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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://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 (603)-635-3525 or [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto: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**

*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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
4pm	<b>John Fitzgerald</b> , 14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 14</b>
8am	<b>Rev. Roland Blais</b> requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
10:30am	<b>Wayne Montuori</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Taylor Family
6pm	<b>Intentions of our Parishioners</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 15</b>
8am	<b>St. Martin de Porez</b> <b>Pearl Hanaley</b> , requested by The Lemieux Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 16</b>
8am	<b>Mario Matos</b> requested by Rita, his wife
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
8am	<b>George W. Reiss</b> requested by the Bereavement Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
8am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
8am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
4pm	<b>Walter Lambert</b> , 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
8am	<b>Alan Larese</b> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his sister, Chris
10:30am	<b>John Lawlor, Jr</b> , Birthday Remembrance requested by Pat Lawlor
	<b>Robert Thibault</b> requested by his wife
6pm	<b>Intentions of our Parishioners</b>



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of John Fitzgerald, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & family

## 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 1/7/2018                      \$9,096

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses                      \$9,096

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

## Capital Improvements

collected as of 1/7/2018

\$3,915

Thank you for your generosity!

<b>Christmas</b>	<b>\$11,804</b>
<b>Christmas Memorials</b>	<b>\$2,718</b>

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### January 14 Utilities

This collection helps with the cost of fuel and electricity for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

### Jan. 21 Diocesan Seminarian Fund

This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood.

### January 28 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### February 4 Catholic School Week

This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for Catholic elementary and junior high schools.

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



### Sunday, January 14

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

### Monday, January 15

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, in the church  
The Mass: The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist,  
7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

### Tuesday, January 16

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

### Wednesday, January 17

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

### Thursday, January 18

#### No Morning Mass

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

### FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Crackers**  
and **Ramen Noodles**.

### 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

### STEUBENVILLE EAST REGISTRATION IS COMING!

All teens entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend this life-changing weekend. Steubenville East takes place on UMASS Lowell Campus and the dates this year are July 13-15. To learn more about what happens at a Steubenville East Conference you can visit this site: <https://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-eat/> If you are interested, please contact Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor via email at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) Don't delay! Registration opens on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the church for all students who have been preparing to receive this Sacrament. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### ADORATION

If school is cancelled, Adoration will be cancelled. If school is delayed, there will be no morning Adoration but there will still be Adoration from 2:00-8:00 PM.

In either case, we will still have a morning Mass.



This year for Lent  
Do something that will  
**Change Your Life**  
Join our Retreat  
March 2-5, 2018  
held at St. Patrick School  
Sign up by contacting  
Fr. Von at 603-635-3525 or  
[fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)  
The retreat is free,  
and you sleep at home  
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend is our annual seminarian appeal, where the Diocese asks for money to help with the education of our seminarians... our future priests. While this has always held a special place in my heart (and my checkbook), this year it holds an even higher place for me. For those who may not have heard, as of October 1, I was appointed Assistant Vocation Director for the Diocese of Manchester (in addition to my responsibilities as pastor... don't worry, they're not moving me).

Earlier in 2017, the bishop announced the formation of a "Priest Shortage Action Team" (PSAT) which would look at concrete actions that we could take to deal with the current situation of priests, and future extreme shortage for New Hampshire. In case you were unaware, things are bad... and looking worse. Looking across cultural trends, changing the nature or understanding of priesthood would not solve the shortage problem (meaning, we can't just redefine what priesthood is and how it is lived out), nor would it uphold the dignity of what we believe the priesthood to be. In just a few years, many who have devoted their lives to Christ and His Church will be retiring. The Bishop, at the recommendation of the PSAT, appointed a fulltime Vocation Director (Fr. Matthew Mason), and two Assistant Vocation Directors (Fr. Marcos Gonzalez, who will work with the Hispanic communities, and yours truly, who will be working with the young adult communities). The hope is that we can inspire men to be open and respond to God's call to be priests. We have begun our work, and pray that God will call laborers to the harvest.

