

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**St. Patrick Parish**

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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. 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 & 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 29
4pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
Sunday	August 30
8am	Blanche Turcotte, 14 th Anniversary requested by her Granddaughter Patty Kennedy
10:30am	Roland Gonsalves "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Helen Gonsalves & family
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
Monday	August 31
8am	Austin Hu requested by the Harrington family
Tuesday	September 1
8am	Leon Bousquet requested by Rosemary
Wednesday	September 2
8am	Intentions of the Blessed Mother
Thursday	September 3
8am	Karen Perry
Friday	September 4
8am	Ester Martone requested by Normand & Denise Aubin
Saturday	September 5
8am	Women of Mary
4pm	Madaline, Chester, Danny Flynn & Maureen Flynn Allen requested by their families
Sunday	September 6
8am	Sarah LaBrecque requested by Corrine Wiitala
10:30am	Timothy Medrek, 1 st Anniversary, requested by the Medrek family
6pm	Intentions of all the parishioners

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

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, September 5th at 8:00 AM

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 8/23/15 \$7,296

Faith Life \$1,152

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$8,448

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Sept. 20 Fuel
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory and Parish Center.

Sept. 27 NH Diocesan Priest 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.



Sunday, August 30

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

Monday, August 31

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, September 1

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 2

Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, September 3

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

**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, or 603-635-3525.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS!

Is the Lord calling you to carry His message through the Ministry of Teaching?

If so call Adam at 603-635-1447 or email at faithlifeformation@comcast.net to express interest. Thank you and God Bless.

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 or call him at 603-845-3450.

**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 16th 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.

NEW VOTIVE CANDLES

Thanks to the generous gift of a parishioner, we have been able to get a new bank of Votive Candles. They are in Church by the Tabernacle. The lighting of Votive Candles are a traditional symbol of our devotion to the Lord or a Saint or Angel, as well as asking their help. Our Votive Candles are by the Tabernacle so that we can symbolize our love to Jesus, our trust in Him, and our need for His grace.

MEN'S MORNING GROUP

The Wednesday Morning Men's group starts up Wednesday, September 16th from 6:00-7:00 AM each week. We will be reading Scott Hahn's book "Swear to God" which looks at the foundations behind our seven Sacraments. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Deacon Tom at TL3450@gmail.com or 603-845-3450 so he can order you a book.



My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend's second reading comes from the letter of James. In it, he says,

**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.** (James 1:27)

The word "Religion" has become a bad word in our culture. You may have heard people say, "I'm spiritual, not religious," in many cases implying that religion is bad, or that it doesn't come from God. Religion is a virtue, though. In order to understand what religion is, we need a better understanding of the virtues.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) says that a virtue is "An habitual and firm disposition to do the good" (1803). What does this mean? It means that when we regularly and consistently choose to do what is right and good, we are forming a virtue. This is not done on our own, but our effort cooperates with the grace of God. There are four "cardinal virtues". In this case, the word "cardinal" does not refer to the bird, the baseball team, or even the people in the hierarchy of the Church who elect the pope! Rather, it means that they are pivotal human virtues – important for living good moral lives, following Christ. The four cardinal virtues are **prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance**.

For this article we need to look at the virtue of **justice**. When we speak about "justice," we speak about giving to God and neighbor what is their due – what is owed to them. I think this is pretty easy to understand – if you take something from a store without paying for it, you are breaking the virtue of justice (and a commandment as well!). Rather, you are to give the store what is its due – proper compensation (meaning, you pay for what you take). Notice that the virtue of justice also points to God – giving God His due. "**Religion**" is a virtue of justice – for religion is about giving to God what is His due, what is owed to Him.

So, what do we owe to God? "Adoration is the first act of the virtue of religion" (CCC 2096). What we owe first and foremost to God is to adore, to love Him, and to recognize Him as God, as Creator of all things visible and invisible, as Savior, as Lord and Master of all things, as infinite and merciful love (cf. CCC 2096). This is what religion is – not a bunch of rules and regulations, not a menu for rituals and the like, but **giving to God what is owed to God**. Everything the Catholic Church does and teaches comes from this truth – that we give to God worship and adoration, we act in certain ways that recognize Him as Creator of all, we fly to Him for mercy and love.

Note that St. James says that pure religion is more than just what we do on Sunday, though; it must affect our lives: "**To care for orphans and widows in their affliction**". Giving to God what is due to God means reaching out in love to neighbor, especially the *weakest and most vulnerable* (as the widows and orphans were in the time St. James was writing). Questions to ask yourself: Who are the weakest and most vulnerable in your life? How can you help them in their affliction?

Pure religion also means "**to keep oneself unstained by the world.**" In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus tell us that we need to be aware of our hearts – are our hearts pure? He says that the things that defile us, make us impure, come from our hearts:

**evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness,
envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.** (Mark 7: 21-22)

It is quite a list! It might be a good practice to use this as an examination of conscience sometime (after all, Jesus says this is important). Don't be afraid to look up certain words if you don't know what they mean, or need to get a better understanding them (I had to). Ask the Lord for help that you may give God worthy worship, pure religion. He **IS** merciful and desires to give us the grace to live virtuous lives.

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, October 13th, 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.

Diocese of Manchester Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome/April 18-26, 2016

Join Bishop Peter A. Libasci and other pilgrims from the Diocese of Manchester on a Pilgrimage to Italy (Rome, Orvieto, Florence, Siena & Assisi). This promises to be a blessed event that will bring many blessings, graces & fond memories. Highlights include: Visiting the 4 Holy Doors or Rome, viewing the *Eucharistic Miracles of Bolsena & Siena*, the Vatican tour, and much more.

Optional excursions available, to RESERVE YOUR PLACE by calling Canterbury Pilgrimages at 800-653-0017 or email Canterbury Pilgrimages at reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com or simply reserve on-line at www.canterburypilgrimages.com.

WOMEN OF MARY

All Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on Sept 5th. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by the Rosary (we will sing the Rosary) at 8:30 AM. Following the rosary we will have a pot luck breakfast and fellowship and celebrate Mother Mary's birthday. For more information call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 in the chapel.

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through 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).

ST. PATRICK PARISH PRESENTS:
AN EVENING OF FUN & LAUGHTER

 **whodunnit?**
Featuring St. Patrick's Theatre Group

Friday, October 23, 2015 from 6pm to 10pm
Four Oaks Country Club - Dracut, MA

* Buffet Dinner served at 7pm
* Cash Bar * Raffles * Silent Auction
* Music provided by Muldoon Park Band
Tickets \$40.00 Each

Contact: Kathy Jean 603-635-3525
kathy7421@comcast.net

Summer Reception Funds Grants for Needy

The Annual Summer Reception to support the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund will be held at Trudel House, official residence of the Bishop of Manchester, on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Proceeds from the Summer Reception enable Bishop Libasci to make grants to non-profit organizations in New Hampshire that those in need. Attendance at the reception is open to all, but does require a donation. More than 400 attendees from all corners of the state celebrate the campaign's success at the Summer Reception each September. Information on tickets, donation levels and descriptions of all the grants made by Bishop Libasci and the BCAF can be found at www.catholicnh.org/bcaf or by calling 603-663-0166.