



**Saturday February 18**

**4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday February 19**

**8am ~ Corey Lemieux**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family  
**10:30am ~ Alexandrine Thivierge** requested by Theresa Goupil  
**Don Goyette**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Goyette family

**Monday February 20**

**8am ~ Doug Berard** requested by Roland & Therese Soucy  
**Rev. Paul L. Gregoire**

**Tuesday February 21**

**8am ~ Kristie Felarde**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Rosemary Fischer  
**Sharon Diane Gasparic** requested by the Fancher family

**Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday**

**8am ~ Linda Bousquet** requested by her sister Patty Kennedy  
**10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**7pm ~ Joseph Bergeron and Danny Carrier** requested by the Bedard family

**Thursday February 23**

**8am ~ Irene Laforge** requested by the Laforge family

**Friday February 24**

**8am ~ No Mass**  
**6pm ~ Dr. Anthony Caruso** requested by Dan & Sue Martin  
**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday February 25**

**4pm ~ Frances Lawlor**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday February 26**

**8am ~ Don Goyette** requested by Joan Davis  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday, February 19**

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

**Monday, February 20**

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

**Tuesday, February 21**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Wednesday, February 22**

Adoration, 2:00-6:00 PM  
 Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM  
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, February 23**

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

**Friday, February 24**

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

**Saturday, February 25**

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school

**Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Masses are as follow: **8:00 & 10:00 AM** and **7:00 PM**.

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the following Fridays during Lent: **February 24<sup>th</sup>** and **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**.



“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Cooperate with the Holy Spirit to discern God’s will. Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend is the last weekend in Ordinary Time before Lent. Are you ready? When we think about Mardi Gras – Fat Tuesday – it is kind of ... how do I say this ... well, it misses out on the purpose of Lent. I get that in the olden days, when you couldn't eat meat at all during Lent, they needed to get it out of the house, and so would feast on the last of the meat (and not be wasteful of perfectly good bacon). It has become, however, an opportunity more for gluttony and licentiousness than for preparing for Lent.

Lent, after all, is not supposed to be a dismal time, but, rather, one when we focus a bit more on getting closer to our Lord. I'm thinking about the many couples I have walked with as they prepare for marriage. They spend much of the time leading up to their wedding day by focusing on the many details – wedding dress, colors, shoes, who sits where, flowers, cake, etc.. As I work with the couples, I encourage them to make sure to spend time working on their relationship, not just the wedding details. Imagine, if the couple, after they get engaged, looked at the months before as dreary and awful – "Oh, that I didn't have to get to know you better!" I think that's the attitude we take toward Lent. "Fat Tuesday" then becomes almost "one last fling" before I propose to my girlfriend (much the way bachelor parties are portrayed in pop-culture).

A better title for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is "Shrove Tuesday". To "shrive" means to be cleansed of sin – aka Confession. It looks at Lent, not as a dreary drag, but as that time when we do all we can to *get closer* to our loving Father in Heaven, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Comforter the Holy Spirit.

So, what will you do for Lent?

Of course, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all Catholics from 18-59 are required to abstain from meat and fast, and on all Fridays during Lent all Catholics 14 and up are required to abstain from meat. But will this on its own get us closer to the Lord? Probably not. It does open an opportunity though. Opportunities to:

- think beyond ourselves helping others
- give up some of our superabundance to realign our priorities
- spend more time with the God who loves us so much

As Matthew Kelly says, "Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Do something that is really life-changing." If the Christmas book we gave out (*Holy Moments*) has been gathering dust on your shelf, maybe it's the time to dust it off and read it. If there are broken relationships between you and family or neighbors, maybe it's time to offer an olive branch (after all, today's Gospel speaks about turning the other cheek, loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us). We also have our Lenten Challenges coming back (Rosary, Fasting and Almsgiving Challenges – see page 3 for more information).

May this Lent truly be a time of "engagement" as we prepare for the great "wedding feast" of Easter, using the many opportunities of Lent to draw us closer to the Lord.



### 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 [faithliformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithliformation@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 [faithliformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithliformation@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](http://www.stmatthew-nh.org/youth)

### Cultivate Lenten Challenge

Our parish family would like to invite you to join us as we journey through Lent together following the tenants of **prayer, fasting** and **almsgiving** beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will provide simple ways to **cultivate** our relationships with Jesus and Our Lady throughout these forty days. Together, we will offer a rosary challenge, fasting on Wednesdays & Fridays and ideas for almsgiving. Lent can be overwhelming to many people, but our aim is to make this challenge simple! Here are the details:

- **Pray** a Rosary each day of Lent—for each Rosary you pray, add a star to Mary's Mantle at the entrance of the church
- **Fast** on Wednesdays & Fridays (this can be a traditional bread & water fast or fasting from something else like social media, TV, gossiping, etc.)
- **Almsgiving** once a week (we'll share ideas each week of ways to give)

Check the bulletin each week for reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary as well as any other info about our Cultivate Lenten Challenge!

**St. Patrick Women's Guild** will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the **Parish Center**. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, and adopted daughter in Honduras, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If you would like to donate **NEW ITEMS** to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**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.**



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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!



**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.

**MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING**

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

**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 2/12/23

Offertory Envelopes \$5,468  
Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,865  
**Total Offertory \$7,333**

**Total Collected \$7,333**

Thank you for your continue support  
~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvement**

collected as of 2/12/23  
\$1,949

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every penny counts!*



*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Feb. 26 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Mar. 5 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Mar. 12 Utility**

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

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

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Dennis Groulx and Linda Maclean. We extend our sympathy to their families.



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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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](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)