



# February

**Saturday February 26**

**4pm ~ Geraldine Moore**, 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Monday February 28**

**8am ~ Elizabeth Silva** requested by Sue & Dan Martin

**Tuesday March 1**

**8am ~ Jeannette McCoy** requested by Rosemary Dole

**Wednesday March 2 Ash Wednesday**

**8am ~ Thomas Straughan** requested by Jeannette Masson

**10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**7pm ~ Danny Hall** requested by a former teacher

**Thursday March 3**

**8am ~ Rosemary Dole**, Birthday Blessings

**Friday March 4**

**8am ~ Jeannette McCoy** requested by David & Maureen Groff

**6pm ~ William Corey** requested by his family

**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross with Bishop**

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**Saturday March 5**

**8am ~ Albert Bourque** requested by Lorraine

**4pm ~ Tyler Larson** requested by Donna Smith

**Ken & Jean Mannell** and **Jeslyn Boucher** and

**Jeffrey Ronnquist** requested by the Mannell family

**Sunday March 6**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ Michael Crane**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & sons

**Sunday, February 27**

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

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

**Monday, February 28**

Light of the World, 6:30-9:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, March 1**

Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women’s Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

**Wednesday, March 2**

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

Adoration, 2:00-6:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

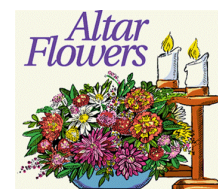
**Thursday, March 3**

Men’s AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, March 4**

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Geraldine Moore**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by Tom & Sharon Haggerty & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Geraldine Moore**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by Tom & Sharon Haggerty & family

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**  
We pray for *Andre Montminy* and *Don Goyette*. We extend our sympathy to their families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's second reading, St. Paul speaks to us about the victory brought about in Jesus Christ:

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your victory?**

**Where, O death, is your sting?** (I Corinthians 15:54b-55)

In the midst of all of the suffering of this life, this is a chant we need to learn in our lives – sin and death have no power over us when we are in the arms of Jesus. This doesn't mean there will be no suffering, but that Jesus has conquered it.

This is the point of why God became man, why Jesus, as the God-man, went to death on the cross and was raised from the dead. Our God took on all of our suffering and death so that He would conquer it. Now, the gates of Heaven are open to us (while it may not be easy to get to Heaven, it is now possible). God becomes one with our humanity so that we can become one with His Divinity!

So often, our lives are controlled by fear. I think about my own life: most often, I don't know why I'm reacting the way I do. It's only afterward when I look back, I recognize a subtle (or not so subtle) fear directing my choices. I don't think I'm alone in this. But the Good News is that God has overcome all of this! No matter what our fear is, God is bigger. When we recognize those fears driving our lives, we can then turn to God and surrender the fear, making a choice to trust in Him. Then we get to cry out "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Lent begins this week, and it is an opportunity to face our sin head on. Jesus' proclamation to repent and believe in the Gospel is a clarion call to turn away from our selfishness and pride, and to turn back to God. The practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting allow us to face our weakness and surrender our lives more to God.

Prayer recognizes that my time is not really my own, and that I'm not really in charge of my life. I must surrender this to Him. Christian prayer is different from pagan prayer. The pagans try to control and manipulate the spiritual powers of the universe. Christians recognize that we are children of a loving Father. Our prayer is not to change His mind, but to show our love for our Daddy! Almsgiving helps us to overcome our dependence on our own stability and security. It reminds us that there are others who have less than we do... and we could easily be in the same position. It helps us to trust more in God, while opening our hearts in love to those around us. Fasting is a reminder of our mortality. When we feel the ache of hunger, when we experience the longing for a favorite type of food, when we experience weakness from less than the normal caloric intake, we realize that we are only a few meals short of our mortality.

In all of these things, we are reminded that we need to rely on God for all that we are. And we are also reminded that HE HAS CONQUERED ALL OF THIS.

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter – celebrating the Resurrection. As we enter into Lent, may we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who overcame sin, who conquered death, and who still does this today for each of us if we but surrender to Him and His love.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> (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](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com) or the parish Facebook page).

**Ash Wednesday is March 2<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: **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** and **April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Mass of Healing and Hope**

On **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM** our Healing Mass will include Anointing of the Sick. Come and experience this sacrament of healing.

**THE FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS  
Present: “THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES”**

This is a new and UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS, from Ste. Marie Parish, Manchester, NH. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish’s spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for very young children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 AT 7:30 PM. DON’T MISS THIS!!!!**



“Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

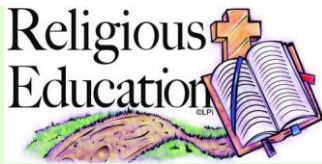
**VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES**

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 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00-2:00 PM and 5:00-6:00 PM**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-10:00 AM and 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-9:30 AM and 4:00-7:00 PM**



**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!

**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, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Monday Night  
Teachings on the Eucharist**

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

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 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 2/20/22

Offertory Envelopes \$ 5,512

Offertory Electronic Giving \$ 2,047

**Total Offertory \$ 7,559**

Utilities \$ 2,521

**Total Collected \$10,080**

Thank you for your faithful & generous support

~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**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.

**Mar. 20 Teen Ministry**

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

**FLIP, Friends of the Library** for Pelham NH is offering a \$750.00 Scholarship to any high school senior residing in Pelham, NH for at least the last 12 months. The applicant must be planning to attend a college, university or vocational school in the fall of 2022.

For guidelines and application, please visit <https://pelhampubliclibrary.org/friends-library-pelham-flip> or visit the front desk at the library.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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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)