

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
 to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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.

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

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
 Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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: www.kofcpelhamnh.org



Saturday January 25
 4pm **Norman Provencal**, 20th Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family

Sunday January 26
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family
Robert S. Haberek, Sr., requested by his family
 10:30am **Emmeline Cronin** requested by Ray & Rose Graham
Francisco Silva requested by Lucy Azevedo
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday January 27
 8am **Marietta Genereux**, 25th Anniversary, requested by her Daughters Georgette & Andrea
Jack Warren requested by David & Maureen Groff

Tuesday January 28
 8am **Honorable J. Albert Lynch** requested by David & Maureen Groff

Wednesday January 29
 8am **Nancy Walton** requested by her aunt Donna Smith

Thursday January 30
 8am **Albert Guilbeault** requested by his daughter Connie

Friday January 31
 8am No Mass

Saturday February 1
 8am Women of Mary
 4pm **The DiGianntommaso Family** requested by their family
Walter Lambert, 13th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Sunday February 2
 8am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 10:30am **Grace Buscema**, 23rd Anniversary, **Patricia Cormier**, 4th Anniversary, requested by their family
 6pm **For all those in Consecrated Life**

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 1/19/20

Offertory Envelopes \$4,373

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,355

Total Offertory \$5,728

Total Collected \$5,728

As of 1/19 we have an offertory deficit of \$4,090

Thank you for your continued support
 ~Fr. Von~

Diocesan Seminarians Fund

collected as of 1/19/20

\$2,098

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 2 Catholic School Week

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

Feb. 9 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Feb. 16 Utility

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

Feb. 23 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.

MASS OF THE HEALING AND HOPE

Are you in need of healing? Who isn't?! Come and experience God's healing love through the Eucharist and individual prayer this Friday, January 31st, at 7:00 PM.



Sunday, January 26

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Blessing of the Child in the Womb, 11:30 AM, in the church

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

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

Monday, January 27

Lectio: Mary, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, January 28

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29

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

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

Thursday, January 30

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 31

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

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

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



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the ***Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass***. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



Join us March 27-30, 2020
For a life-changing retreat!
Light of the World
Held at St. Patrick School
Sign up by contacting
the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
the retreat is free,
and you sleep at home.
Please indicate dietary restrictions.



LECTIO: MARY

Do you want to learn more about Mary? Join Fr. Von for this Video Series by Dr. Brant Pitre on Monday nights, January 27th, February 17th & 24th, and March 2nd & 9th, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I mentioned last week, Pope Francis has asked that this Sunday be dedicated to the Word of God. As I joked last week, we Catholics aren't known for our familiarity with the Bible. If you've ever had a "Bible Based Christian" talk to you about the Bible, you may have found yourself at a loss as they quoted chapter and verse from memory. While we may not be able to quote the Bible, or even find certain books in the Bible, the Sacred Scriptures are an important part of our faith. The Liturgy of the Word is an extensive and essential part of the Mass. We hear a great part of the Bible through the weekend and weekday readings, as well as finding the Scriptures quoted in many different prayers in the Mass. You may be more familiar with the Bible than you realize, even if you can't find your way through it.

So why is the Bible so important?

Simply put, it is because the Bible is the Word of God. It is God speaking to us here and now, today. The Church in the past may have discouraged individual reading of the Bible because of misinterpretation. Today, however, the Church encourages each Christian to pray with and study the Bible. St. Jerome, one of the Fathers of the Church, is famous for having translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin (the *lingua franca* of the day). He famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." If we want to know Christ, we need to become familiar with His Word. Henri de Lubac reminds us that the Scriptures are the Word of God, breathed by the Holy Spirit:

Scripture is not only divinely guaranteed, it is divinely true. The Spirit did not only dictate it; he is, as it were, contained in it. He inhabits it. His breath perpetually animates it. The Scripture is 'made fruitful by a miracle of the Holy Spirit.' It is 'full of the Spirit.'

All of this is to say – *it is really important to read the Bible!*

The problem is that the Bible is also very hard to understand. Not only are we reading the Scriptures in a language different from the inspired texts (no, they were not written in English... not even Elizabethan English), but we are also dealing with a big cultural difference (which can still be experienced by contrasting the Middle Eastern culture to our American culture), as well as 2000-3000 years distance from when the Scriptures were written.

