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**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**

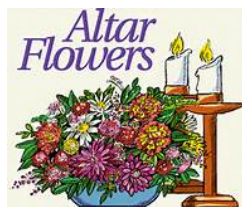
Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

**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).

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 16</b>
4pm	<b>John Fitzgerald</b> , 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
8am	<b>Richard Anderson</b> requested by Rosemary
10:30am	<b>Rosa Lutsch</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Jean family
6pm	<b>John Lawlor, Jr.</b> , requested by Pat Lawlor
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
8am	<b>Helen Foley Mesner</b> requested by the Fancher family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
8am	<b>Margaret Rose Gaebel</b> requested by the 8 O'Clockers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
8am	<b>Louise Bousquet</b> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
8am	<b>Robert Thibault</b> requested by his wife
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 22</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
4pm	<b>Walter Godosky</b> , 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
8am	<b>Alan Larese</b> , 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his sister Chris
10:30am	<b>Norman Provencal</b> , 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family
6pm	<b>David Turcotte</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of John Fitzgerald, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & children

## 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 1/10/16	\$7,683
Fuel	\$1,668

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$9,351**

Thank you for your continued support  
~Fr. Von~

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Jan. 24 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### Natural Disasters

This second collection is a free will offering for those who suffer from the Natural Disasters in the United States.

### Jan. 31 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

### Feb. 7 Catholic School Week

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

### Feb. 14 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### Feb. 21 Fuel

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

### Feb. 28 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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



### **Sunday, January 17**

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

### **Monday, January 18**

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### **Tuesday, January 19**

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM  
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

### **Wednesday, January 20**

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the meeting room  
Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM, in the church  
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room  
Food Pantry, 1:00 PM  
Confessions, 7:00 PM

### **Thursday, January 21**

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall  
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

### **Friday, January 22**

Moms' Group, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school

### **BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB**

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the Womb*. After the 10:30 AM Mass on January 24<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Please welcome our newest members to the Parish Pastoral Council for 2016: Donna Caouette, Scott Gloor, Christine Lemieux and Laura Spottiswood. Our continuing members are: Cara-Jean Donaghey, Danielle Paquette, Ginnie Thesier, Gabriel Toubia and Ron Turturici.

### **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH GROUP**

February 21<sup>ST</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM  
we will have our first **Living Stations of The Cross Rehearsal**  
it will take place in the church

### **Save The Date:**

### **NH Catholic Youthfest**

May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Anselm's College  
Early Registration: \$35

### **Reboot! Live!**

with Chris Stefanick  
May 25<sup>th</sup> in Nashua, NH  
7:00-9:30 PM  
Tickets \$19

Registration and payment due March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **STEUBENVILLE EAST**

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

**Save the Date:** For our Marriage Enrichment Day on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please look in the bulletin for more information to follow.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> **Matthew Arnold** will be speaking on Our Lady of Good Success. Please look in the bulletin for more information to follow.

### **FREE WILL OFFERING**

Next weekend we will be having a free will offering. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## From the Pastor

My dear brothers and sisters,

Prayer is our next **Work of Mercy** – **praying for the living and the dead**. Many times, we think that when we pray, we're not really doing anything, but that's probably because we have a faulty understanding of prayer. Prayer is **not** about us coming to grips with our inner life, or a connection with an impersonal force greater than ourselves (this isn't *Star Wars*, after all). Prayer is *relationship* with God Almighty; communication, communion with the God of the universe. As we come to greater understanding of who He is (our loving and tender Father) and who we are (His beloved and precious sons and daughters), we come to a better understanding of how He relates with us (He *delights* in us – in you and me!). As we come to understand this, our confidence in His love grows . . . and the saints show us that confidence in God's merciful and tender love is the key to His Heart; it is irresistible to Him; He cannot refuse such tender confidence. When we pray *expecting* Him to act – not because we've "said the right words," or found that "irresistible novena," but because we know He can't resist our love – He *does* act.

