



Saturday August 19

4pm ~ **Lt. Donald Taylor**, 47th Anniversary, In Honor of **St. Joseph** requested by Donna Taylor

Sunday August 20

8am ~ **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
10:30am ~ **Jean-Piere Bonenfant**, 11th Anniversary, requested by his wife

Monday August 21

8am ~ **Raymond & Barbara Stauble** requested by the Lemieux family
Brenda Gabriel requested by Jeannette Masson

Tuesday August 22

8am ~ **Meghan Rose LeBlanc** requested by a friend
Brother Alphonsus Maria MacGovern, MICM requested by the Lemieux family

Wednesday August 23

8am ~ **Don Goyette** requested by the Goyette family

Thursday August 24

8am ~ **Robert Scruto** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
Henry T. Greaves, 39th Anniversary, requested by his family

Friday August 25

8am ~ **No Mass**

Saturday August 26

4pm ~ **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Sunday August 27

8am ~ **George Straughan**, 25th Anniversary, requested by Doug & Laura Masson
10:30am ~ **Blanche Turcotte Day**, 22nd Anniversary, requested by her granddaughter Patty Kennedy

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 22

Women’s Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the youth room at the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 23

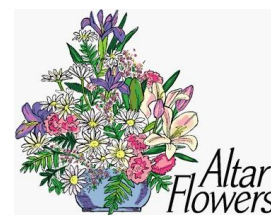
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
Women’s AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school
Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, August 24

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

Friday, August 25

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Gerard & Claire Clermont** by Therese & Normand Clermont



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Buddy Provencal**, 5th Anniversary, by the Provencal family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many people can find today's Gospel disturbing – Why wouldn't Jesus answer this Canaanite woman? Why did Jesus insult her by calling her a dog? While we don't know the full answer to this – we may only know in heaven – I have some thoughts that may shed some light on this.

Before we move into my thoughts on the passage, though, I invite you to look at your own thoughts. Our faith tells us that Jesus is God, not just another good teacher. If He is God, then He is all knowing and *all loving*. Very often, our assumption about a passage like this is that Jesus is being rude. Yet, our faith shows us that Jesus is *loving* this woman in just the way she needs to grow into the person she was made to be. If we accept this with faith, then we can approach the Scripture humbly asking God to reveal what He is doing here, how His love is being manifested.

My thoughts on the passage are that Jesus is trying to draw out the faith of the woman, and in each of us as well. We speak very easily of trusting Jesus and having faith. But faith isn't faith when things are easy – rather, faith needs to be *tested* to be genuine faith. This woman comes to Jesus begging for His help. Matthew tells us that "Jesus did not say a word in answer to her" (Matthew 15:23). This is often the experience we have with God – we pray, we beg Him for something, but it seems He is silent. "Does God really hear me?!" can be our cry. Yet, Jesus does hear us – He hears every prayer of our hearts, He knows our every action, every word, and He knows each hair on our head. Sometimes He is silent, though, because silence may be the only way for us to grow. If He gave us every good thing immediately, we might focus on the gift and not the Giver. An example: if you have an ice-cream cone for a child, when he comes to take it, he'll be looking only at the ice-cream. But if you hold it out of his reach, eventually, he'll have to look at *you*. God loves us so much and wants our good, but our greatest good is not the gifts He gives, but relationship with Him. By delaying His gifts, He gives us the opportunity to look at Him, not just His gifts.

After Jesus' silence to the woman, he seems to rebuff her "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt 15:24). Sometimes, the circumstances seem to be God rebuffing us. Yet, the Lord is asking us to persevere. Do we trust His love? This Canaanite woman persevered – "Lord, help me" and then when called a dog, she countered with "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall for the table of their masters" (Mt 15:25, 27). Her perseverance is rewarded, not only with the healing of her daughter, but with such praise as is rarely given by Jesus, "O woman, great is your faith!" (Mt 15:28).

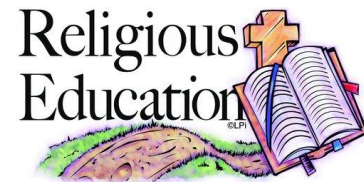
Her faith was tested, and through the testing it was purified and strengthened.

We so often give up when Jesus tests our faith. Too often, we turn from God or don't persevere in prayer. It is just in those times when it seems that God doesn't hear us, that He is leaning down close to us, hoping we keep on praying, keep on trusting. Yes, we may be asking for the wrong things, but by our perseverance in prayer, He will purify our asking, and open us to receive the true gift that God wants to give us – the gift of Himself.

Let us pray that we have the courage to undergo the testing of faith – that we may persevere through the silence of God, and allow Him to purify us, so that we may receive His very self.



“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, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



**JOIN US FOR THE 2023-2024
FAITH LIFE YEAR!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

All families are encouraged and welcome to join us for Faith Life this fall. So much more than Sacramental preparation, this program reaches into the daily craziness of family life and seeks to carve out a place for Jesus. Welcome Him into your homes this year!

Who should register for the Faith Life Program?
-All families with children in grades K-12

What if my son/daughter is older and has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?
-That’s okay! Every year we have a group of older students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What if I do not have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament?
-That’s okay! This is a program that helps all families grow in faith together year after year.

I look forward to seeing you all!

To find registration materials please follow this link:
<https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

You can mail registration materials back to the parish office or stop by and drop them off. The office is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life
St. Patrick Parish
Pelham, NH

Light of the World

October 20-23, 2023 – **Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.** The Light of the World Retreat is coming to Saint Patrick’s.



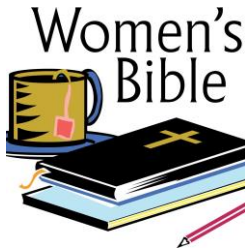
St. Gianna’s Place: A Catholic Home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, will be holding a baby bottle campaign beginning September 16th until October 8th. Our doors have been open for 4 years and we’ve been able to offer a loving, formative and supportive home to over 20 women and their children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer to our moms. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin at the entrance of the church. With your support, we can change mothers’ and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL
We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$39,000** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$14,280**

Monday Night Teachings
Jesus and the Eucharist
 During the National Eucharistic Revival
 Strengthen your

Faith

Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
 in the youth room
 September 11th – October 30th.



WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING

Our Women's Bible Sharing group will resume weekly meetings starting in September and we'd love to have you join us! Our goal is to grow deeper in our faith while also building faith-filled friendships. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 9-10AM starting 9/5 and continuing weekly throughout the year. Each week, we focus on reading and discussing the readings for that week. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." - Matthew 18:20 Please contact Jennah Costa with any questions jennahcosta@yahoo.com or (207) 431-4546.

Church Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!
 Annual Parish Picnic
 Sunday, September 24, 2023
 After the 10:30 AM Mass
 Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities

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 8/13/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,615
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,982
Total Offertory	\$7,597
Utilities	\$1,995
Total Collected	\$9,592

Thank you for your continue support
 ~Fr. Von~



**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

- Aug. 27 Faith Life Formation**
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
- Sept. 3 Capital Improvements**
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.
- Sept. 10 Utility**
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.
- Sept. 17 Faith Life Formation**
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
- Sept. 24 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.

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.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or 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 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