



Saturday August 21
4pm ~ Armand & David Berard requested by their family

Sunday August 22
8am ~ Susie O'Toole, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family
10:30am ~ Bud Provencal, 3rd Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family
Edward & Kevin Nabydoski requested by their family

Monday August 23
8am ~ Anthony & Edith Voto requested by Lisa Voto & Denise Zolud

Tuesday August 24
8am ~ J.T. Orlep requested by the Orlep family

Wednesday August 25
8am ~ Carole Hennessey requested by Donna Smith

Thursday August 26
8am ~ Blanche Turcotte, 20th Anniversary, requested by her granddaughter Patty Kennedy

Friday August 27
8am ~ No Mass

Saturday August 28
4pm ~ George Straughan, 23rd Anniversary, requested by his family

Sunday August 29
8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Stanley Draper, Raymond Belleville & Paul Soucy requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx

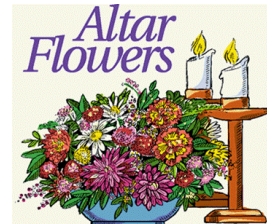
Sunday, August 21
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, August 23
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 24
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, August 25
Holy Hour to Heal Our Land, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 26
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



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



"Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's Gospel completes the Bread of Life Discourse. The discourse ends with the disciples – note, it wasn't the crowds, but Jesus' followers – who say, **"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"** (John 6:60). They didn't understand how it is that they can eat flesh and drink blood. These things were expressly forbidden by the *Torah*, and they didn't have the mystical understanding of Christ. Jesus doesn't back down on His words, but tries to explain to them that He is from heaven, so there is something more than cannibalism happening here.

In the end, though, the disciples leave. Jesus, turning to the twelve, invites them to leave as well. Peter steps up and says, **"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God"** (John 6: 68-69). In other words, Peter says, "We don't have a clue as to how we can eat your flesh and

drink your blood, but we have faith in you, we trust you, and we know that you will help us to understand.

After this, John continues: **"Jesus answered them, 'Did I not choose you twelve? Yet is not one of you a devil?' He was referring to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot; it was he who would betray him, one of the Twelve"** (John 6: 70-71). This part is not in the readings, but is important. Judas did not believe in the Eucharist, nor did he have the faith of Peter. Because of this total lack of faith or understanding, he should have left with the other disciples, but stays with the twelve, not for any sort of faith, but because he held the money bag. Greed motivated him, not faith, love, or trust.

These words speak to us today. Sometimes the things of faith, while never *unreasonable*, do go *beyond* our reason or understanding. Think about today's second reading ("Wives should be subordinate to their husbands" Ephesians 5:22). When we come across this difficult text or other difficult beliefs of the Church, and we might think, "I don't agree with that." We have three choices at this point.

One choice is that we reject the Scriptures or teaching of the Church. We can either say that these aren't really the revelation of God (and so deny that they reflect reality), or maybe say, "If this is who God is, I want nothing to do with Him." In this option, we, in our pride, think we know greater than God. Instead of wrestling with this hard text or belief, we think we know better, and reject it. Instead of asking for light from God, we walk away, like the vast majority of the disciples in today's Gospel.

The second option is to stay in the Church and hate it – like Judas. We reject it with our hearts and minds, but we keep going to Church for other reasons, more selfish reasons.

The third option is to be like Peter. We cry out, "Lord, I know you love me, that you made me, you know me, and you want what is best for me. Help me to understand. I struggle with this, but I know your will reflects all that is good!" In this humble stance, we study, pray, and beg God for light, to reveal to us the true meaning, the true good of this particular teaching, belief, or Scripture passage with which we struggle.

We may find that, like with the Ephesians text, it doesn't mean what we think it means. We may find that we are reacting to the teaching because we think it is demanding a change that is too much for us, but then realize that with a small death to ourselves, God gives all the grace we need... and joy and fulfillment in following His will.

May we not run from the struggle of faith! May we, rather, beg God for the courage to accept and understand all that He has revealed to us through the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching of the Church.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 22, 2021**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Child in the Womb,
September 12th, in the church

Community Dinner, September 17th, from
5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Healing Mass, September 17th, at 7:00 PM
in the church

Parish Picnic, September 26th, after the
10:30 AM Mass

Blessing of the Pets, October 2nd, at 1:00
PM

Parish Mission, October 17th - 19th, 7:00-
8:30 PM, in the church

Generational Healing Mass, November
12th, 7:00 PM, in the Church



The following couple will enter the
Covenant of Marriage in August:

Richard Muse III

and

Debra Finlayson

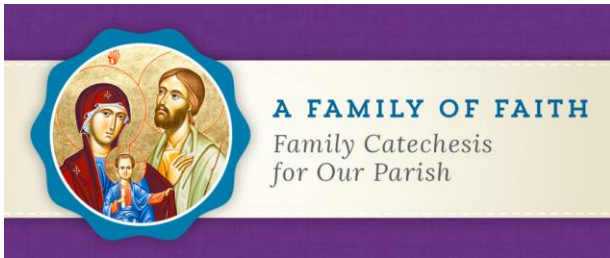
Please pray that their marriage
will mirror the Love of God

CREATION CARE MINISTRY OFFERS DAILY REFLECTIONS

For the 34 days of the Season of Creation, you are invited to receive an email each day linking to a brief, ~ 90 second reflection on God's creation and Care for our Common Home. These reflections, authored by a member of the Creation Care Team at the Paulist Center in Boston, appeared in the 2019 in the National Catholic Reporter and were well received. If you would like to receive these reflections (ending October 4) email: seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Cameron Ryan Auer, Henri David Borja Cronin, Cooper Anthony Fields, Ann Eleanor Fraser, Bruce William Fraser, Dylan Everett Geake, Mavrick Paul Husson, Jack Philip Jasset, Declan Dzioba Lemenager, Ronan Emery Lemenager, Ryan Joseph Medeiros, Savanna Aimee Poliquin, Beau Liam Reilly, Silas Kain Reiss, Garreth Christopher Stevens and Trace Elliott Tibak**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022
FAITH LIFE IS OPEN!**

In the Fall we will begin using A Family of Faith by Sophia Press. As we have in the past, we will follow a family based formation model. This model brings the entire family together and involves them in the program. As a family, you will come and grow closer to Jesus!

**Is there a lot of work involved for families?
How much time will this program take?**

No. There are two lessons to teach each month, along with a variety of family and child activities. Each lesson should take no more than 30-45 minutes to complete, and requires minimal preparation on the part of the parent.

For what age children has this program been developed?

Because this program focuses on teaching the faith to parents and helping them make it an organic part of family life, it is perfect for parents with children of all ages. For example, a monthly feature called “Your Catholic Home” gives specific advice for ways to make the Faith a regular part of each day. The Children’s Activity Books are recommended for children in grades K-8, and features engaging activities at various grade levels. Parents can skip the activities they believe are too elementary or too advanced for their child.

We invite you to register for the program now and join us in the Fall. All registration materials can be found on the parish website or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please email Adam Castor, Director of Faith Life, at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

COMMUNITY DINNERS

We will be starting up our **Friday Night Community Dinners** again in September and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please call the Parish office at 603-635-3525.

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 8/15/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,095
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,700
Total Offertory	\$4,795

Assumption	\$1,079
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Total Collected	\$5,874
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Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

NH Missionaries

collected as of 8/15/21
\$968

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Aug. 29 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Sept. 5 Catholic University

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. **Our assessment for this collection is \$1,068**

Sept. 12 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 19 Utility

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

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

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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
2:00-8:00pm

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