



**Saturday August 29**

**4pm ~ Richard W. Hennessey** requested by his daughter Vicki

**Sunday August 30**

**8am ~ Anne T. French** requested by the Halpin family

**Ken Bergeron** requested by Carol Martin

**10:30am ~ Bud Provencal**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family

**Thai Chinh** requested by the Lemieux family

**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday August 31**

**8am ~ In Honor of the Virgin Mother**

**Tuesday September 1**

**8am ~ Albert Daigle** requested by Leo & Janice Storch

**Wednesday September 2**

**8am ~ John Pallone** requested by the 8 O'Clockers

**Thursday September 3**

**8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory**

**Friday September 4**

**8am ~ Jackie Slater**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by her husband & family

**Saturday September 5**

**8am ~ Women of Mary**

**4pm ~ Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family

**Francis Silva** requested by Donna M. Cook

**Sunday September 6**

**8am ~ Corey Lemieux** requested by Anita Hall & family

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

**6pm ~ Peace for our Nation**

**Sunday, August 30**

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

**Tuesday, September 1**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, September 2**

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, September 3**

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

**Friday, September 4**

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Madeline Cinquegrana by the Bereavement Meal Ministry



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Jacqueline Norkiewicz, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by her family

**ROSARY**

Did you know that we pray the Rosary before each Mass? The Rosary begins at 7:20 AM before Daily Mass, and about half an hour before each of the weekend Masses. Join us as we turn to Heaven and implore Our Lady for peace in our world and in our hearts.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In last week's Gospel, we heard about who different people say Jesus is. The first group is the wider world, as Jesus asks, "**Who do people say that the Son of Man is?**" (Matthew 16:14). The answer is various: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets (see v. 14).

The world tries to tell us who Jesus is, but always misses the mark. Today, the world is telling us that Jesus was a good teacher, or a guru, or a fiction, but never would the world tell us that He is God. We need to look past the world's take on Jesus to find the reality of who He is.

Jesus then asks the disciples who they say He is. As a whole, the disciples remain silent. Then, Simon Peter speaks without the consent of the others, "**You are the Messiah [Christ], the Son of the living God**" (v. 16).

Jesus tells Peter that this truth was revealed to him by His heavenly Father (see v. 17).

We hear who the world says Jesus is, and we hear who the Father says Jesus is. But who does Jesus say He is? We find this in today's Gospel:

**Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.** (Matthew 16:21)

Jesus tells Peter – and us – that He is the Suffering Servant. We read about the Suffering Servant in Isaiah (42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-7, and 52:13-53:12), which are read throughout Holy Week. It is the story of the servant of the Lord who suffers and dies for the people. Jesus is saying that He is *that Servant*. He is going to suffer greatly and be killed. He does give the hope of the Resurrection, even in this revelation of His impending suffering and death.

Peter can't handle the Cross. He's much like us today, not wanting to face the Cross. Yet, Jesus says that to follow Him, we must deny ourselves and take up our cross (see v. 24). At the core of the Gospel is the truth that the world will not always go our way. We *will* suffer. That is a part of life. To follow Christ is not to escape suffering, but to find meaning in it, not to fear it, but to embrace it as a way to get close to Christ, the suffering servant. (Please note, it doesn't mean that we become masochistic and begin to love suffering. Rather, we love the One on the Cross, and so love suffering only as a *means* to the *end* of uniting to Christ). In Jesus' suffering and death, He redeems that suffering and death so now it has value, now it has purpose. We may not see the fruit of this suffering in this life, but suffering united to Christ *always bears fruit*. When looking at the martyrdom of the saints, very often we see an incredible growth in faith because of that martyrdom, but often not for decades or even centuries after the martyrdom. Suffering with Christ *always* bears fruit, though not always in our time.

It's too much to go into here, but I encourage you to read Viktor Frankl's book *Man's Search for Meaning*, which discusses how he found meaning and purpose in suffering in a concentration camp in World War II. I also invite you to read St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering* (in Latin *Salvifici Doloris*, 1984).

Jesus says that His identity is to be the One who suffers to save the people – you and me. His Cross was not merely a miscarriage of justice, but the plan of the Father to save us from our sin, and to bridge the gap between heaven and earth. It was by His suffering and Cross that Jesus reveals the love of the Father, and lets loose a torrent of that merciful love upon the world. By uniting our little sufferings with His GREAT suffering, by uniting our little deaths with His death, we find meaning in suffering, unity with Jesus' merciful Heart, and we become a conduit of the grace of His Passion and death into the world.

Let us ask Jesus for that grace and strength not to flee in fear from suffering, but to embrace it as a means to get closer to our God who loves us enough to endure ultimate suffering.



