

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*



Saturday August 27

4pm ~ **Blanche Turcotte Day**, 21st Anniversary, requested by Patty Kennedy

Sunday August 28

8am ~ **George Straughan**, 24th Anniversary, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

10:30am ~ **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday August 29

8am ~ **Maureen Marshall** requested by the Fancher family

Marion Joncas requested by Chanel Joncas

Tuesday August 30

8am ~ **Doris T. Godosky** requested by Stephanie Jordan

Frederick Cormier, Jr., requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Wednesday August 31

8am ~ **Sally Estrella** requested by Donna Smith

Thursday September 1

8am ~ **Tammy Dallaire** requested by Donna Smith

Friday September 2

8am ~ **Terry Wallace**, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family

John T. Battle requested by Roberta & Roger Levasseur

Saturday September 3

8am ~ **Health & Blessings for Jennifer, Laura & Adam**

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

Sunday September 4

8am ~ **Stephen F. Wasylak**, 7th Anniversary, requested by Stephen Wasylak, Jr., & family

The Rourke Family requested by the Storch family

10:30am ~ **Rev. John Sledziona and Jackie Slater** requested by Donna Smith

Sunday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 30

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 31

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, September 1

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

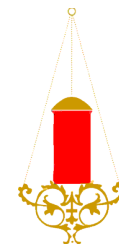
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 2

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Stephen Callahan** by the Callahan family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Terry Wallace**, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family



“An attentive ear is the desire of the wise.” Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

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

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, September 3rd, at 8:00 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The second reading from Hebrews is a powerful invitation into the mystery of the Mass. It begins with a reference to when the Israelites were at Mount Sinai, and how God appeared to them:

You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them.

(Hebrews 12:18-19, see Exodus 19).

The people of God were kept at a distance in order to come to a greater understanding of the holiness of God.

The Letter to the Hebrews then contrasts the experience of God by the ancient Israelites to the new dispensation found in Christ:

No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24a)

Instead of being forbidden to enter into the Holy of Holies on Mount Sinai, we approach the new "Mount Zion," surrounded by "countless angels" and the "firstborn enrolled in heaven," and the Holy Trinity. Here, the Blood of Jesus "speaks more eloquently than that of Abel" (which you remember cried out to God from the ground when he was slain by Cain, see Genesis 4:10).

This is the Mass. At every Mass, we enter into Heaven. Though we can't see it, there are countless angels, all the saints, and the Holy Trinity right here surrounding us in the Church. The Church reminds us this through symbols – hints, if you will – of what is so real but so beyond our sight! We have statues and stain glass to remind us of the presence of the saints and angels – and we even have the Trinity stain glass window behind the Sanctuary to symbolize God's presence. We sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" in a distant echo to the strains of the angels singing around us. We sometimes use incense to remind us of the prayers of the saints rising up to God, and of the glory "Shekinah" cloud indicating the presence of God. We have candles, like in the book of Revelation, to show the light of Christ present. We have all these symbols, but they point to a reality which *is truly there at Mass* – even though we cannot see it – **when we're at Mass, Heaven is only a quarter inch away!** At the crowning summit of all of this, we receive the Blood of Christ which speaks **mercy** more eloquently than vengeance (when we receive Communion under either species [the forms of bread or wine] we receive the fullness of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity).

If only we had eyes to see!

I pray that we may all allow the mystery that happens at Mass to open our eyes more fully to God's loving presence in our midst. May it transform us, and call us to see Heaven is among us!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Healing Mass, Friday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM in the church

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, September 10th, from 7:00-9:00 AM in the parish center

Community Dinner, Friday, September 16th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the parish center

Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 25th, after the 10:30 AM Mass

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**Blessing of the Pets**, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 PM, lower parking lot behind the church

**Holy Hour for Life**, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

**Blood Drive**, Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in the parish center

**Men of St. Joseph**, Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

**Healing Mass**, Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in the church

**COME JOIN THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN TOWN**

If you are a woman 18 to 108, the **Women’s Guild** is for you. We meet once a month usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Our first meeting of the year will be on **September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM**. We will discuss the agenda for the year. Every year we have a fundraiser, **The Penny Sale**, to fund our charitable causes. We have the Shawl Ministry, Baptismal Gowns, Food Pantry, Samaritan’s Purse, etc. At our meeting we go through our agenda, sometimes we have a guest speaker or we may do a fun thing like painting! We have a Yankee Swap at our Christmas party with a sing along with Steve Caruso. Sometimes we also have added entertainment! We end our year with a Mystery Dinner in June. **Every month we always, share desserts, fellowship and laughter.**

So join us for a fun filled year!

Join us for our Monday Night Teachings on **Catholic Social Teaching** at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school. The dates are September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SEASON OF CREATION**

The encyclical, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, was developed to enrich our understanding of our interconnected relationship, with God, Creation, and our neighbor. Pope Francis calls this “integral ecology”. He reminds us that, “...a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment so as to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (LSi’ 49) Join us in the upcoming Season of Creation and celebrate Creation...God’s great gift of love.” Consider participating in the online prayer service, *Listen to the Voice of Creation*, on September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM marking the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation and/or sign up for daily reflections during the *Season of Creation* authored by the Creation Care Team of the Paulist Center, Boston, MA. To receive them, please email: [seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com](mailto:seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com). See the bulletin insert for the entire schedule of worship for *Season of Creation* at St. Patrick.

**Join Us for the 2022-2023 Faith Life Year!**

All families are encouraged and welcome to join us for Faith Life this year. 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! To find registration materials please follow this link:

<https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

Our Program begins in September. You can bring your completed registration materials to the parish office or mail them in. We are open Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Annual Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 25, 2022**  
After the 10:30 AM Mass  
Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities and our First Parish Cornhole Tournament  
(More information to follow)

### ROSARY CHALLENGE

During Lent, the St. Patrick's Mission Team offered a Lenten Challenge that focused on prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Part of this challenge was praying the Holy Rosary daily. We are proud to report that at least **5,000 Rosaries** were said during that time! Fortunately, the majority of us (if not all!) found such benefit from our daily Rosaries that we have not stopped! One Rosary prayed is so powerful and to imagine the power of thousands is astonishing. Sister Lucia dos Santos writes, "The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary. To such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." Many of us have continued these daily Rosaries, but we would like to offer a Rosary Challenge starting in October, which is a month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. As October gets closer, we will provide more details about the Rosary Challenge! Stay tuned!

### ST. GIANNA'S PLACE

A Catholic home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, will be holding a baby bottle campaign beginning **September 10<sup>th</sup> until October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our doors have now been open for 3 years and we've been able to offer a loving, formative and supportive home to 17 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!

The Bookkeeper is on vacation so the money will be in next weekend Bulletin.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do you have grandparents or older friends that danced and partied in the 1930s and 1940s? Did they only listen to radio shows? If you answered YES please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) starting today. Go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) longest married couple link to place your nomination, or call 321-544-3440 or email [dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org](mailto:dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information, or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vitale at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. Be humble enough to gift your spouse, with an experience to enliven your relationship. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: **September 23-25** In-Person in Huntington, NY at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center **October 14-16** In-Person in Barre, Vermont at Millstone Hill Lodge **October 14-16** In-Person in Concord, NH at Christ the King Parish Center



Join us October 21-24, 2022

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](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)

The retreat is free,  
and you sleep at home.

Please indicate dietary restrictions.

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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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)