

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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

Wednesday

8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3pm to 3:30pm

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.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 4
4pm	Evelyn Landry Guerin requested by the Bedard family
Sunday	February 5
8am	Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their family
	Mary Mullen requested by Pat & Ron Nowakowski
10:30am	Clint Updyke , 8 th Anniversary, requested by Barbara, Adam & Sean
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners
Monday	February 6
8am	Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith
	Dominick Nicastro requested by the Donahue family
Tuesday	February 7
8am	In Honor of St. Martin de Porez
	Rev. George Majka
Wednesday	February 8
8am	Raymond Lausier requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
	Lorraine Mendes requested by Judy Turgeon
Thursday	February 9
8am	Nancy McLaughlin , 1 st Anniversary, requested by Paul & Dawn McLaughlin
	George Dallaire "Birthday Remembrance" requested by his daughter Kim
Friday	February 10
8am	No Mass
Saturday	February 11
4pm	Rena Cayer requested by her family
	Stephen Wheeler requested by Jean & Suzanne Morin
Sunday	February 12
8am	Arthur Lapointe requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
10:30am	Grace Buscema , 20 th Anniversary, Patricia Cormier , 1 st Anniversary, requested by their family
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners

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 following week:

Offertory 1/29/17	\$8,018
Maintenance	\$1,604

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$9,622**

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 12 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Feb. 19 Utility

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

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 for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School

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



Sunday, February 5

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, February 6

Catholic Apologetics, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Tuesday, February 7

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 8

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, February 9

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Acts of Mercy

How many **Spiritual**

- ___ Instruct the uninformed
- ___ Counsel the doubtful
- ___ Admonish sinners
- ___ Comfort the sorrowful
- ___ Bear wrongs patiently
- ___ Forgive offenses
- ___ Pray for the living and the dead

How many **Corporal**

- ___ Feed the hungry
- ___ Clothe the naked
- ___ Give drink to the thirsty
- ___ Shelter the homeless
- ___ Comfort the imprisoned
- ___ Visit the sick
- ___ Bury the Dead

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Understanding what we **believe** so we can share it with others.

Topics and Dates

Scandals in the Church

and other questions – February 6

Join us any or all of these **Monday nights at 7:00 PM** in the K of C Hall located in the basement of the church.

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### LDSH RETREAT

All women of the parish are invited to attend this year's Little Daughters of the Sacred Heart Retreat, which will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, at the Bethania II Marian Retreat Center in Medway, MA. Our theme this year is "Pour Love In" and our speakers will be Fr. "Pat" Patenaude from La Salette Shrine in Attleboro, MA as well as the well-known author and speaker Heidi Bratton.

For more information, please visit our website [www.littledaughters.org](http://www.littledaughters.org) or contact Marie Thibodeau at [scr.hrt4me@gmail.com](mailto:scr.hrt4me@gmail.com)

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

He said to them, come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. At once, they left their nets and followed him. Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.



For our Parish Mission, it will be held on March 6th through March 8th at 7:00 PM.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

In the second reading today, St. Paul speaks about how he came preaching only “**Jesus Christ, and him crucified**” (I Cor 2:2). He did not come “**with sublimity of words or of wisdom**” (I Cor 2:1). An odd statement, unless you know the history of his ministry.

Prior to going to Corinth, St. Paul and his companions went to Athens. There, he used philosophy to speak to the philosophers (mostly Stoics and Epicureans). He tried to lead them logically from what they knew to belief in the Resurrection. He failed miserably! Only a few started to follow Christ because of this ministry. Paul learned that human wisdom was not the answer to the problems of evangelization. When he moved on from Athens to Corinth, he resolved only to preach Christ, showing the power of Christ through the movement of the Holy Spirit and power.

Why is this important for us today? First, because examining the life and ministry of St. Paul – the greatest evangelist in the history of the world, the man who wrote about half of the New Testament, the man who had the responsibility of bringing the Gospel message beyond the Jewish people to the Gentiles (which is most of us) – we see that he made mistakes, he had to learn, he had to hone his ministry. Sometimes we get the impression that St. Paul or other “greats” begin as well as they end – that they knew from the beginning all they had to do. This sense can leave us discouraged, since we often are grasping in the dark, taking a day at a time. When we see that St. Paul had to learn and change, we can have confidence that we have a *chance at greatness*, too (greatness in God’s eyes, I mean). We don’t have to have it all figured out right now, but need only to obey the grace of God in *this* moment, and be ready to learn the lessons He desires to teach us.

