

**Saturday February 12**

4pm ~ Bernadette Bouchard, 37th Anniversary,
Lawrence Bouchard, 37th Anniversary,
 requested by Joan Janos

Sunday February 13

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Edesse Paquette requested by
 Theresa Goupil
Frances Lawlor, Birthday Remembrance,
 requested by Pat Lawlor

Monday February 14

8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna
Virginia Chiasson requested by the
 Harrington family

Tuesday February 15

8am ~ Matilde Finco, 7th Anniversary,
 requested by her family
Esther & Robert Rounds requested by Joyce

Wednesday February 16

8am ~ Leon Bousquet, 7th Anniversary,
 requested by Patty Kennedy

Thursday February 17

8am ~ Mary Dunn requested by Paul

Friday February 18

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday February 19

4pm ~ Alexandrine Thivierge requested by
 Theresa Goupil
Jean McAndrew requested by Anthony &
 Marilyn Bistany

Sunday February 20

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by his wife Angela

**Sunday, February 13**

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

Monday, February 14

Teaching on the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth
 room at the school

Tuesday, February 15

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, February 16

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the
 chapel

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

Thursday, February 17

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 18

On Fire – Identity Workshop, 6:30-9:30 PM, in
 the Parish Center

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

Saturday, February 19

On Fire – Identity Workshop, 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM,
 in the parish center



"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you
 being called to deepen your trust in the love of the
 Lord by serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister or
 brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)
 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for *Janet Ricci*. We extend our
 sympathy to her family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I know you may not want to think about it, but Lent is only two and half weeks away. We celebrate Ash Wednesday on March 2 as the beginning of our preparation for Easter.

As always, the Church invites us to three practices during Lent: **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**. While the Church does not prescribe how we are to grow in prayer and almsgiving, it does give specific norms for the minimum fasting in Lent. The Church requires those who are 18-59 years old to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This fast limits the person to a single full meal, with the option of two other smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal. The Church also requires all Catholics 14 years old and older to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent (including Good Friday).

I don't know about you, but every year when I get to this time, I start to wonder, "What am I going to do for Lent?" Sometimes, of course, it looks like giving something up, but it also means taking on other forms of prayer and almsgiving.

We have decided this year, as a way to help our parish grow in the Lenten observances, to have some *Challenges*. We are offering three challenges: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. While there is a "form" for these challenges, there is also flexibility to help you tailor it to your own life.

The PRAYER CHALLENGE is to pray the Rosary – alone, with your family, or in some other way – each day during Lent. For the first 100 to sign up for the challenge, you will be given the book *Mary's Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help*. This book offers a one-page reflection for each of the 46 stars on the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (corresponding to the 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday). If you sign up for this challenge, you have the option of receiving encouraging messages each day in Lent via e-mail, text or Facebook.

The FASTING CHALLENGE is to take a step beyond the minimum fasting required by the Church, by choosing to fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. This can look like the simple fasting of the Church, to something stricter – like a bread and water fast. We know that as we work to control our appetite for food, we are able better to control other areas of our lives (e.g. curbing our sarcasm or judgment). If you sign up for this challenge, you will have the option of receiving inspirational messages about fasting by e-mail, text, or Facebook each Wednesday and Friday in Lent.

Our final challenge is the ALMSGIVING CHALLENGE. This challenge is to give of our surplus to those who are in need. We are focusing on three concrete ways to help (although there are countless others): assisting the Pelham Food Pantry, filling the Poor Box, helping St. Gianna's Place, and giving to GHB911. The Pelham Food Pantry is here on our St. Patrick campus and serves those in Pelham with food insecurity. The Poor Box supports those who come to the Parish Office in need of emergency assistance, and is located near the Chapel door in the Church. St. Gianna's Place is a home in Hudson that cares for pregnant women in crisis. GHB911 is a nonprofit group dedicated to helping the homeless in nearby communities, and is currently collecting winter clothing: coats, hats, gloves, long johns, sweatpants and sweatshirts for men and women (men's bigger sizes are in need). These items are collected every other Friday at the parish school (check the bulletin for details).

