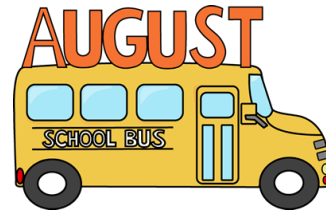


MASS Intentions



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

Monday August 28

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard
family

Eleanor Pape, 1st Anniversary, requested by
Barbara Hale

Tuesday August 29

8am ~ Brenda Gabriel requested by Jeannette
Masson

Nathan David Levesque

Wednesday August 30

8am ~ Normand L. Gariepy requested by a
friend

Brenda Gabriel requested by David &
Maureen Groff

Thursday August 31

8am ~ Kathleen "Kay" Neskey requested by
the Women's Guild

Friday September 1

8am ~ In Honor of the Season of
Creation...God's Great Gift of Love requested
by St. Patrick Laudato Si' Circle

Saturday September 2

8am ~ Fred Smith, 1st Anniversary, requested
by his family

Brother Alphonsus Maria MacGovern, MICM
requested by the Lemieux family

4pm ~ Anthony Marino, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by his wife & family

Wanda Allen, 40th Anniversary, requested by
her daughter Ellie

Sunday September 3

8am ~ Stephen F. Wasylak, 8th Anniversary,
requested by Stephen Wasylak, Jr., & family

Ann Marshall requested by Olivia Comeau

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, August 27

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

Tuesday, August 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

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

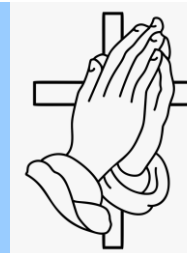
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 1

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Fred Smith, 1st Anniversary, by his family



"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" Through
prayer our minds become better aligned with the
mind of Christ and His will for us.

If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a
priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact
the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email:
mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hear in the Gospel today about the institution of the Papacy – Jesus changes Simon’s name to Peter, which means “Rock” and He says: “upon this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16: 18). Biblical scholars believe Jesus chose to go to Caesarea Philippi because of the huge rock that was there and the symbolism of Peter and his confession of faith being not just a pebble, but a huge rock!

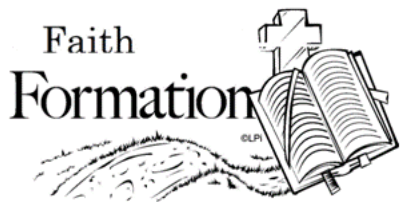


The rock at Caesarea Philippi – note the people at the entrance of the cave to get proper scale

Jesus knew that we can so easily get things wrong. Even with the Biblical texts given to us, it is easy to misinterpret what is written. Take for instance the phrase, “I never said you stole money.” Six small words, and I can think of at least six different ways to interpret it. Jesus, knowing this, gave us His Body, the Church (note, that she is an organism, NOT an organization!). The teaching arm of the Church (the Magisterium) helps us to know God’s will for our lives even into the 21st century. And the Church is built upon the solid rock of Peter – that he can bind and loose (having authority on earth, *and in heaven* [cf. Mt 16:19]), and the gates of the netherworld (hell) shall not prevail (cf. Mt. 16:18)!

You see, when we say that the Pope is infallible when he speaks from his authority as Pope on faith and morals, it is not meant to be a imposition of authoritarianism, but rather a gift from God! It is not saying that the pope will be a saint... many have not been (though, we have had many saintly popes in the last century). Nor is this teaching saying that everything he says is always infallibly correct: for instance, when giving interviews and speaking off the cuff, or when he speaks on practices and rituals. But it tells us that despite the weakness of the man in the position as pope, GOD HIMSELF guarantees the truth of the things that matter most – when he speaks with proper authority on things of *faith* (for instance the Dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption), and on *morals* (right living, good and evil, for instance the evil of contraception, see *Humanae Vitae*). He gives us this gift because, as one of my professors always said, we’re as dumb as a bag of hammers, and we need this surety!

God Himself gives us this gift. Let us ask Him for the grace to receive this gift with docility to the will of God, and to show proper respect for the sinful and flawed man who hold this office as Pope.



**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

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

We invite you to visit Saint Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH on September 16th for a Eucharistic Revival Retreat led by the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love. The retreat begins at 8:00 AM with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass; then, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations, music, and Confession; talks on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith; and small group discussions. Snacks and coffee will be provided, but please bring lunch. There is no fee to attend the retreat, but please register so that we may have a head count for planning purposes. For a printable schedule and registration form or to register online, please visit stkathryns.org/pr. You may also register by calling the parish office at 603-882-7793.



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

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!

Join Us
For The
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

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.

Light of the World

Join us October 20-23, 2023
 For a life-changing retreat!
 Light of the World
 held at St. Patrick School
 sign up by contacting
 the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
 The retreat is free,
 and you sleep at home.
 Please indicate dietary restrictions.

The Bookkeeper is on vacation. The money will be in next weekend bulletin.

SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, September 1st, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, September 2nd, at 8:00 AM.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
 We pray for Stephen Straughan. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Troop 25 is conducting a collection drive in collaboration with the International Veterans Care Services (IVCS). The IVCS is a veterans charity located in Methuen, MA that provides food, toiletries, clothing, and transportation to veterans in the Merrimack River Valley. The troop is collecting personal needs items for this charity. A collection box is located in the front of the church. Collection dates will go from September 1 to September 30. Some items we are looking for include soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toilet paper, and toothpaste. For any further questions or inquiries, please email David Kupcho at davidkupcho@outlook.com.

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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