



Saturday June 24

4pm ~ Emmett L. Beane, Jr., Birthday
Remembrance, requested by his wife Jane

Sunday June 25

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Emily Cronin requested by her family
Lucy Devlin requested by a friend

Monday June 26

8am ~ Arthur Lapointe requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
Maureen O'Neill requested by the Haggerty family

Tuesday June 27

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Timothy St. Cyr requested by Donna Smith

Wednesday June 28

8am ~ Louise Bousquet, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy

Thursday June 29

8am ~ Deceased Members of the Martin Family requested by a friend
In Thanksgiving for Dave & Kim requested by a friend

Friday June 30

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday July 1

8am ~ Lionel Levesque and Phyllis Houle requested the Lemieux family
Mary Carroll requested by Lou & Karen Barrows

4pm ~ Edward Cvinar, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his family
Francis Fitzgerald, 10th Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family

Sunday July 2

8am ~ Germaine Raby, 28th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
Jody Cardwell requested by her family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, June 25

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

Tuesday, June 27

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 28

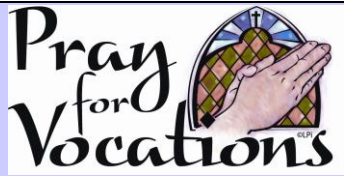
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the parish center
Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, June 29

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the parish center
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, June 30

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



Pray for Vocations

"Be not afraid." Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. Pray for clarity in your discernment. If you need help discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2023-2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2023-2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's readings remind us that we are not to be afraid of the things in this world; we're not even supposed to be afraid of death. This, of course, is hard, since we're so immersed in the things of this world, but Jesus reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on Him and His promises. When we remember the promise of heaven and what this truly means, then there should be no fear of death, for it is the entrance into the merciful arms of our loving God.

Jesus reminds us that even in this life, we are in the hands of Almighty God, and that each hair on our head is numbered. He loves us and is paying attention. The spiritual tradition of the Church reminds us that everything that happens to us comes to us through the hands of Jesus... even the things that are evil. Note that it doesn't say everything comes *from* God, but even the worst evil that afflicts our lives first passes through the hands of God. This means that we can trust Him to make good out of evil, that nothing is beyond redemption. When we face so many

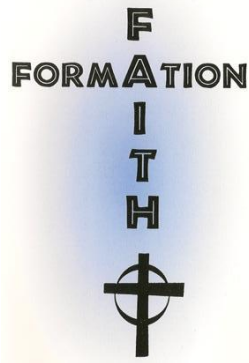
evils, do we remember this?

And if we follow Christ faithfully, we will come against resistance, evil and persecution. The world hates to hear the message of the Gospel, because it goes directly contrary to the self-centeredness the world lives. This means that over the centuries, many Christians have been persecuted and killed for the Faith. Jesus tells us: do not be afraid, you are in the hands of God. In the United States at this time, persecution doesn't mean death or even exile, but it could mean being shunned or "cancelled." When we speak the truth (even when done in love), we will be persecuted, cancelled and called "haters." But Jesus calls us to be witnesses of the truth, even when people don't like it. This doesn't mean that we shove it in the face of others, but that we don't back down when we are confronted.

This "Cancel Culture" seems to be most vehement around anything that is "heretical" to the tenets of the sexual revolution. God has created us in His image and likeness, He has created us to image the eternal love within the heart of the Trinity, and we can see that this reality is stamped into our bodies – that we were called to give ourselves to each other in love. But our world says that sex is merely recreation not a total, permanent and free donation of self to the other, so open to giving life to the other that nine months later you might have to give that love a name. Our world says that when contraception fails, we can kill our children through abortion, and even after the child is born. Our world says that we can redefine marriage and the sexual act so that it is between two people of the same sex. Our world says that we can even change our sex or gender. When we as individuals or as Church stand for what is the truth in these matters, we are hated. When we try to speak the truth in love, we are called haters.

And Jesus says, "Fear no one" (Matthew 10:26). We will not be liked by the world, but God is taking care of us. We must do all in love, of course, but love doesn't mean that we're "nicey, nicey." Love means we want the good for the other as other; and the good is always aligned with the truth.

I want to comment here on God's mercy. God always loves us. God always accepts us, no matter where we are or what we've done. His mercy endures forever. No matter what our struggles are, God wants to walk with us. He does not require us to be perfect to come to Him. But He is always drawing us to the truth, and we have to choose to accept or reject that truth. There is no person God ever rejects. We have to make sure, though, that we do not reject Him, by rejecting the truth and obstinately cling on to the lies of this world. If you or someone you know struggles with any of these issues, turn to the Lord, and ask for the grace to accept the Truth – Jesus – in the midst of the confusion and chaos of this world.



FAITH LIFE UPDATE FOR JUNE It is Summertime!

Vacations, sports and many other adventures always fill my family's summer. These things are good because they are all opportunities to create memories and strengthen our bonds as a family.

As we move into summer and our making plans, let us never forget the greatest adventure of all - Our Catholic Faith! Summer is an opportunity to grow closer as a family and also to grow closer to Christ. As you are making your summer "bucket list" I would encourage you to consider putting some of the following ideas on it.

- Attend Mass every Sunday as family
- Visit an Adoration Chapel
- Make sack lunches for a local soup kitchen or homeless ministry
- Do yard work for an elderly neighbor
- Make a pilgrimage to your Cathedral (or a nearby basilica or pilgrimage site)
- Pick wildflowers, write a card, and take them to a homebound parishioner
- Make a meal for someone in your parish who is sick or just had a baby
- Invite friends over for a backyard barbeque and family rosary
- Go through your clothing and toys and share with a young family or donate to a local charity
- Find area free lending libraries and leave books about saints or the Faith
- Pray the Stations of the Cross outside
- Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead
- Go to Mass and Confession on the First Fridays of the summer
- Pass out bottles of ice-cold water at a local event or charity
- Stay up late and pray Night Prayer under the stars
- Harvest some of your garden produce for a soup kitchen or to share with someone in need
- Make dinner for your parish priests or invite them to your house
- Host a lemonade stand on behalf of your local pregnancy resource center
- Have a movie night and watch *The Chosen*
- Offer an afternoon or evening of babysitting to a family with young children
- Take your grandparents to Mass and breakfast on the feast of St's. Joachim and Anne
- Go on a hike and pray the Rosary (inspired by John Paul II and Bl. Pier Giorgio)

These are simple things we can do throughout the summer months to bring our faith alive and keep Christ always at the center.

Have a Blessed Summer!

Adam Castor

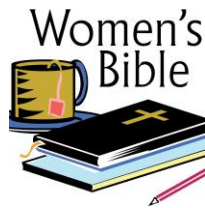
Director of Faith Life



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and will reopen on Monday, July 10th. We will be closed to get ready for the new fiscal year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$33,360** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$19,920**



**WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING
SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

For the last four months, the Women's Bible Sharing group has met weekly to discuss scripture, build community and grow closer to God together. With summer just around the corner, we invite you to join us for Women's Bible Sharing summer book club where we will meet monthly on Tuesday mornings (7/25 and 8/22) 9-10:30 AM exploring *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado.

For more information, please contact Jennah Costa jennahcosta@yahoo.com. We hope you'll join us!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
(VBS) – SAVE THE DATE**

STELLAR is coming! This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE! Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

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 6/18/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,198
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,355
Total Offertory	\$6,553

Faith Life	\$1630
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Total Collected	\$8,183
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Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

July 2 Works of the Holy Father

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

July 9 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

July 16 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.

Found a Ring in our Church Parking Lot. If you have lost or misplaced it, please call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

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

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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