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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 & 7pm

When school is in session

10am

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or erick.wright@myfairpoint.net. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday June 27**
4pm Emmett L. Beane, Jr., Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife
- Sunday June 28**
8am John Estrella requested by his family
10:30am James Buscema, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family
6pm Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois
- Monday June 29**
8am Intentions for the Blessed Mother
- Tuesday June 30**
8am Brian Knight requested by the Knight family
- Wednesday July 1**
8am Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Beaudoin, Ralph Cormier & the Beaudoin Family requested by their families
- Thursday July 2**
8am Paul Riess requested by Jackie & Vince Messina
- Friday July 3**
8am Jerry Brady, 8th Anniversary, requested by Stephen & Lori Ann Nelson
- Saturday July 4**
4pm Sarah LaBrecque requested by Donna
- Sunday July 5**
8am Rena Cayer requested by her family
10:30am Joan Minton, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family
6pm Eugene W. Driscoll, III, requested by Donna & Ryan Driscoll

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 6/21/15	\$7,233
Faith Life Formation	\$1,187
Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses	\$8,420

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

July 5 Capital Improvements
This collection helps with projects around the parish.

July 12 St. Patrick Catholic School
This collection helps with the school assessment from the Diocese.

July 19 Parish to Parish Support
This collection provides grants to parishes in NH experiencing financial difficulties.

July 26 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, June 28

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

Monday, June 29

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, June 30

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 1

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, July 2

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

First Friday Mass is this Friday, July 3rd at 8:00 AM

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, July 4th at 8:00 AM

WOMEN OF MARY

All Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on July 4th. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by the "**Rosary for our Country**" at 8:30 AM. Due to it being a holiday we will **NOT** have a potluck breakfast and fellowship.

For more information 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 chapel.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Join our amazing group of dedicated servers. Young ladies and gentlemen who have received their sacrament of First Holy Communion are eligible. Come and assist our Father in the celebration of Mass!

Upcoming training sessions: Tuesday, July 21st, Monday, July 27th, Thursday, August 6th and Tuesday, August 11th (choose one date). All times are 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Church.

Altar Server sign-up packets are in the Parish Office or call Kim Silver at 603-508-6160 or e-mail: at boomerly2000@aol.com



**SAVE THE DATE
VBS**

This Summer at St. Patrick's please join us as we experiment with fun and excitement at SonSpark Lab VBS!

July 13th-17th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

For children in grades 1-5

Games, experiments, crafts,

Bible stories and snacks galore!

For more information, please email Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

MISSIONARY APPEAL

The weekend of July 11th and 12th Brother Rene Roy from the Marist Brothers will be doing our Missionary Appeal. Please be generous with our Missionaries.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Why did Christ have to die for our sins? Why is it fitting that in order for us to enter the kingdom of Heaven, our debts had to be paid by Jesus Christ crucified on the cross? As Catholics we know that Christ died specifically for our sins in order to break the bond of death and lead us to Heaven, but we may not know why it had to be this way. Oceans of ink have been spilt on this topic, much of which comes from our most influential saints. In order to understand why Christ had to die for our sins, we must first come to know the initial consequences of sin.

The first reading from the book of Wisdom this week claims that God did not make death. In fact, God formed man to be “imperishable”. In other words, in our original state, we were not meant to suffer death but death entered through the envy of the devil. We know this to be true based on the second Genesis creation account. In it God says to the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die” (Genesis 2:16-17). Therefore, when tempted by the devil, man committed a sin and thus incurred the just penalty of mortality. Baptism does wipe away Original Sin; there is no doubt about that. However, we still sin even after we are baptized and it is for this reason that man must continue to pass through death in order to gain eternal life with Christ. Prior to the arrival of Christ, God allowed death as a just punishment for those who sinned, but our first reading informs us that God does not rejoice in the destruction of life.

Keeping all of this in mind, we must recall that while Christ was fully divine, He was also fully human. In St. Augustine’s book, *On the Trinity*, he explains that as a human Christ did not sin which means that He did not at any point in His life incur the punishment of death. Yet Christ did suffer death on the cross. Therefore Christ’s death was truly and wholly unjust. The devil, thinking he could defeat the Son of Man by killing Him, actually provided reason for the bonds of death to be broken. Since Christ is fully divine, He had the power to break the bonds of death. In accepting death He was then able to exercise such power in order to restore justice. In doing so, he paved the way for us sinners so that we may not be trapped by death. Instead we can die in Christ and subsequently rise with Him.

In sinning, we turn our backs to God, which produces an infinite debt. Since God is infinite, sins against Him produce debt, which is infinite. This debt cannot be paid by us in this life because we are finite. Therefore, we needed someone with infinite power to pay our infinite debt. Jesus Christ is the only person capable of doing that. St. Thomas Aquinas would argue that since Christ was pure, infinite, and entirely sinless, all that was needed to pay our debt was for Christ unjustly to shed one drop of blood. Why then did Christ have to die such a bloody and violent death? Christ died a public death for several reasons but one of the most important was so that when His followers encountered Him after His resurrection, they would have no doubt that he had in fact died. If Christ had died a quiet death with few people around to see, many people would claim that He never died at all and that He was just claiming to have resurrected. In other words, since Christ died a public death, it increased the possibility that those he encountered after His resurrection would have faith and believe.

It seems natural for us to be afraid of death, yet in today’s Gospel Christ gives us simple and clear advice. When Jairus fears that his daughter has died, Christ says, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” We are all called to have faith and see the woman healed of the hemorrhage as a model of faith for us. When we are afraid of death, may we be blessed with the strong faith and remember today’s responsorial psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Christ has already rescued us. There is nothing to fear but much to hope for.

God Bless, David Gagnon



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 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



If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2015-2016, please contact the rectory office at 603-635-3525.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Shampoo and Deodorant.



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. 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 Prayer Shawls are free.

Crafters and Artists Wanted for Christmas Craft Fair

If you or someone you know would like to be considered as a vendor for this year's St. Luke the Evangelist Christmas Craft Fair, the jury period ends on July 31st. Applications received after this date will be placed on a wait list. Work must be original and executed by the applicants, and may include food and/or beverages (no baked goods). Please save the date of our Parish Fair: Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. If you'd like to apply, please contact Craft Fair at: stlukenhfair@gmail.com or call at St. Luke's Parish Office at 603-382-8324. Applications are also available at <http://stlukenh.org> don't miss out on participating in this popular and well-attended event!

Please keep Mr. Hank Golec and Mrs. Mary Martin in your prayers as they retire from St. Patrick Catholic School. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to St. Patrick Catholic School. We wish them all the best. Please welcome aboard Dr. Stuart Robertson the new principal at St. Patrick Catholic School.