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**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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

**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 &amp; 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday August 22**  
4pm David Berard requested by his family
- Sunday August 23**  
8am Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois  
10:30am Richard Shadan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family  
6pm Intentions for all our parishioners
- Monday August 24**  
8am Intentions for the Blessed Mother
- Tuesday August 25**  
8am Frances Kelly requested by the Fancher family
- Wednesday August 26**  
8am Marilyn Forrest requested by Donna Smith
- Thursday August 27**  
8am Leon Bousquet requested by the Groff family
- Friday August 28**  
8am No Mass
- Saturday August 29**  
4pm Intentions for all our parishioners
- Sunday August 30**  
8am Blanche Turcotte, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary requested by her Granddaughter Patty Kennedy  
10:30am Roland Gonsalves "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Helen Gonsalves & family  
6pm Intentions for all our parishioners



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of David Berard by his 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 8/16/15	\$6,638
Assumption	\$567

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$7,205**

Thank you for your continued support  
~Fr. Von~

## NH Missionaries

collected as of 8/16/15  
**\$1,160**

Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Aug. 23 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### Aug. 30 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

### Sept. 6 Catholic University & Conference of Catholic Bishop

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. 13 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, August 24

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Tuesday, August 25

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, August 26

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

### Thursday, August 27

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

**The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## WASHINGTON, DC MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

Please join Fr. Von, hundreds of pilgrims from NH, and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from around the country on the March for Life: A Pilgrimage of Faith. Pilgrims leave Thursday morning, January 21, 2016, and return early morning, Saturday, January 23, 2016.

For more information, contact Fr. Von at [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net), or 603-635-3525.

*Welcome!*

### NEW FAITH LIFE DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce we have a **New Faith Life Director, Mr. Adam Castor**. He will be joining us on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. You can contact him through email: [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) or at 603-635-3525.

**Faith Life Registration** went out in the mail if you have not received a registration. You can pick one up at the front entrance of the church or on the parish website or parish office.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

If so please email: Deacon Tom at [tl3450@gmail.com](mailto:tl3450@gmail.com) or call him at 603-845-3450.

### FLU SHOT CLINIC

St. Patrick Parish is sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic with the help of Rite-Aid Pharmacy. It will be held on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. If you are interested in coming to St. Patrick for your flu shot, please call the office at 603-635-3525. There is a Screening Consent Form to be filled out before the clinic. There is a fee depending on your health insurance so please bring your insurance card with you.

### Join us and Learn our Christian Story of Salvation

Come one and all and join us for our 2015-2016 Scripture Study beginning on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the meeting room.

The Bible Timeline, a 24-week study meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM. It is a fascinating study that takes you on a journey through the entire Bible. Go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The cost of materials is \$30 and can be brought to the first meeting. Please call or Email Donna Beals if you have any questions at 603-898-0308 or [dbeals1@comcast.net](mailto:dbeals1@comcast.net).

### HOW TO MAKE MASS LESS BORING

Often we find Mass to be boring. Mass becomes less boring the closer we get to Jesus. One powerful way of growing closer to Jesus is a CURSILLO Weekend. Fall **Men's weekends** are October 1-4, October 15-18 and December 3-6. The Fall **Women's weekend** is November 5-8. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (635-3525).

## FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel, as the end of the Bread of Life Discourse ends in a disturbing way: in John 6:66 it says that **"As a result of this [Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist], many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."** Did you catch that? This is saying that Jesus' teaching about His gift of His Body and Blood was too hard for people to accept, and so many people left Him. Jesus does not then run after them to bring them back, or tell them they misunderstood – no, they understood His meaning, that they must really eat His Flesh and drink His Blood. Rather, Jesus turns to the twelve disciples and invites them to leave, too.

This passage shows us that sometimes the things of Faith are indeed **hard to accept**. It also shows us that, while we are called to be loving in our teaching and sharing the Faith, we are not to water down our Faith just so people will follow. Jesus shows us that *rejecting* the Truth about Him is better than *accepting* a lie or half-truth.

As I have said before, the Eucharist is the heart and center of our Faith, and it is especially here that we need to be clear. This Truth that Jesus truly gives us His Body and Blood to eat and drink – not in symbol, but in reality – can be hard, and has implications for our lives. For instance, in I Corinthians, St. Paul states that we must be aware of this great mystery and prepare ourselves to receive Him, or else the consequences could be severe:

**Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying. (I Corinthians 11:27-30)**

This is important to note – that if we receive the Eucharist with unrepentant sin on our souls ("unworthily") or without an understanding of who we receive ("without discerning the body"), the Bread of Life becomes for us the *bread of death* ("many... are ill and infirm, and ... are dying").

You may be shocked at what you just read and say, "How dare Fr. Von say that!" I would never be so bold as to make this claim; it is St. Paul in the inspired Scripture that says this – God Himself says this. This is why the Church constantly teaches that you need to be Catholic, and have an understanding of the Eucharist to come to receive – not because we're an exclusive club that is trying to keep people out, but that we want **to protect** people from receiving without "discerning the body" and so receiving the *bread of death*. This is why the Church constantly has taught that if people have serious sin on their souls, they should not go to Communion without going to Confession first – not because we're keeping something from people, as if to say, "you're not *worthy* to be among us!" Rather, the Church wants **to protect** her children from receiving the *bread of death*.

Do not let this frighten you, though. God is supremely merciful; He longs to call all of us back to His Heart. The Church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners. We don't wait to receive Communion until we're *worthy*, but rather, we turn to Jesus, go to be healed of our serious sins in the soul doctor's office (in Confession), and cry out "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed" ... and He *will* heal us, making us worthy of His grace.

May we not turn away from Jesus in His hard teaching on the Eucharist, but rather cling to Him and say with St. Peter, **"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).

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