

## Saturday July 25

**4pm** ~ **Rev. John Sledziona & Dora Carpentier** requested by Donna Smith

## Sunday July 26

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Francis Proveaux, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
6pm ~ Victoria, Michael & Anthony Sarno
requested by Carmine & Annette Sarno

### Monday July 27

8am ~ Louise Bousquet requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy

## Tuesday July 28

8am ~ Rolande Jean requested by Andrea Genereux

**Intentions of the Blessed Mother** requested by the Lemieux family

## Wednesday July 29

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

#### Thursday July 30

**8am** ~ **Nicholas Betancur**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family

## Friday July 31

8am ~ No Mass

7pm ~ Healing Mass

## Saturday August 1

8am ~ Women of Mary

**4pm** ~ **Francis Fitzgerald,** 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family

## Sunday August 2

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners 10:30am ~ Una Harrington, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family 6pm ~ Juliann Hojlo, 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family



### Sunday, July 26

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school **Tuesday**, **July 28** 

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

## Wednesday, July 29

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

## Thursday, July 30

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

### Friday, July 31

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Raymond Jean, Sr., 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Raymond Jean, Sr., 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Paul has some encouraging words for us today:

# We know that all things work for good for those who love **God.** (Romans 8:28)

Especially in this trying time, we can forget that *all things* work for good for those who love God – not just some things, not just the things we deem "good" – but ALL THINGS!

That's pretty powerful. That's something to which we need to cling! God loves us so much, He's got everything in His hands. St. Maximilian Kolbe says that everything that doesn't come from our own will comes to us through the hands of Mary. Even if it comes from the evil will of another, it comes through

her motherly hands. (Remember that St. Maximilian experienced great evil through the hands of the Nazis, having been sent to Auschwitz, tortured with starvation, and finally killed with an injection of carbolic acid. Yet, He still trusted his mother, whom he called *Immaculata*.) So no matter what happens, we can trust in God's love for us, as well as the intercession of Mary our Mother.

I forget this truth so easily. I think that's why I get stressed, anxious or worried. Yet, when I remember this truth, when I remember how loved I am, everything is okay. COVID-19 – or any other trial, tribulation, sickness, or sadness – has nothing – nothing, I tell you – on our Father's love for us!

I've shared this before, but I think it bears remembering: Blessed Solanus Casey said, "Thank God ahead of time." I think this might be the secret to peace. When we thank God ahead of time – before we can see the results, before we know what will happen, before we can even tell what we're supposed to do, even while we are in the midst of turmoil and trials – it is a conscious decision to trust God. When we make that decision to thank Him ahead of time, we're saying, "I know you have this, even though I can't see how it will work out." And in that, we recognize that *this situation*, right here, right now, will work for good, because we love God and *He loves us*.

So why do we forget? It's the original lie, connected to the Original Sin. Do you remember Satan's lie to Eve in the Garden of Eden? He begins by putting doubt into Eve's head, doubt that God really loves her and will care for her:

# "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden'?" (Genesis 3:1)

Think about Eve's internal reaction to this: "Imagine if He did?! What would we do then? What could we possibly eat?!" Instead of recognizing the incredible abundance of God's providence (that He is providing a huge garden of food from which to eat), Satan gets Eve to begin doubting His love. Satan then goes on to tell Eve that God is afraid of her, that He sees Eve as a rival, and is keeping something important from her:

# "God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil." (Genesis 3:5)

But the truth is that God is not a rival. He is a Father who deeply loves His children. This lie is the primordial lie that still speaks to our hearts today. This is why we doubt that God is taking care of us. This is why we doubt that "all things work for good for those who love God." With the Fall, with the brokenness of the Original Sin, this lie has created a division between us and God that makes us believe that He is out to get us.

**DON'T BELIEVE THIS LIE!** Don't allow it to stay rooted in your life! Counter that lie with the wisdom of Bl. Solanus Casey, with the wisdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe, with the wisdom of St. Paul. Thank God ahead of time! Make acts of faith that everything that happens to you comes through Mary's hands. Make acts of faith that all things work for good for those who love God.

#### MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

Experience God's Healing
Come with Faith
Come with Hope
Come expecting to be touched by God's Love
Friday, July 31st, at 7:00 PM
in the Church

#### MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

The mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa. It has 83 parishes and 1200 mission churches with 1.2 million baptized Catholics. Drought, famine and poverty are always the major challenges faced by much of the population since they depend on agriculture for their livelihood. The effects of malnutrition, HIV/AIDS and now Covid-19 plus other diseases common in third world countries are the major causes of death for many especially the young children. Your generosity will help to continue with construction of an Elementary School and a High School, tuition for these schools, maintain 4 orphanages, drilling of wells to provide clean water for the people, a hospital, 21 Group Homes for disabled children and programs to rehabilitate street children. behalf of the Bishop of Machakos and the faithful people. Thank You for your generosity.



Attention: Gardeners if you end up with a surplus of fresh produce we will be glad to take it off your hands. We are also in need of PAPER TOWELS. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **VOCATIONS**

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God," who are called according to his purpose." Do you approach the Lord in prayer asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

## A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Living in God's Time

Friday, September 11-Sunday, September 13 Join us from the comfort of your own home as we dive deeper into what it means to live in God's time. This virtual experience will include thought provoking talks, times for prayer and reflection, and some social time to get to know other young adults from both Maine and New Hampshire, and a live/stream Mass to conclude the weekend. Register at <a href="https://2020yaretreat.eventbrite.com">https://2020yaretreat.eventbrite.com</a> For more information or questions, please call Mary Jane Silvia at 603-663-0172 or Hannah Gonneville at 207-773-6471.

#### **ATTENTION LADIES**

St. Gianna's Place, a caring home in Hudson NH for pregnant women in crisis, is looking for volunteers. Our current need is for Catholic women 25 years old and older who can volunteer at our home on weekends. Whether you can volunteer for a couple hours in the daytime once a month, or you could commit to an overnight now and again, if you are able bodied and want to help please call 603-521-8440 or send an email to <a href="Maintenance-Admin@StGiannasPlace.org">Admin@StGiannasPlace.org</a>. Also, as the state begins to open and schools and activities return to normal, we will need women to assist our residents with transportation. If you have a reliable vehicle and wish to volunteer please let us know! Thank you!

## Great News-Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew.** This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwwmema.org/.



#### **FAITH LIFE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

My hope and prayer is that we will never again take for granted the gift it is to come together as a Catholic Community, for in this coming together we help each other draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

I invite every family to register and participate in our Family Faith Life Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration materials can be found on our parish website: <a href="https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/">https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/</a>

God Bless each and everyone of you. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

~Adam, Director of Faith Life

## **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

#### **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 7/19/20
Offertory Envelopes \$ 6,621
Offertory Electronic Giving \$ 1,630
Total Offertory \$ 8,251

As of 7/19 we have an offertory deficit of \$ 267

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity. ~Fr. Von~

#### **Parish to Parish**

collected as of 7/19/20 \$ 1,256 Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### Aug. 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### Aug. 9 Utility

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

## Aug. 9 Parish Mission Appeal

The Mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa.

## Aug. 16 NH Missionaries Abroad Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH

This collection supports *The Good Samaritan Home* in Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin. In addition, a portion of this collection supports the diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of New Hampshire.

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

#### **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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#### **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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 <a href="mailto:fathervon@comcast.net">fathervon@comcast.net</a>.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 4PM

*Sunday* 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

#### **WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday through Thursday8amFridayNo MassFirst Friday and First Saturday8am

#### **HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

#### **ADORATION**

*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am 2:00-8:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

#### **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 <a href="mailto:eqwright@comcast.net">eqwright@comcast.net</a>. More information online: <a href="https://www.kofcpelhamnh.org">www.kofcpelhamnh.org</a>