If you would like to sign up for one or more of these challenges, you can sign up either online (check our parish website or Facebook page) or by filling out a sign-up form in the pews and dropping it in the collection.

I truly hope these challenges help us to grow in prayer, fasting and almsgiving throughout Lent. More than that, though, I hope that it helps you grow closer to Jesus, and to prepare for the great feast of Easter!

Monday Night Teachings on the Eucharist

Join Fr. Von for teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on **Monday Nights: February 14th & 21st, March 14th & 28th, April 4th & 18th**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

Good Harvest Breakthrough 911 (GHB911) is requesting donations of Coats, Hats, Gloves, Long Johns, Sweatpants and Sweatshirts for Men and Women... Men's bigger sizes are in need. This is for our transient (homeless) brothers and sisters in the community of Lowell and Nashua. We will be collecting items on **Friday, 25th and March 11th & 25th, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00-6:30 PM in the school.** For any questions, please contact Linda Merrill at 603-930-6436 or Cheryl Wright at 603-635-8772.

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. Come and view this FREE exhibit here at St. Patrick Parish in our Parish Center on the following days and time:

Saturday, March 12th, from 12:00-2:00 PM and 5:00-6:00 PM

Sunday, March 13th, from 9:00-10:00 AM and 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Monday, March 14th, from 8:30-9:30 AM and 4:00-7:00 PM

St. Matthew Parish in Windham is showing this same exhibit on the following weekends: Saturday, February 19th, from 12:00-8:00 PM and Sunday, February 20th, from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, February 26th, from 12:00-8:00 PM Sunday, February 27th, from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM



A Family of Faith – February

"He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said."

~Matthew 28:6

In the month of February, the Faith Life families are talking about the lines in the Nicene Creed, which direct our attention to the Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Death and Judgement. As Catholics, the power of Christ's Resurrection from the dead shines a bright ray of hope upon these topics. Death is a reality we all must face and because of what Christ has done we can face it without fear. The reality of our death simply reminds us to live each day we have in service of Christ and in service of others.

Liturgical Living!

In the month of February, celebrate St. Valentine's Day Catholic style. Write Bible verses on the Valentines you give to loved ones and friends. For example, try Numbers 6:24, Proverbs 10:12, Ruth 1:16-17, or John 4:19



Anniversary Celebration



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a **Wedding Anniversary Mass**. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **April 8, 2022**. 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 this spring at the Wedding Anniversary Mass! (Please note that this celebration may be subject to change. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests)

Following Jesus...TOGETHER

We invite you to join us this Lenten season in following the way of Jesus through **PRAYER**, **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING** as a parish.

When:

Beginning March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) through Easter

How:

Prayer – Join our rosary challenge! Perfect for beginners and families too. We'll also be going through *Mary's Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help* by Christine Watkins. Our parish will offer a Facebook group to follow along. This is a great activity to involve the entire family!

Fasting – In addition to the traditional fasting from food, there are other creative ways to add to your fast – fast from anger, fast from caffeine, fast from your favorite treat... Please keep in mind appropriate health measures with any health issues you may have.

Almsgiving – GHB911, The Poor Box at church, St. Gianna's Place or the Pelham Food Pantry. If you have children, involve your kids in helping to choose which path to almsgiving you take.

To join our Lent challenge you can sign-up using the sign-ups sheets in the pews or go online (go to www.stpatrickspelham.com or the parish Facebook page).



Join us February 25-28, 2022
For a life-changing retreat!
Light of the World
Held at St. Patrick School
Sign up by contacting
the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
the retreat is free,
and you sleep at home.
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

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 2/6/22

Offertory Envelopes \$7,835

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,127

Total Offertory \$9,962

Catholic School \$1,253

Total Collected \$11,215

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 20 Utility

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

Feb. 27 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 6 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

ON FIRE IDENTITY

**"Be who God meant you to be and
you will set the world on fire!"**

Join us for a retreat presented by Houses of Mercy and Hope Conferences here at St. Patrick Parish on **Friday, February 18th, from 6:30-9:30 PM and Saturday, February 19th, from 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM. The retreat cost is \$35.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple.** You will need to bring your own lunch and dinner. You can register online at www.housesofmercy.net/events

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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