

**Saturday February 13****4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****Sunday February 14****8am ~ Matilde Finco** requested by her children**Francisco & Louis Silva** requested by Lucy**10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr.,** Birthday

Remembrance, requested by his wife Angela

6pm ~ Fr. Roger P. Bilodeau**Monday February 15****8am ~ Fr. Carl, Brother Mark & Fr. Matthias,**

OFM requested by Shirley

Angela McCarthy requested by St. Patrick

Parish Staff

Tuesday February 16**8am ~ Leon Bousquet,** 6th Anniversary,
requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy**Wednesday February 17 Ash Wednesday****8am ~ Arthur LaPointe** requested by Mr. &
Mrs. Roger Turgeon**10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****7pm ~ Therese Greaves** requested by Donna
Smith**Thursday February 18****8am ~ Alexandrine Thivierge** requested by
Theresa Goupil**Henry T. "Hank" Callahan** requested by St.
Patrick Parish Staff**Friday February 19****8am ~ No Mass****6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****7pm ~ Stations of the Cross****Saturday February 20****4pm ~ Bernadette Bouchard,** 36th Anniversary,
requested by Joan Janos**Sunday February 21****8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****10:30am ~ Frances Lawlor,** Birthday

Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

6pm ~ Albert Saraceno requested by Pat
Lawlor**Sunday, February 14**

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

Monday, February 15

Parish Office is closed

Tuesday, February 16

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the
meeting room**Wednesday, February 17**Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the
chapel

Adoration, 2:00-6:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

Thursday, February 18

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

Friday, February 19

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

This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Red
& Gerry Gibson by their daughter Kathy and son-
in-law Ronnie**VOCATIONS**

"Do everything for the glory of God." Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our way through Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, looking at the beautiful fatherhood of St. Joseph in this year dedicated to St. Joseph. (You can find the whole document at vatican.va and search "Patris Corde".)

7. A father in the Shadows

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (*Deut* 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (*1 Cor* 4:15). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (*ibid.*). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (4:19).

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (*Mt* 23:9).

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (*Mt* 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.

HOUSE BLESSING DURING THE PANDEMIC

If you would like your house blessed during the pandemic, Fr. Von is willing to do this Rite, which allows for social distancing. Please contact Fr. Von if you want to schedule a blessing of your house. (603-635-3525, fathervon@comcast.net)

FRANCISCAN SISTERS, TOR *of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother* Lenten Retreat

The sisters are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on **Saturday, March 27th**.

More information about the Lenten Retreat can be found on our webpage under Events. www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/len-ten-retreat-2021.

There is no fee to register, but registration is required by **Wednesday, March 24th for the retreat itself**. If you are a part of a parish group, Bible study group, or prayer group, and would like your group to participate, contact Sr. Anna Rose at 740-544-5542 x135. Individuals and groups of family and friends are also welcome!



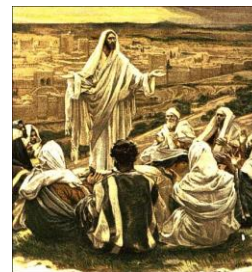
If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the **Altar Flowers** for **2021-2022**, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



If anyone would like to sign-up for the **Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for **2021-2022**, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

Ash Wednesday is **February 17th** Masses are as follow: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. If you only want to receive Ashes, Ashes will be distributed at 9:00 & 11:00 AM, and 8:00 PM.

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the following **Fridays during Lent**: February 19th, 26th and March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.



We Dare To Say Our Father

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

1 John 3:1

During the month of February, families in the Faith Life Program are pondering the beautiful reality that God asks us to call Him Father in the Lord's Prayer. In the Jewish tradition, the name of God was not to be spoken except for when Torah was being read or for prayers in the synagogue. In all other cases, they would refer to God by other titles and, when His name was written, they would not write the entire name. This was to uphold the Commandment: thou shall not take the Lord's name in vain.

Knowing this background allows us to appreciate greatly the reality of how Jesus teaches us to pray. He not only asks us to call Him by name, He asks us to call Him Father. What a beautiful gift it is to have a Father in Heaven. The next time we say the Lord's Prayer, may we slow down and remember this reality, reciting the prayer with love and devotion.

Continue to pray for all of our Faith Life families and know that we are praying for you.

-Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

GROUNDING IN TRUTH

The beauty of our Faith

Expressed in the Nicene Creed

All Adults are encouraged to join Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor during the Liturgical Season of Lent. We will meet using Zoom video conferencing, spending the six Tuesdays of Lent reflecting upon the Truths of our faith found in the Nicene Creed. The Creed we recite at every Holy Mass. These meetings will occur at 7:30 PM. To register for these sessions and to receive the Zoom information via email, please email Adam at faithlifeprogram@comcast.net. I look forward coming together in reflection and prayer during the Season of Lent.



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For information about upcoming tours and events contact Mrs. Rebecca Casey at (781)856-7690 or rebecca.oneil.casey@gmail.com.

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Did you know that the Diocese of Manchester has a Code of Conduct? This Code of Conduct, known as *Serving Christ, Serving Others*, applies to *all* Church personnel. "Church personal" not only refers to priests, deacons, and religious men and women, it also includes all those who regularly work or volunteer at diocesan parishes, schools and camps. Some examples are: lectors, ushers, catechists, day care staff and volunteers, Catholic school volunteers, Boy Scout leaders, CYO coaches, youth ministers, members of pastoral and finance councils, choir directors and members, and parish outreach workers. The *Serving Christ, Serving Others* Code of Conduct is available at www.catholicnh.org/code.

The Parish Office is closed Monday, February 15th for President Day. Will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th at 8:30 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 week of 2/7/21

Offertory Envelopes \$4,795

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,023

Total Offertory \$6,818

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As of 2/7 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,244

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Catholic Schools

collected as of 2/7/2021

\$910

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 21 Utility

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

Feb. 28 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Mar. 14 Catholic Relief Services

CRS Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration & Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. CHM Supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

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

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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.

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

1st 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.

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