



Saturday February 11

4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph requested by Donna Taylor

Bernadette Bouchard, 38th Anniversary,
Lawrence Bouchard, 38th Anniversary,
requested by Joan Janos

Sunday February 12

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., Birthday
Remembrance, requested by his wife Angela

Monday February 13

8am ~ Edesse Paquette requested by Theresa Goupil

Blanche Obdens requested by Andrea

Tuesday February 14

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

David Curran and **Richard Bousquet**
requested by David & Maureen Groff

Wednesday February 15

8am ~ Arthur Lapointe requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Matilde Finco, 8th Anniversary, requested by her family

Thursday February 16

8am ~ Leon Bousquet, 8th Anniversary
requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy

Friday February 17

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday February 18

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday February 19

8am ~ Corey Lemieux, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by his family

10:30am ~ Alexandrine Thivierge requested by Theresa Goupil

Don Goyette, 1st Anniversary, requested by the Goyette family

Sunday, February 12

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, February 13

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, February 14

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 15

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, February 16

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 17

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

VOCATION

Catholics believe marriage to be a sacrament. By this we mean that the faithful love of husband and wife is a sign of Christ's lasting love for us. On this World Marriage Day, let us pray that those who are married seek to bring each other closer to heaven each day.



Thank you to everyone who attended, gave a gift, set up, brought food or assisted in any way for the Mass of Installation for Fr. Von. We sincerely appreciate it.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a difficult Gospel.

Jesus invites us to look at our lives and go beyond just the surface. We are called to conform our hearts, not just our actions, to His Heart. St. John Paul II refers to this as the difference between *ethics* and *ethos*. Ethics govern external actions. Ethos is the desire of the heart. When our ethics meet up with our ethos, then our hearts are with almighty God. Then we won't need a law saying "You shall not kill," but, for love of God, we won't even be angry, insult or ridicule the people around us. We won't need a law saying, "You shall not commit adultery" for our hearts won't ever want to use another for our own selfish pleasure.

These are difficult only because our hearts are not yet conformed to Christ. He invites us to invite Him into our disordered lives, hearts, and desires so that He can soften our hardened hearts to become hearts of flesh; hearts after His Heart.

Jesus says, **"It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife – unless the marriage is unlawful – causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery*"** (Matthew 5:31-32). This one is very hard in today's culture. Our ethics are not united to our ethos! Since no-fault divorce has become rampant, many try to avoid this call from Jesus. Yet, He does call us, as Christians, to follow Him higher than the rest of the world.

So where does this leave us? A reminder that the Church has a process for getting an annulment. An annulment, though, is not "Catholic Divorce." Divorce says that the marriage was there, but it broke apart. An annulment looks back to see was consent ever really formed. If true consent was not really formed, then there *was no* marriage, since consent makes the marriage. We can turn to the Church to help us discern when a relationship has broken up, whether there really was a sacramental bond there – the sacrament of Matrimony.

Why is the Church strict on this? Because Jesus was. He reminds us that God's plan for marriage is life-long. God's plan for marriage is to be a sacrament – an outward sign of God's love – and so reveal to us the inner mystery of God –that He *is* ever-lasting, faithful love. Everyone who enters into marriage must accept this – and that is what they all want. On the wedding day, the couples say, "As long as we both shall live" or "Until death do us part." The presumption is that they are freely choosing to say this – they *want* this – and the Church (and God) take them seriously.

All that being said, I have helped many people through the annulment process so that they could get married in the Catholic Church. If you are Catholic and in a marriage that is not blessed by the Church, *I want to help you* get this blessing. Please contact me so that we can begin this process.

May we allow Jesus to help us conform our hearts to His Heart, so that our ethics may align with our ethos.



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

Made For More Trailer:
<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

Parish "Made For More" Home Site:
<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM
Cost: \$25 per person

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!



The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's parish Office by Monday, May 1, 2023.



FAITH FORMATION

Family of Faith for February

How happy I am to see myself imperfect and be in need of God's mercy.

~ St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, OCD

This month we are talking about one of the most unused treasures that Christ has left for us in the Church, The Sacrament of Reconciliation. I encourage you to take a moment and look at one of the Divine Mercy Images we have hanging in our church. Reflect upon God's heart, so full of love for you. He is reaching out, hoping to bless you with this abundance of Mercy.

This is the Mercy, we encounter in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God waits to heal the burden of all Mortal and Venial sin that weighs heavily upon our souls.

As we prepare for the Liturgical Season of Lent, make a good Reconciliation with the Lord a priority.

In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life

YOUTH MINISTRY

Steubenville East Registration!

Steubenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 21-23, 2023. Registration is open and we are building a parish group. Please email me at faithlifeformation@comcast.net for details.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about Youth Ministry events happening at our parish and neighboring parishes, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

Additional Opportunities for Teens

Check out the master calendar list on St. Matthew Parish website go to the link below:
www.stmatthew-nh.org/youth



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2023 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow, St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by April 7, 2023.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring! (Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

This weekend we will celebrate World Marriage Day! Let's take time to pray for our spouses and each other to lift our marriages. Do something special for each other this weekend to show your gratitude for your spouse and their YES! Your goal in this Vocation of Marriage should be to get your spouse to heaven. Take time to ponder in your heart how you can do that, starting right now.

Marriage Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
 You blessed the union of married couples
 so that they might reflect
 the union of Christ
 with his Church:
 look with kindness on them.
 Renew their marriage covenant,
 increase your love in them,
 and strengthen their bond of peace
 so that, with their children,
 they may always rejoice in the gift of
 your blessings.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

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 week of 2/5/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,508
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,007
Total Offertory	\$8,515

Total Collected **\$8,515**

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Catholic Schools

collected as of 2/5/23

\$1,331

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 19 **Utility**

This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Feb. 26 **Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **February 13th, 20th & 27th, March 6th & 13th, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

STELLAR is coming! This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE! Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

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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
2:00-9:00pm

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 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