



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

Monday February 21

8am ~ Danny Hall requested by the Harrington family

Tuesday February 22

8am ~ Linda Bousquet requested by Patty Kennedy

Wednesday February 23

8am ~ Joseph Chalifoux requested by Joyce **Patrick Dolan**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by James & Dorreen Dolan

Thursday February 24

8am ~ Arthur Morin & Marie Francoeur requested by the Bedard family

Friday February 25

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday February 26

4pm ~ Geraldine Moore, 1st Anniversary, requested by Tom & Sharon Haggerty & family

Sunday February 27

8am ~ Corey Lemieux requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, February 20

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

Monday, February 21

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

Tuesday, February 22

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 23

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 24

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 25

Light of the World, 6:30-9:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

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

Saturday, February 26

Light of the World, 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for *Richard (Dick) Dube* and *Kenneth Found*. We extend our sympathy to their families.

VOCATION

"I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel today, we continue Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (Luke's parallel to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount). Last week, we heard about the Beatitudes and Woes. We see in these how Jesus invites us to change our way of thinking. We are taught to look on life and the world in one way – the way of the culture – but Jesus teaches us to look on life and the world from the heavenly perspective.

This week's Gospel is no different. The first words of Jesus in today's Gospel are: **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you"** (Luke 6:27).

Whoa!

Again, Jesus throws a wrench into the way we see the world. From a superficial perspective, this sounds nice and beautiful. Practically speaking, though, it is incredibly difficult, even impossible without the help of God!

An enemy is not someone I hate or dislike. An enemy is someone who is antagonistic to me – who is trying to hurt me. We hear in the first reading that King Saul is the enemy to David. Saul is actively pursuing David and trying to kill him. Yet David refuses to hurt Saul in any way. David loves his enemy.

The call to love our enemies is so difficult because to love someone means to will the good of the other. This means even when someone is backstabbing us at work, even when someone is trolling us online, even when someone is making our lives difficult at home, we are called (commanded, even) to do good to them, to will good for them, to speak good to and about them!

Ugh!

I think about the times when I have been libeled on Facebook, insulted to my face, or disrespected behind my back... how painful that has been. Yet, when I brought it to prayer, the Lord made it clear that I had to pray for them. As hard as that has been, it is an act of love, and, over time, my heart softens to the hurt done to me, I have been able to forgive, and – many times – the relationship has been healed. Even when it has not, God has brought *me* healing.

I'm remembering a woman in my first parish who always had a grimace on her face. I was afraid of her! I knew that I was not her favorite priest. But when she was on her way out of Mass, I always greeted her with a smile (even though it was difficult to do!). A few years later, she came up to me and said in a tone of annoyance, "Fr. Von, when you got here, I really didn't like you. And then you would greet me with a smile, 'Good morning!' You were so annoying! I hated it! ... But over time it began to work on me. And I came to like you." She continued, still in her annoyed tone, "I just want you to know so that you keep doing that... it helps."

Our love of our enemies really can change them. More importantly, it conforms us to the Heart of the Father! Even as God loves those who hate Him, so we are to love those who reject us and insult us and utter every kind of evil against us. May we learn from God to look at the world from His perspective, loving even those who do not love us.

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 next weekend:

Saturday, February 26th, from 12:00-8:00 PM

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

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Charities New Hampshire is looking for you to join our team! We have various openings in Manchester, Windham, Dover, Berlin and Laconia. You will get paid based on your experience and offer you a great work environment with generous benefits, including 401(k) plan, medical, dental, life and disability insurance, along with other fringe benefits. We currently have openings in nursing, Dietary, Environmental Services and Maintenance! For more information, please call or email Dawn Pelletier – Healthcare Recruiter at (603)552-7928 or email direct at dpelletier@nh-cc.org

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 **Fridays, February 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.



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.stpatricks-pelham.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

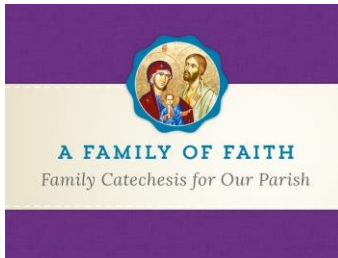
the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or

kathy7421@comcast.net.

The retreat is free,

and you sleep at home.

Please indicate dietary restrictions.



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!



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)

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 2/13/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,379

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,942

Total Offertory \$7,321

Total Collected \$7,321

Thank you for supporting our parish

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 2/13/22

\$1,887

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Mar. 13 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.

Monday Night Teachings on the Eucharist

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

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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