Yet, God wants to speak to each of us here and now today through the Bible. So what do we do?

First of all, we remember that the Bible is the story of a marriage – the marriage between God and humanity. In this, we must remember to read the Bible in relationship to God... meaning in prayer. If we are to read the Bible as it was meant to be written, we must approach it in prayer. We ask the Holy Spirit – the One who wrote the Bible and is "contained in it... inhabits it... animates it," – to speak to our hearts. God has something to say to us.

We need to decide where to begin. If this is your first experience with the Bible, it is best NOT to start at the beginning and work your way through. I encourage you to begin with the Gospels. Right now, we are making our way through the Gospel of Matthew, so maybe you could start there (just skip over the genealogy if it is too boring).

Then, slowly read His Word... there's no race to get through the Bible – you have your whole life! Sometimes it helps to get a solid Biblical commentary, so we can know the context, as well as what certain difficult texts mean (or, at least, what they don't mean). (One good series is the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible series. While this series is still being written, all of the New Testament is completed and good portions of the Old Testament. You can download the app from the Augustine Institute [lighthousecatholicmedia.org], or buy hard copies of them.) You may use your imagination to envision the scene, or to ponder over where you might be if you were there. Read until something strikes you. It may be a word, a phrase or an image. It may be something you don't understand and have to wrestle with (that's ok!). Whatever it is that strikes you, spend time with it. It is an opportunity to encounter the living God. Ask God what this means for you here and now today, how He is speaking to you.

You see, the Bible is God's Word – still living and active. His word has the power to set us free. St. Augustine was struggling with a sexual addiction. He prayed about it and struggled with it, but was unable to overcome its power. At one moment, God inspired him to take up the Scriptures and read, and the words he read gave him power to overcome the authority of that snare. When we open ourselves to encounter God's Word, He speaks love to us. It may be a word of consolation. It may speak to our worth. It may be a word to set us free. It may be a challenge to change our lives. It may be a warning that we are heading toward destruction. In any case, God will speak His Word of love to our hearts, if we but open ourselves to that Word.



**Regina Caeli Academy – Information Session
Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00-9:00 PM**

St. Matthew Church, 2 Searles Rd., Windham, NH
<https://www.facebook.com/trainingthemindtoformthesoul/>

Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy assists homeschoolers by providing a classical, university-style hybrid program in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days following a structured lesson plan that is simple to implement in the home. Come find out about this amazing program! The event includes a presentation by the founder and Executive Director, Kari Beckman, and a Q & A session; children are always welcome! Regina Caeli Academy has locations in 16 cities in 11 states. The northern Massachusetts area could be next! www.rcahybrid.org. RSVP to Becky Casey at Rebecca.oneil.casey@gmail.com or 781-856-7690.



Blessing of the Throats will take place after all the Masses on the weekend of February 1st & 2nd. If you have candles you would like blessed, please bring them to Mass this weekend.

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on February 1st. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the church.

VOCATIONS

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, religious sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



Warm their Soul/Warm their Soles

Do you know that socks are the most in-demand clothing item for the homeless yet are the least donated? Clean, warm socks are a treasure for people without permanent housing especially in the winter-time. We can help! We will be collecting NEW socks for men & women to be delivered to nearby shelters throughout the month of January. Please drop off your donation in the chapel. Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Brunelle at 508-864-8084 (call or text) or cdbrunelle@comcast.net

Catholic Charities NH

75th Anniversary Celebration

Catholic Charities NH invites you to their 75th anniversary gala, The Ice Ball, which will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Manchester. The evening will celebrate our powerful past and promising future with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing within a beautiful and festive atmosphere. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit www.cc-nh.org/iceball or call 603-669-3030.

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Mark your calendars: March 16th, Jason Evert, bestselling author and international speaker, will be coming to New Hampshire. He will be speaking at Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua at 7:00 PM. It is free, so be sure to come and bring your family and friends.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday,
February 1st, at 8:00 AM