



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

Monday February 27

8am ~ Laura Manning requested by the
Lemieux family
Lona Mae Edwards requested by David &
Maureen Groff

Tuesday February 28

8am ~ Rick Bousquet requested by his sister
Patty Kennedy

Wednesday March 1

8am ~ Health & Blessings for Donna Smith
requested by Ronnie & Kathy Blanchette

Thursday March 2

8am ~ Gregory Covatis requested by the
Lemieux family
Rev. Paul L. Gregoire

Friday March 3

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Rosemary Dole
6pm ~ Yvette Noval requested by Ronnie &
Kathy Jean
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 4

8am ~ Anne McHugh requested by the Shovlin
family
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday March 5

8am ~ Robert Boulanger requested by Donna
Smith
Maurice Daigle requested by Carol Martin
10:30am ~ Michael Crane, 6th Anniversary,
requested by his wife & sons



Sunday, February 26

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 1

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
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the
parish center

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

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



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

First Friday Mass is this Friday, March 3rd, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, March 4th, at 8:00 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have entered into the season of Lent. Every year, the first Sunday of Lent focuses on Jesus' temptations and how He overcomes those temptations. This year, we also read from Genesis and the Fall of Man. In this reading, we hear how Eve (and subsequently Adam) are tempted to doubt God's goodness, His love, and His providence. I think this is the fundamental basis of every temptation.

God has gifted us with so much! The very fact that we ARE, that we exist in this moment, is a sign of His love, for His love upholds us in being at this very moment. He gives us so many graces to get close to Him. When we are tempted to sin, we are tempted to disbelieve God and His love. When He tells us that sin brings only death, we often reject that and think that He is keeping something from us. When we are feeling empty, forgotten, abandoned and in need of comfort, too often we fly to the things of the world instead of to God.

Why? Because we don't trust that He will fulfill our every need, that He is the only One who can fill our emptiness, that He is the only One who can heal our existential loneliness. So, we reach out, like Eve, to take things into our own hands. If only Adam and Eve had trusted God, they would have endured through the struggle for God Himself to give them this fruit, and, instead of taking and grasping, they would have received with open hands the gift God desired to give them.

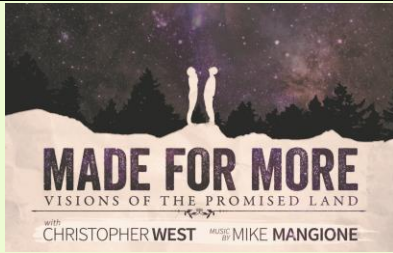
How do we grasp at the gifts God wants to give? All of creation is gift, but we often grasp at it, instead of patiently waiting to receive the gift from the Hand of the Lord. Do we really trust Him to fulfill our needs? Like Jesus, we sometimes have to go through a desert. Like Jesus, we may even have to endure the Cross. But the Cross is the only way to new life, to Resurrection – Good Friday is the only way to Easter! If we persist in trust, He will care for us.

Jesus always trusted His Father. Even when He was in Agony in the Garden, He said, "Your will, not mine be done." Through the temptations toward sensual pleasure, wonders, self-autonomy and power, Jesus continued to keep His eyes fixed on His Heavenly Father, and was able to trust in Him through the temptation. Do we trust God's providential love and care?

I think about how St. Ignatius encourages us when in desolation to remember that God's grace is *always sufficient for overcoming temptations*. Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by temptation. Oh yes, it is true they can be strong, so strong! Yet, God's grace is always there. We always have *enough* grace (though not always the super-abundance we would desire) to overcome temptation. If we remember that, if we call it to mind in the moments of temptation, it can strengthen us to overcome.

A couple of other practical helps for the moment of temptation. We can stop a rolling snowball with a finger, but if it gets big and fast enough (like an avalanche), it becomes much harder to stop. So it is with temptation: if we stop it at its very first thought, we will not fall prey to its power. If Eve had either walked away from the serpent, or rejected him outright (she should have known there was something wrong with the situation – after all, snakes don't talk), she would not have succumbed. Second, if we have something that can draw our mind back to the love of the Father when we are tempted, then our desires can be set aright. For instance, I set up a playlist of songs when I'm feeling drawn toward desolation. Most of these are praise songs that can help me grow closer to God's love. In those moments of temptation, if we resist in little ways and turn our mind to praise of God (possibly through song), we will have come a long way on the road of resisting temptation.

As we enter into Lent, let us submit our temptations to the Lord, asking Him always to remind us that He really cares for us, and His will is loving, and He only wants our good.



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 9th, 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!

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 faithlifeformation@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 faithlifeformation@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

Have you ever read the promises of the Rosary?

Our Lady made these promises to Saint Dominic and to anyone who faithfully prays the Rosary. Talk about convicting! She said, "whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted."

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, those souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul, which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovoked death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2023 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow, St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office by **April 7, 2023**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring! (Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 15th, 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **March 7th, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **February 27th, March 6th & 13th, 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 2/19/23	
Offertory Envelopes	\$10,231
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,562
Total Offertory	\$11,793
Utility	\$2,734
Total Collected	\$14,527

Thank you for your faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Mar. 19 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

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

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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