Why do we need priests? The priesthood is not simply the one who leads the prayer of the congregation. If that were the case, really, anyone could do it. Rather, there is something incredible that happens when the gift of Holy Orders is bestowed upon a man – he becomes conformed to Christ, and he acts *in persona Christi capitis* – in the person of Christ, the head. When he gives absolution in Confession, it is not the priest who absolves, but Christ who absolves. When he celebrated Mass, he doesn't say, "This is Christ's body," but "This is my body," because it is Christ who is speaking, Christ who is acting in the priest. Without the priest, there is no Mass – which brings the grace of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross to our time here and now. Without the priest, there is no Eucharist. St. Mother Teresa spoke about her work of caring for the poorest of the poor and the dying by saying, "I couldn't continue my work for a single day or a single hour without the Eucharist." Without the priest, there is no Eucharist!

The priest is necessary for the Confession and the Anointing of the Sick, these two Sacraments that bring God's healing love to the world in a most powerful way! I read a story recently that took place following the French Revolution and "Reign of Terror" in the eighteenth century. The Catholic Church was very much persecuted, and many priests, nuns, and Catholic lay faithful were murdered because of their faithfulness. There was a man who bragged that he killed thirty priests with his own hands. After the Revolution, in his old age, he was dying, and his wife, a secretly practicing Catholic, asked a priest to come and minister to him. He entered wearing plain clothes and identified himself as a Catholic priest. The old man, livid with rage, screamed, "If I could get up, I would cut your throat!" And the priest calmly replied, "You already did. But God saved me so that I could save you." The priest then showed the long scar across his throat, reaching ear to ear. The old man was touched by the courage and care of this priest – who had almost died before at the hands of this man, and was now risking death again to try to save this man's soul from hell – and he made his Confession and repented of his sins. (Taken from *To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood* by Fr. Brett A. Brannen, pp. 61-62.)

This is just what priests do. They come to heal. They come to forgive. They come to save. They come to bring forth God's grace. They come to pray. They come to offer sacrifice to God for the people of God. They stand as mediator between God and humanity. The priest cares for the sick and the dying. It's just what priests do.

Next weekend, we will have the Diocesan collection for our seminarians. The money collected goes to helping pay for their education and formation to be priests. I don't know how much it costs to send them through seminary, but when I was going through (1998-2003) it cost about \$17,000 per year for my schooling. I can only guess that it has not gone down over the last fifteen years! We need priests! I ask you to be as generous as you can to help us continue to form good men to be the holy priests that we need.

## THE MASS: THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Join Father Von on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM this winter as he explores the Mass and the Jewish roots of the Eucharist. Included are a video presentations by Dr. Brant Pitre, professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary, in New Orleans. Find out more about ancient Jewish beliefs about the Passover of the Messiah, the miraculous Manna from heaven, and the mysterious Bread of the Presence.

Dates: **January 15, 22, 29 and February 5 & 19, 2018.** Location: Youth Room at St. Patrick School.

## OPEN HOUSES

### Nashua Catholic Regional Jr. High School

January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM – S'mores and Tours. For more information call 603-882-7011 or email [ncrjhs.org](mailto:ncrjhs.org)

### St. Joseph Regional Catholic School – Salem

January 28<sup>th</sup> at noon for coffee and donuts. Please come see the great things happening at St. Joseph. Questions? Contact [info@sjrcs.com](mailto:info@sjrcs.com) or 603-893-6811 X19.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are January 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and March 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmemo.org/>



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.



“A Birthday Celebration!”

JESUS Across THE Border:

January 19, 2018

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine

Lowell, MA

7:30-11:00 PM

Join JESUS Across THE Border, the umbrella organization that unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, at our next monthly event! Our evening begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharistic Adoration and Praise & Worship led by Brandon Fitts of LIFT Ministries. Following 9:00 PM Mass, we will have a pizza networking social. There may even be cake to celebrate our first birthday! This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. Please email Billy Beauchesne at [JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com) or visit <https://facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder> for more information.

## CAMPS BERNADETTE & FATIMA

To the Parents of our NH school children. We want to include your child in our fabulous camping program this summer. Our camps not only offer a great chance for children to have fun, they also help them to learn new skills and grow socially, emotionally and spiritually creating memories which last a lifetime. As a special offer to NH Catholic School Students, we are pleased to offer a 10% discount on camp tuition for any enrolled student.

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