May the faith you confirm today be your key to open the doors... HOPE, when all seems lost, JOY, when despair consumes you, LOVE, when hatred afflicts you, and PEACE, when turmoil surrounds you. Guard it well and keep it close, this precious key, for when it is lost all is lost. But when it is found, it will set you free and always guide you HOME.

**Congratulations to our Students who received Confirmation and First Eucharist on Friday, August 21, 2020 and Saturday, August 22, 2020.**

Bradley Michael Adams, Jenna Susan Bailey, Joshua Michael Bailey, Rachel Ann Bailey, Molly Grace Baker, John Robert Beauchamp, Tatum Jack Beineke, Jake Thomas Cabral, Matthew Alexander Cabral, Nathan Richard Cabral, Ella Posey Calder, Camryn Rylee Celata, Avery Grace Chaloux, Lauren Elizabeth Chaloux, Aishling Ray Cobery, Erin Jeannette Cobery, Peyton Riley Cote, Aleena Lynn Cunha, Landon Miguel Cunha, Elizabeth Ann Donovan, Samantha Jean Donovan, Alexa Rose Flaherty, Sophia Marie Forristall, Jack Robert Hamlin, Payton Brooke Hamlin, Jessica Jane Johnson, Julia Evelyn Johnson, Alex Patrick Kempton, Jack Michael Kempton, Jesse James Killion, Jr., Joshua Paul Killion, Summer Ann Killion, Gavin Michael Levesque, Ryan James Maxwell, Zoe Elizabeth Maxwell, Callan Steven Nale, Nolan Connor McAneney, Lydia Marie Ouellette, Henry Robert Paquette, Scott Michael Paquette, Jr., Brock Thomas Pike, Brody Robert Pike, Braden Christopher Plante, Evan Alexander Plante, Jacob Christopher Plante, Caelan Rose Powers, Matthew Andrew Raymond, Kaitlin Nora Souza, Nathan Edward Souza, Genevieve Yvonne Troy, Jackson Scott Troy, Liam John Troy, Kaeden James Truong, Kaile Linh Truong and Lucas Robert Wilson.

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**Join Us For Family Faith Life  
Registration Night!**

On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the cafeteria of the school we will be holding an informational meeting for all those interested in learning more about the Family Faith Life Program. We welcome old and new families to this event because things will definitely look different this year. We would ask that all parents please wear a mask to this meeting and practice social distancing. If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend this meeting and would like to learn more please email the Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) and he would be happy to schedule a one-on-one conversation. Also, if you are just looking to register your child/children for Faith Life you may drop your paperwork off in the parish office during our regular hours, Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.



There is a school supplies drive for the children of Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, MA. Cor Unum is a restaurant style soup kitchen that provides meals for all people who are in need of one. It is a welcoming and wonderful place that helps hundreds of people every day.

See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details on how to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Michaela at [mniceforo22@windhamsd.org](mailto:mniceforo22@windhamsd.org).



The following couples will enter the Covenant of Marriage in September:

*Ralph Ergas & Patricia Yankowskas*  
and  
*Mathew Macey & Kaley Paullis*

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

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

**Sept. 6 Conference of Catholic Bishops**

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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Is desiring to live the Catholic faith more fully?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your perspectives and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Ron Turturici at 603-898-1555 or at [ronturturici@aol.com](mailto:ronturturici@aol.com)

**Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Raffle**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their State Council Raffle tickets after Masses **on Saturday and Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Parish Office starting Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see Kathy or Therese to buy your tickets. Our Council earns 50 cents for each dollar we sell in tickets. We have, in recent years, given our earnings to the Pelham Food Pantry and will continue that for this year. Last year's amount given to the Pantry from this source was \$247.00 enabling us to contribute a total donation of \$1,000 to the Food Pantry.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

The drawing will take place on **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the State Council Ball at Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester, NH. In addition to the **1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$3,000** there are **2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1,000** and **3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$500** and **(5) \$100 4<sup>th</sup> prizes**. Please consider purchasing tickets for yourselves or to sell to family and friends. You will be helping both our Council and the Pelham Food Pantry. Ticket prices are **\$1.00 per ticket** or a **book of 6 for \$5.00**. Thank you for your support of this endeavor.

**VOCATION**

"...we shall always be with the Lord". Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**Acts of Mercy**

**How many \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual**

- Instruct the Uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive Offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

**How many \_\_\_\_\_ Corporal**

- Feed the hungry
- Clothe the naked
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

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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).

## **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**

*Monday-Thursday* 6:30-7:40am  
*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am  
2:00-8:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> 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](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)