounds Jesus' Heart to the core!** *He longs to pour out His mercy upon us!* As Pope Francis has said, God does not grow tired of forgiving us; it is we who grow tired of asking for forgiveness. Nobody is without sin. Too many of us choose sin, knowing it is sin, yet God does not hold a grudge. He loves us still. It doesn't make sense. It isn't logical. It is the love of a Father who refuses to give up on His beloved, yet wayward child. All God wants is for us to come to Him, to trust in His love and mercy, to receive forgiveness.

To receive His forgiveness means we have to do something hard, though: we have to forgive ourselves. This can be one of the hardest things to do. It does not give God any glory for us to hold our sinful actions against ourselves. Our weaknesses, our failures, our sins do NOT make up who we are. We are the sum of the Father's love for us. As the song "Good, Good Father" says: "And I'm loved by You; it's who I am." At the core of our identity is not our sinfulness, our weakness, our disordered desires, but that I AM LOVED BY GOD.

May this truly be our hope today: that God IS merciful! That He longs more than anything to forgive us if we but repent of our sins (recognize our sins offend God, and turn away from them), and entrust ourselves into God's mercy.



Faith Life Registrations went out in the mail if you have not received a registration. You can pick one up at the parish office or on the parish website. If you have any questions, please call the office at 603-635-3525.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

If you feel called to be the voice that passes along the Catholic faith we need your help. We are looking for Catechists to teach once a month on Monday or Tuesday night from 6:00-7:30 PM. If you are able to help please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net



FAITH LIFE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

When you are out shopping for your back to school supplies keep the Faith Life Program here at St. Patrick Parish in mind. This year we will have a need for: **Construction Paper, Poster Board, Stickers, Tissues, napkins, Paper Plates, Glue, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Pens, Pencils, Name Tags and Tape.** If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to Mass and leave them in the Chapel. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and your support of the Faith Life Program. Please get the supplies to us by Sunday, September 10th.

REBOOT LIVE!

A life-changing event for parish and family

October 11, 2017

7:00-9:30 PM

St. Joseph Cathedral
Manchester, NH

Tickets can be purchased at:

<https://reallifecatholic->

[hfjqzq.formstack.com/forms/manchester_nh](https://reallifecatholic-hfjqzq.formstack.com/forms/manchester_nh)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Help increase your faith in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are September 16-17, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Are you interested in learning more about the Gospels? Please consider coming to a Wednesday morning class to study the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. This study shows how Jesus, the promised Messiah, relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. You will come to see Jesus in a new way and discover what his life and teachings mean for us today. This class will run weekly during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:30 AM beginning September 6, 2017. You will read the gospel, answer and discuss questions, and watch a video for each lesson. No prior scripture study is required. The cost of the study materials is \$28. Please contact Donna Beals to sign up or for more information (email: dbeals1@comcast.net or call 603-898-0308). Looking forward to seeing you there!

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester, MA on Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family! The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima." Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu and Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Bishop Robert McManus of the Diocese of Worcester, MA, will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Holy Mass. Admission is free, no tickets required! Log onto ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information.

RCIA

Are you interested in learning how to become Catholic? Curious about the process? Know someone who is interested? Please email Deacon Tom at TL3450@gmail.com or call at 603-845-3450.