



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

Monday February 22

8am ~ Linda Bousquet requested by her sister Patty Kennedy

Tuesday February 23

8am ~ William Copeley requested by the Lemieux family
Ann Neskey requested by David & Maureen Groff

Wednesday February 24

8am ~ Clint St. Onge requested by Clara Vlahos
Marie & Marcel LaRose requested by the Lemieux family

Thursday February 25

8am ~ Hank Callahan requested by Carol Martin

Friday February 26

6pm ~ Fr. Roger P. Bilodeau
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 27

4pm ~ Aurel Plamondon, 10th Anniversary, requested by his wife Therese
John Golden requested by Joan Berard

Sunday February 28

8am ~ Corey Lemieux requested by Anita Hall & family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

6pm ~ Fr. Roger P. Bilodeau

Sunday, February 21

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

Tuesday, February 23

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 24

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

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

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



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.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pope Francis concludes his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* with beautiful words and a prayer to St. Joseph. (You can find the whole document at vatican.va and search "Patris Corde".) As we enter into Lent, I invite you to invite St. Joseph into your Lenten journey. Ask him to help you with your fasting, almsgiving and prayer, but most of all, ask him to help you get closer to Jesus!

"Get up, take the child and his mother" (*Mt* 2:13), God told Saint Joseph.

The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses, and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (*1 Tim* 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (*1 Jn* 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (*Heb* 7:25; cf. *Rom* 8:34).

The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (*Mt* 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (*1 Cor* 4:16). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same.

Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!"

We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

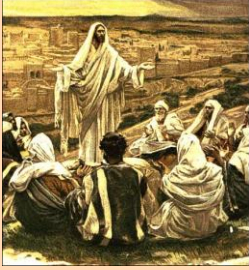
Let us now make our prayer to him:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my Pontificate.

Franciscus



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.



“Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.” Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



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RCA assists homeschoolers by providing a classical, *University-Style Hybrid™* education in the Catholic tradition. PreK3-12th-grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days following a provided lesson plan.

Find out about this national program with close to 20 locations in the U.S. and how we can bring a new center to Southern NH or Northern MA in 2021!

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

Friday Night Line up during Lent

6:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

BE TRANSFORMED!
A VIRTUAL LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT
Sunday, February 28th
Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Join us during this season of Lent for an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus and renew your hope.

About This Event: Now more than ever, God is calling us to transform our hearts and rekindle our faith as we walk along life's faith journey. The retreat will include guest speakers, small group break-outs, music and prayer. It will end with Mass, livestreamed from St. Michael Parish and celebrated by Fr. Matt Mason. Each participant will receive the Zoom link and the link to the livestreamed mass once their e-mail address is registered. If you have any questions, please contact Alyse Hlasny at ahlasny@rcbm.org or at (603)663-0108. Register for this Free Event here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/be-transformed-a-virtual-lenten-youth-retreat-registration-136003382779>

**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)

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.

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 2/14/21	
Offertory Envelopes	\$4,593
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,450
Total Offertory	\$6,043
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As of 2/14 we have an offertory deficit of \$9,601

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

Capital Improvements

collected as of 2/14/2021
\$1,283

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

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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To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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Care to join the Knights of Columbus?
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