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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 & 7pm

When school is in session

10am

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

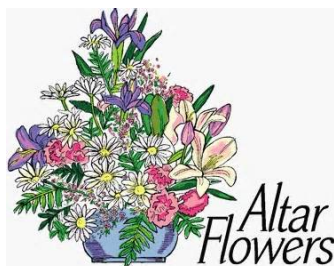
Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or erick.wright@myfairpoint.net. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 8
4pm	Geraldine Casey requested by the Kivikoski family
Sunday	August 9
8am	Florence Brunelle requested by Mike & Connie Cannon
10:30am	Isabella Miranda requested by Karen & Kevin Martin
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
Monday	August 10
8am	Philip Cartier requested by the Fancher family
Tuesday	August 11
8am	Richard Comtois requested by Hal & Charlene
Wednesday	August 12
8am	Intentions of the Blessed Mother
Thursday	August 13
8am	Louise Bousquet requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy
Friday	August 14
8am	No Mass
Saturday	August 15
4pm	Germaine, Jimmy, Rena & Gene requested by the Bedard family
Sunday	August 16
8am	Rena Cayer requested by her family
10:30am	Bob Doucette, 2 nd Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm	Richard Koch, 9 th Anniversary, requested by his wife & family



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Francis Fitzgerald by his wife & family

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 8/2/15 \$6,651

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$6,651

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

Capital Improvements

collected as of 8/2/15

\$1,461

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 16 NH Missionaries

This collection supports the **Home of the Good Samaritan Program** in Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin. In addition, a portion of this collection supports the diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Aug. 23 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Aug. 30 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 10

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, August 11

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 12

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Thursday, August 13

Blood Drive, 3:00-8:00 PM, in the parish center
AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

The Knights of Columbus next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Join our amazing group of dedicated servers. Young ladies and gentlemen who have received their sacrament of First Holy Communion are eligible. Come and assist our Father in the celebration of Mass!

Upcoming training session: Tuesday, August 11th time is 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Church.

Altar Server sign-up packets are in the Parish Office or call Kim Silver at 603-508-6160 or e-mail: at boomerly2000@aol.com

WHO DUNNIT?

The date is Friday, October 23, 2015. The theme for this year is "Whodunnit" Mystery Dinner. This year it is held at a **new location** Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA go to www.fouroakscountryclub.com to check it out.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic if so please email: Deacon Tom at tl3450@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

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.

HOW TO MAKE MASS LESS BORING

Often we find Mass to be boring. Mass becomes less boring the closer we get to Jesus. One powerful way of growing closer to Jesus is 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).

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, September 15th, 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.



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, August 13th from 3:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Center.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend is the second week of the “Bread of Life Discourse” in the Gospel of John. Today we hear that Jesus is **“the living bread that came down from heaven,”** and that **“whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world”** (John 6:51). Jesus’ Body is LIFE! What an amazing gift from our Lord! Do we receive our Lord knowing that the Eucharist is our Life? The Church teaches that the Eucharist is the **source and summit** of our Faith, of our lives.

The Eucharist is our source of life. From the Eucharist, we are given strength to endure and carry on the hard road of holiness (re-read the first reading about Elijah being strengthened by the bread of angels to walk forty days and forty nights!). From the Eucharist, we are able to carry on, to do the impossible. I think about the many Catholics who endured such trials just in the last century. There are so many stories of how the Eucharist sustained them in their trials, gave them strength to journey on, and kept them focused, beyond all odds, on doing *the good* for love of Jesus. Whenever I read about the imprisoned Vietnamese bishop who found such joy in secretly celebrating Mass in the palm of his hand with three drops of wine and a drop of water, and how he brought the Eucharist to others in the prison camp, I am reinvigorated to celebrate the Mass with joy and reverence.

When I read about the American Jesuit who spent twenty-three years in Soviet prisons, and how he was sustained by the Eucharist, I think, “My problems aren’t so insurmountable!” If I may quote at length:

For many Christians, I fear the notion of the Blessed Sacrament as the bread of life is somehow only a poetic or symbolic phrase used by Jesus in the Gospel. Yet what a source of sustenance it was to us then, how much it meant to us to have the Body and Blood of Christ as the food of our spiritual lives in this sacrament of love and joy. The experience was very real; you could feel its effect upon your mind and heart, upon your daily life. ...

The five long years in [solitary confinement] brought this home to me more forcefully than ever. I was deprived of that spiritual food and the reality of communion. I turned to God in prayer, made frequent acts of spiritual communion... but I literally hungered to be able to receive him once again. ... I could not have his sacramental presence. And the difference to me was very real. It was a hunger of the soul as real to me as the bodily hunger I constantly experienced throughout those years. ...

[In the Siberian prison work camps] I learned ... that it was possible to say Mass daily once again. ... [T]he Mass brought you closer to God than anyone might conceivably imagine. ...

I never let a day pass without saying Mass; it was my primary concern each new day. I would go to any length, suffer any inconvenience, run any risk to make the bread of life available to these men. (*He Leadeth Me* pp. 125, 126, 127)

And the suffering and risks he speaks about were very real! Oh, to live with Jesus truly being our source of LIFE – my source of life! – there would be nothing that would be “too hard”! (For some good reading in these areas, I suggest *He Leadeth Me*, by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, SJ, *Testimony of Hope*, by Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, and *Kolbe: Saint of the Immaculata*, edited by Bro. Francis M. Kalvelage, FI.)

The Eucharist is the summit of life. Jesus – since He is God – is the goal of *everything*, and since the Eucharist is Jesus, the Eucharist is the goal toward which we strive. The Eucharist is our deepest connection with Almighty God. Our lives are meant to seek after Him, union with Him, eternal life with Him. We are called to seek Him at center of every action, strive after Him with our whole hearts, to find his love working in our everyday-ness. The goal of our lives is to be with Him, in union with Him forever in Heaven. He *is* the summit toward which we climb!

May we truly have a greater appreciation for the Eucharist, this great gift of God’s presence in our midst.

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity - John 6:41-51

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AMEN	ANCESTORS	BREAD
ETERNAL	FATHER	FOREVER
HEAVEN	JESUS	JEWS
JOSEPH	LIFE	LISTENS
MANNA	MOTHER	MURMURING
PROPHETS	RAISE	TAUGHT
WORLD	WRITTEN	