



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

Sunday, August 29
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

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

Tuesday, August 31
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Monday August 30
8am ~ Patrick Curran requested by the Fancher family

Wednesday, September 1
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

Tuesday August 31
8am ~ Joyce Hamel requested by the Berard family

Thursday, September 2
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

Wednesday September 1
8am ~ Dr. David James Bryan requested by Joyce

Friday, September 3
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Thursday September 2
8am ~ Joshua Marlowe requested by Andrea

Friday September 3
8am ~ Terry Wallace, 3rd Anniversary, requested by the Jean family
Edith Gagne requested by Theresa & Marcus Marino



This week the Altar Flowers are for Giving Thanks for Blessings by the Villanueva family

Saturday September 4
8am ~ Women of Mary
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday September 5
8am ~ Jacqueline Slater, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Jeanne Pappathan
Stephen F. Wasylak, 6th Anniversary, requested by his family
10:30am ~ Lorraine Noviello & Fr. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Anthony Marino, Birthday Remembrance, by his wife & family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I just want to share a note about the situation in Afghanistan. Please keep those affected in prayer. Even amidst the great evil in the world, the failures of leaders, and the suffering of many, we can trust that God is still in charge. It doesn't mean that He wills evil, but He does allow it... and if He allows it, it means that He has a plan for changing evil into a greater good.

Do we really believe this?

We are a people that believe in the promise of eternal life – that we were made for more than this world. Even when it seems death has the final word, we believe that God came into our humanity – He walked our walk, talked our talk, lived our life and died our death, and then destroyed

the bonds of sin and death in the resurrection – in order to show us that He has power over sin, over death; that He will raise us up!

So often, we look on the world not with eyes of faith, but with worldly eyes. This may cause us to despair or become angry at God. But the truth is that even in the midst of death, **Jesus Christ conquers!**

We have seen it so many times over the last century. When we look at the martyrs in the Nazi concentration camps and the Communist Gulag, we see how God raised up saints amidst the worst of evil. He did this to show that even when evil seems to conquer, love can flourish.

I think of St. Maximillian Kolbe. When he was being beaten by another prisoner (a "capon" who had authority over other prisoners), when another prisoner, a boxer, came to his aid, Maximillian begged the boxer "not to hit his brother." At the end of his life, St. Maximillian offered his life to save another from the starvation bunker. I think of Fr. Walter Ciszek, SJ (author of *With God in Russia* and *He Leadeth Me*), and how he learned to see God's finger of love in each moment while in the USSR's solitary confinement, and then in the hard labor camps of the Gulag in Siberia. I think of Corrie ten Boom, the Dutch Protestant who hid Jews from the Nazis and ended up in a concentration camp – how she learned to forgive, and even reach out in love to those around her in the worst of conditions (read her book *The Hiding Place*).

In all of these circumstances, God was able to show that love conquers. He showed this first from the Cross. Jesus, our God, gave us love as we gave Him hatred, He gave us forgiveness as we gave him vitriol, He gave us mercy as we gave Him our sin, He gave us life even as we gave Him death. What sin, what evil could be worse than condemning and killing God... yet even in the midst of that, God shows that evil cannot triumph – His love conquers all.

Are we to work against evil? Let me answer that with a resound **YES!** But we are not do despair in the face of evil, nor fight evil with evil. We are called to pray, to love, to work for justice.

So as we look at the situation in Afghanistan, the effects of the earthquake in Haiti, and the other many instances when it seems evil has won, we turn our eyes to Jesus, asking Him to help us see His love in each situation, and begging Him for the wisdom we need to see how we are to respond, and the courage to step out in faith.

WHAT IS LAUDATO SI'?

Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si' on Care for Our Common Home* includes the words of past papal leaders, scientists, community leaders, and theologians as well as the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis's *Canticle of the Creatures* (in vernacular Italian) begins, "Laudato Si', mi Signore," which means, "Praise be to you, my Lord". This forms the basis for the title of the encyclical itself. While encyclicals are often written just for Catholic leaders and laity, *Laudato Si'*, is written for Catholics AND all people of the world. Pope Francis says, "The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together ... " (LSi' 13).



"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

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



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

Join us for a **Holy Hour to Heal Our Land** on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Linda Merrill at lj.merrill.5@gmail.com



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.)

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

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation September 1: Join the New England Laudato Si' Collaborative for a Zoom prayer service at noon. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/9-1-CommonHome>

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



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.

Sept. 26 NH Diocesan Priests Retirement

This collection supports the NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund. This fund provides retirement benefits to retired NH diocesan priests.

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

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **September 7th, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

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

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, September 4th, at 8:00 AM.

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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