This means that when we offer up prayers to God, in this loving confidence, when we trust Him and His love for us (and all of the people He has made), when we ask for Him to act . . . He does! Now, a quick qualification: this doesn't mean He always works exactly as we want, or on our schedule. That being said, He ALWAYS acts for our greatest good, and ALWAYS responds to our loving pleas.

The merciful work of praying for the living and the dead, therefore, is a *vital* work for the world. When people come to us with their problems and struggles, it is so easy for us to respond, "I'll pray for you." It is much harder to bring them and their struggles regularly before the throne of God. Truly we have taken on a great responsibility when we promise to pray for someone. There is an expectation, first, that we will actually pray, and second, that something will happen because of our prayers. This is why praying is a **Work of Mercy**: it takes *work* on our part, and it brings the merciful love of God into people's lives (it is effective).

But what about praying for the dead? There it is at the top of the page, praying for the living *and the dead*. This gets into the doctrine of Purgatory (which is for another bulletin article!). This merciful gift from God allows us – who end our lives as friends of God, but who have not truly been purified of all of our selfishness and attachment to sin – to be purified after our deaths, and so have hope of the eternal embrace of God (a.k.a. Heaven). Those in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves in their purification (they can, however, pray for us, so don't forget to ask for their prayers), but we can pray for them. Our prayers and sacrifices speed them through the purification process and into God's loving embrace. This is one reason we have Funeral Masses for the deceased – we join in on this *most powerful prayer* - the Mass - for our recently departed, and it helps them into Heaven. (For more on Purgatory, check out the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1030-1032.)

All of this being said, when we look at the mess the world is in right now, I don't think it takes a genius to realize we need prayer – and A LOT of it! With all of the school shootings of late, the wars, hatred and violence that surround us – how providential it is that Pope Francis called for a Year of Mercy. In this world which has rejected the sacred dignity of human life – treating it like something that can be destroyed or used at our whim – we need to pray (again, with GREAT CONFIDENCE that God *will* act) for a greater respect for human life in our world. **I invite you to be a part of the solution. I invite you to join me in prayer to invoke God's mercy upon the world.** Every week, before the weekend Masses, we have been praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, starting about 12 minutes before Mass. **I invite you in a special way to join me next weekend (January 23-24) to pray the chaplet with me before each of the Masses. I invite you to join me reaching up, with great trust, to the God of Heaven that He may bring to our world a renewed sense of and respect for our sacred personhood.** Do not be afraid that you don't know the Divine Mercy Chaplet (it's pretty simple, actually, and I bet you'll get the hang of it quickly; check it out at: [thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet.php](http://thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet.php)). Join me, especially next weekend, in this **Work of Mercy** of praying for the world!



- Confirmation I Class is held on this Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Faith Life Classes are held next weekend January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation II Class is held on next Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- **No Faith Life Classes are held on the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Except Confirmation II has class on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- Confirmation II Class is held on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.

### MOMS' GROUP

For moms with young children, join us on each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. The next meeting is next Friday from 9:00-10:30 AM in the school for a time of prayer and fellowship. Use the cafeteria entrance at the back door of the school. Toys will be available for the children to play with while moms visit. Please call Tabatha for more information at 978-866-3731. Come and build lasting friendships for yourselves and your children!

### PRAYER SHAWL

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.



**The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of Large Brown Paper Bags.**

### PRAYER LINE

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net) or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or e-mail at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net).



If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2016, please contact the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

### NASHUA CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our Open House at Nashua Catholic on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Nashua Catholic offers 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders a rigorous, Catholic-based curriculum, a commitment to service, championship athletics, student leadership and extracurricular opportunities that range from drama to chess, Match counts to writing, skiing to Minecraft. We offer leveled classes and an expanded S.T.E.A.M. program. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges accredit us. NEW! We offer busing from surrounding towns.

### REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Winter/Spring **Men's weekend** are February 11-14 and April 7-10. The Winter/Spring **Women's weekend** is March 3-6, April 21-24, April 28 - May 1 and June 2-5. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (603-635-3525).

**Healing Mass on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church.**