Another reason why this failure at Athens is important is that we see that St. Paul stresses that our Faith is not primarily about a system of beliefs, a set of morals, or ritual actions. St. Paul stresses relationship with Jesus. Our Faith *must* be grounded on relationship with Jesus. This is primary. All of the doctrines and dogmas, all of the morality, all of the rites and rituals *flow from* this relationship. If we start with doctrine, our Faith will be sterile. If we begin with morality, it will be an impossible task to live up to as broken people. If we place the rituals first, we end up with only an external religion. This is NOT what God wants or asks for! **God is a lover!** He went to the Cross because He desired to save the lives of His beloved (us) that we might be with Him for all eternity. You’ve heard me say it before: “God wants to marry us!” He is so in love with each of us, individually, personally, that He desires, longs for, craves, yearns for *union with you and me*. Think about a young couple in love, and that love is moving toward marriage. Think of the union they long for with each other – they think about each other all the time, they want to be together, they long for sexual union. This desire in us is a reflection (if you will, a *very faint* reflection) of the deep love and longing God has for union with us. (Note: please don’t take this wrong – God is not looking for a sexual union with us, but sexual union *is a reflection* of the deep longing for union God has for us.) God longs, desires, wants to marry us!

God wants relationship with us, but that relationship can only truly be LOVE if it is free. God will not force you into relationship with Him. He will not force you to go to Heaven. We must *freely choose* to enter into relationship with Almighty God. Can you believe the power God has given us over Him?! He puts out His heart to us and waits eagerly for our response. We can choose to stomp on His Heart and say, “I don’t want you, God.” And as many times as we reject His love, He will still be there, offering His Heart to us, waiting, calling, luring us into relationship with Him. Only when *we* reject Him finally, totally and forever (by choosing Hell) does He retract His Heart.

And so we ask ourselves – Why do I come to Mass? Why am I Catholic? God loves and accepts us where we’re at, whatever the answer to these questions may be. However, He loves us too much to leave us imperfect – He wants us to be truly happy, to be holy. He wants us to be the very-best-version-of-ourselves! This means that if we come to Mass as an “obligation,” He wants to help us grow into relationship. If we are Catholic only because we were raised that way, He wants to help us to fall in love with Him. Wherever we’re at on our Faith journey, God has an even greater plan for us! How do we get there? Pray! We ask God to help us to enter into relationship with Him, or to grow deeper in our relationship with Him. *We give Him permission* to bring us deeper. This day, may you grow in your *relationship* with Almighty God!



February 18th – Youth Group 7:00-8:30 PM

February 21st – LIFT Praise and Worship Night at
Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua, NH

March 4th – Youth Group 7:00-8:30 PM

March 18th – Merrimack Valley Catholic Youth
Conference for grades 8-12 from 11:30 AM to
7:00 PM at Central Catholic High School in
Lawrence, MA.

Please register by February 24th

LIFT WORSHIP NIGHT

Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua, NH
invites you to an inspiring night of worship on
Tuesday, February 21st from 7:00-9:00 PM
with speaker Fr. Matt Williams. **Free and open
to all ages.** For more information visit:
<http://www.iccnashuanh.org/news/lift> or
contact Fatima Walsh at 603-888-0321, x266
fatima@iccnashuanh.org

Join other men in the **Four Men Prayer Groups**,
an effort to bring paralytics (souls in need of
Christ's love and mercy) conversion and healing.
No meetings required, just a set of daily
reparatory prayers. Learn more online at
www.thefourmen.info or contact Al Lemieux at
al@lemieux-design.net



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper
Towels.**



You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website.
You go to the Parish website [www.stpatricks-
pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com) and look under quick links and click
on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the
link ptv.viebit.com

PTV – SCHEDULE

For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 6:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 8:00 AM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Friday – 7:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Saturday – 5:00 AM & 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM “Live”

Subject to change

DIVORCECARE IS COMING TO SOUTHERN NH

DivorceCare is a support group within a 13-week
video-assisted course that helps you to find
healing from the pain, anger, depression, fears of
Separation or Divorce. It gives you Hope and the
Tools to move on in your life, while helping you to
grow closer to God at the same time. The 13-week
course is free. Required workbook is \$20.00.
Scholarships are available. Course starts
Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 PM at Mary Queen
of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH.
To register call 508-982-9104 or email at
JoeDoc222@aol.com



If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the
Altar Flowers for 2017, please contact the parish
office at 603-635-3525.