

Masses For The Week



Saturday February 29

4pm ~ Walter Godosky, 11th Anniversary,
requested by Rick & Gail Gagne & family
Edward & Jeanne Dubreuil requested by
their family

Sunday March 1

8am ~ Francisco Silva & Louis Silva requested
by Lucy Azevedo

Robert Mayo requested by Donna Nee &
family

10:30am ~ John Montminy, 6th Anniversary,
requested by Scott & Flora Montminy & family

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday March 2

8am ~ Dianne Goodridge requested by Pat
Lawlor

Patrick John Cannon, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by his son Edwin

Tuesday March 3

8am ~ Mario Matos requested by his wife Rita

Wednesday March 4

8am ~ Richard Frechette requested by his
friends

Thursday March 5

8am ~ For all Souls in Purgatory

Friday March 6

8am ~ Marianne Brettell requested by Joan
Berard

Saturday March 7

8am ~ Women of Mary

4pm ~ John J. Estrella requested by his wife &
family

Sunday March 8

8am ~ Walter Kosik, Sr., requested by Kevin &
Cindy Hale

10:30am ~ Michael Crane, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by his wife & sons

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

First Friday Mass is this Friday, March 6th, at
8:00 AM

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, March
7th, at 8:00 AM

Weekly News & Events

Sunday, March 1

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 4

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K
of C Hall

Thursday, March 5

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 6

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

Franciscan Mystery Players, 7:30 PM, in the
church



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
all Souls in Purgatory by Virginia Chiasson

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in
honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions
on March 7th. 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.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent has begun! This year, as with every year, the First Sunday of Lent has us pondering over the temptation of Jesus in the Desert. It is a great opportunity to ponder on how we are tempted, as well as how to overcome temptation.

Jesus is tempted in three ways – with bodily pleasure (turning stones into bread), with things that will amaze the imagination (the wonder of miraculously not being hurt when being thrown from the Temple), and with power (Satan promises all the kingdoms of the world to Jesus).

Many times when we look at temptation, we think that it is from thoughts or images that come into our mind. They tempt us toward things which are illicit, toward sins that take us away from God. However, I have found that the most effective temptation comes not when thoughts are imposed in my mind, but when I forget. What do I mean? It is when *I forget who God is and who I am to God* that I am most sorely tempted. You see, God is my Father. He loves me more than anyone else in creation loves me. He wants my good, my happiness. He *is* the fulfillment of all my desires. I am His beloved son. It is when I forget His love, His care, His goodness, that I seek love and satisfaction from lesser things – things that ultimately leave me empty.

We see that Satan uses this tactic with Jesus. What are the first words he says to Jesus in the first two temptations? “If you are the son of God...” (Matthew 4:3, 6). The devil is trying to get Jesus to doubt His identity as God’s beloved Son. In the third temptation, Satan tries to make Jesus think that he can provide everything that the Father does. He is implicitly saying to Jesus, “I am as powerful as God.” Jesus successfully overcomes all these temptations, not because of His moral perfection and strength, but because He knows who He is and how He is loved by God the Father.

I really think this is the key to everything. From the beginning, the devil has tried to get us to think that God is not for us but against us, that He will not provide everything for us, that He is not a good, good Father. Even in the Garden of Eden, he attempted (and succeeded) in getting Adam and Eve to doubt that God would provide for them. This is how he continues to work in our lives.

But if we strive to remember that God really IS GOOD, that He loves us, and wants us to have the true fulfillment of our desires, then we will disregard the false fulfillment offered by the devil. When we know how loved we are by God, we will not seek partial and false loves to fill our emptiness. When we know that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, we will look to our Father first for everything. Then, we will not need to be moral “heroes,” but, rather, be simple, little children in the arms of our loving God and Father.

I encourage you the next time you are tempted – and you know what your temptations are – to take that temptation and refer it to Jesus. Ask Him to enter into the temptation and show you who you are and who God is. When His loves pours over you, I bet that you will find that the temptation will lose its power, and you will find yourself embraced in the loving arms of God, your beloved Father.



**THE FRANCISCAN
MYSTERY PLAYERS
PRESENT: "THE
SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"**

This is a new and UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS, from Ste. Marie Parish Youth Group, Manchester, NH. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our parish's spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for very young children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM. DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**

VOCATIONS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

LECTIO: MARY

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants four \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 4, 2020.

July 6th – 10th

Cost: \$45

VBS is back again this year and if your child hasn't yet experienced this themed week of games, music, skits, crafts and food – then what are you waiting for?! Our summer camp hosts over 150 children, teens and adult volunteers from all over the diocese and fills up fast. Early registration is now open and forms are at the back of the church. Volunteer opportunities are also available for 20 teen service hours. If interested or for more information, please contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net



This year for
LENT

Friday, March 27th, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Saturday, March 28th, 8:00am-6:30pm

Sunday, March 29th, 8:00am-6:30pm

Monday, March 30th 6:30pm-9:00pm

Do something that will
**CHANGE
YOUR LIFE**

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT

Sign up by contacting the Parish Office:
(603) 635-3525 or kathy7421@comcast.net

**The retreat is free, and you sleep at home;
please indicate dietary restrictions**

Steubenville East Registration is open!

Steubenville East is the event of the summer for those in grades 8-12. The retreat runs from July 10-12 and if you have never attended, this is your summer. Please direct all questions to Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net.

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2020, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



EASTER BASKETS 2020

Easter Blessings!

We plan on making Easter baskets again this year for children living in nearby shelters as well as children registered at our food pantry. More information will be available as we collect information about those in need. Contact: Cheryl at cdbrunelle@comcast.net or 508-864-8084 (call or text). Baskets may be dropped off in the chapel between now and March 29th.

PENNY SALE IS COMING....

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 25th Penny Sale on **April 18th & 19th**. This year we will be in the Parish Center. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Panty, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate **new items** to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on **April 18th & 19th** at St. Patrick School.



A warm thank you goes to everyone who donated to our January Sock Drive. Due to your kindness and generosity, nearly **400** pairs of socks were delivered to men and women at Lowell Transitional Living Center, Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, and Southern NH Rescue Mission to help keep their feet warm and dry this winter. Your thoughtfulness means a great deal to those who need our help. Blessings! Thank you!

Would you like to help feed those in need

On Friday, March 20th, the Sonshine Soup Kitchen at 4 Crystal Ave in Derry NH can use volunteers ages 12 and up from 3:00-6:00 PM. They need help for set-up, cleanup, Cooking and Serving food.

If interested or for more information, please contact Cheryl Wright at one of the following: home phone, 603-635-8772; call/text cell phone, 603-540-7680 or thewrights1995@outlook.com. They are asking us to bring non-perishable food items and wool socks.

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 2/23/20

Offertory Envelopes \$7,222

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,270

Total Offertory \$8,492

Faith Life \$1,539

Total Collected \$10,031

As of 2/16 we have an offertory deficit of \$2,787

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 8 Utility

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

Mar. 15 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.

STEUBENVILLE EAST FREE WILL OFFERING

Every summer over 3,000 teens attend Steubenville East and their lives are changed forever. The group we bring every year comes back to our parish on fire for the Lord. We ask you to please prayerfully consider making this possible for the teens of our parish by contributing to the annual free will offering. It will take place after all the Masses on **March 22nd and 23rd**. Thank you and know that our prayers are with you.

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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 3:45pm
 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.

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