



Saturday July 23

4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Sr., Birthday
Remembrance, **In Honor of St. Joseph**
requested by the Taylor family
Michael, Victoria & Anthony Sarno requested
by Carmine & Annette Sarno

Sunday July 24

8am ~ Intentions of all our parishioners
10:30am ~ Leonard J. Nelson, Sr., 13th
Anniversary, requested by his son & daughter-
in-law
Florence & Louis Jacques requested by their
son

Monday July 25

8am ~ In Honor of the Virgin Mother

Tuesday July 26

8am ~ Raymond Jean, Sr., 29th Anniversary,
requested by his family
Theresa Malone requested by Jennifer, Mom
& Dad

Wednesday July 27

8am ~ Steve Hayes requested by David &
Maureen Groff

Thursday July 28

8am ~ John Comeau, Sr., Birthday
Remembrance, requested by his family

Friday July 29

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday July 30

4pm ~ John T. Kelly, Jr., Birthday
Remembrance, requested by the Cieszynski
family
Francis Fitzgerald, 9th Anniversary, requested
by his wife Teresa & family

Sunday July 31

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Francis Proveaux, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor



Sunday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 26

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, July 27

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

Thursday, July 28

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

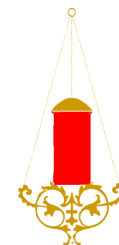
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, July 29

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Kevin Gallagher by his family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Raymond Jean, 29th Anniversary, by his family

VOCATION

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being
called to help feed the people of God as a priest,
deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or
email: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel this weekend calls us to prayer. We begin the Gospel with Luke's account of the Lord's prayer. You may notice it is shorter than the one we know, the one that Matthew shares with us (Matthew 6:9-13). (Just a note that Jesus was preaching and teaching for three years, so it probably happened that he said the same thing more than once, and had a different twist depending on the context.)

In this scene, the disciples see Jesus praying and are so amazed at the depth of His prayer, they ask Him to teach them. What is the heart of prayer? Not asking for things. Not promising to be good. Not telling God how great He is. It's *relationship*. Jesus starts by saying, "**Father.**" While the text is written in Greek, Jesus probably taught them to say, "Abba" "Daddy." We lose track of how radical and how intimate a prayer this is. Jesus shows us that we can call the God of the universe, "Dad"!! The heart of prayer is a profound trust and confidence in the relationship God has toward us. This is emphasized later in the Gospel as Jesus tells us to ask, seek and knock, and that we know how to give good things to our children "**how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?**" (Luke 11:13).

Jesus invites us into a relationship of trust with God, trusting His goodness and providence, trusting His love for us. Over the years, I have seen the fidelity of God in action. There have been times that I have asked God for miracles, and He has delivered. There have been times when I begged Him for understanding, and He has given it. There have been times I have been in desperate need of healing and comfort, and He has come through. (There have also been times when He has made me wait, or has shown me that He has something better in mind, but His fidelity has given me the trust for these situations.) With this incredible love poured out from God, why do I sometimes delay my prayer, or put it off for another day?

To be honest, sometimes prayer is boring. I know, you're not supposed to say that out loud, but there are times that it is dry, empty and seemingly lifeless. I think there are a few reasons for this. One might be that I might not be in a state of grace. There are times when my sins keep me from being embraced by the love of God. I know that I have turned away from Him and I don't want to face Him, or I don't want to have to repent of my sin... so I avoid Him. This can be compared to a teenager not looking at His mother, but she comes over and gives Him a big hug from behind anyway. We turn our back on God, despite His incredible love for us.

Other times, prayer might be dry because I am so immersed in the world, I cannot enter into real prayer. I think of all the times when "what I would rather do" comes into my mind. These distractions, if not repelled, keep me from giving myself to the Lord. Imagine you're with a friend, but the whole time you're thinking about being with someone else. What will that do to your attitude and your relationship with the friend you're with? I think also about the distractions of "the screens." They give us instant gratification. It doesn't last, but it *is* immediate. Relationships give us much deeper satisfaction and joy, but they take more time to develop, and they cost something – for all love has some element of suffering involved. If we're not willing to say "no" to the screens – and every other form of instant gratification – in some parts of our lives, we will find friendship with God boring and empty. It is when we turn away from those things that we open our hearts to the deeper and longer lasting joy of relationship with God.

Another reason prayer might seem empty is that that is the normal cycles of the spiritual life. God gives us times of consolation, but He also allows times of desolation so that we do not cling to the gifts, but to *the Giver*. We have ups and downs in the spiritual life. Even for the best of saints there are times of dryness, periods of the dark night of the senses and of the soul. The Lord allows these in order to purify our desires and to draw us closer to Him in our emptiness.

May we continue to seek God with all our hearts, seeking out time of prayer – even in dryness – so that we can grow in our relationship with our God and Father who is head-over-heels in love with us.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Doors open 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Free Admission

Ticket Registration Required

~ Day includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession, Eucharistic Preacher, Diocesan Holy Hour, and the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

~ Buses from all deaneries will be available for those that do not want to drive. Information to come.

~ Some seating under cover – some grassy areas suitable for blankets/lawn chairs. Food concessions available and encouraged. For more information or to Register visit:

www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org

If you have any questions, please email

Sister Esther Marie at

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ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, “God with us”. We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-9:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

CREATE A LEGACY

Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church

In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

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 7/17/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,257

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,898

Total Offertory \$7,155

Faith Life \$1,569

Total Collected \$8,724

Thank you for supporting our parish

~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

July 31 Evangelization

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

Aug. 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Aug. 14 Utility

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

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for **Theresa Ritchey**. We extend our sympathy to her family.

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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.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or 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 to register, go to 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. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org