



Saturday March 9

4pm ~ Suzanne Boulanger requested by
Ronnie & Kathy Jean
The DiGiantommaso Family requested by
their family

Sunday March 10

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Celine Martin, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Kevin & Karen
Martin
Paul Rourke, 4th Anniversary, requested by his
family

Monday March 11

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday March 12

8am ~ Stephanie Culbert requested by Paddy
Culbert
USAF Captain Prasor Ghim Meak requested
by a friend

Wednesday March 13

8am ~ Cynthia A. McAndrews requested by a
friend
Timothy St. Cyr, 1st Anniversary, requested by
his mother Cheryl and brother William

Thursday March 14

8am ~ In Honor of all the Saints

Friday March 15

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ Linda Bousquet, 15th Anniversary,
requested by her sister Patty Kennedy
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 16

4pm ~ Maureen Boyden, 7th Anniversary,
requested by her family & friends
Wilrose & Marietta Jean requested by the
Jean family

Sunday March 17

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Patricia Goddard, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by her family
Lionel Levesque & Phyllis Houle requested
by the Lemieux family

Sunday, March 10

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center
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Parish Mission, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 11

Parish Mission, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, March 12

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the
youth room at the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Parish Mission, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the church

Wednesday, March 13

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
Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 14

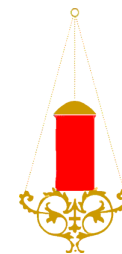
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 15

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish
center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, March 16

Grade 2 Reconciliation, 10:00 AM, in the church



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Timothy St. Cyr, 1st Anniversary, by his mother
Cheryl and brother William

Our Cluster Penance Service is Sunday,
March 17th, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of
Peace in Salem, NH.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, we looked at the Institution Narrative and the Consecration. I want to spend a little more time with this. At the beginning of the year, I mentioned that we can look at the Eucharist as presence, sacrifice and communion. Here, in the institution narrative, we see the image of sacrifice.

The people looking on the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday would not automatically have thought "Sacrifice." Sacrifice literally means "to make holy," and is an offering to Almighty God. The Israelites were used to sacrificial offerings of animals in the Temple (oxen, sheep, goats), as well as other sacrifices (offerings of grain, libations [liquid poured out], and thanksgiving sacrifices). In the binding of Isaac incident (which we heard about a few weeks ago), God made it clear that He did not desire human sacrifice. To look on Jesus crucified, they would have seen capital punishment, suffering, death, but not sacrifice. It is only in light of the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, and the Resurrection, that we can see this act as *the* sacrifice, the sacrifice of the Son to the Father.

Jesus, when He foreshadows what will happen on the Cross the next day, by taking bread and saying, "**This is my body, which will be given up for you,**" and taking wine saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you**" (Luke 22:19, 20), is saying to us, "I am not just dying, but My death is a sacrifice to My Father – the new Passover, the completion of what Isaac did on Mt. Moriah."

As I mentioned last week, the whole mystery of Christ's redemptive action is contained in the mystery of the Eucharist. When we enter into Mass, we are at Calvary again. It's as if the actions of Christ on the Cross 2000 years ago were brought up into Heaven and eternity, covered all of time, and then, come down to us at each Mass. Or better yet, that we are raised into Heaven, and so enter into the eternal moment of Christ's sacrifice (I encourage you to watch the seven-minute film "The Veil Removed" on YouTube). As we constantly say to those who claim we are "re-sacrificing Christ" – No! We are not re-sacrificing Him, but entering into the eternal moment of His sacrifice from this moment here and now.

The sacrifices of the old covenant were often meant for forgiveness – to take away sins. They Israelites understood, though, that the sacrifice of bulls did not actually forgive sins, but rather it was that they partook in the sacrifice of Abraham and Isaac, and their perfect faith. Looking back now, we see that Abraham's sacrifice only had merit because it was a foreshadowing of what Jesus would do on the Cross. It is His sacrifice on the Cross that brings about the true forgiveness of sins, washing away all guilt, making us right with God, and so opening for us the gates of Heaven. As mentioned above, we enter into this mystery here and now through the grace and power of the Eucharist. At the Mass, we enter – with all our mess, with all our struggles, and with all our gifts – into the sacrifice of Christ.

This is our transformation. His Body, broken for us like the lamb led to the slaughter (see Isaiah 53:7), becomes the Lamb who was slain who received power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing (see Revelation 5:12). He makes all things new through the love He gave on the Cross. May we recognize this every time we go to Mass, and hear the words, "THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM
Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM
Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM
Divine Mercy Novena: 4:30 PM
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Blessing of the Food: 2:30 PM
Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

*PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS
AND NO 4:00 PM MASS*

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
Divine Mercy Novena 12:45 PM



“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light.” Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

CREATION CORNER: This weekend God tells the prophet Hosea, “It is love that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.” Gaining “knowledge of God” is not contemplating the elderly, bearded gentleman floating in the clouds of an artist’s imagination, it is seeing and loving God in our neighbors and in all of Creation.

Monday Night Teachings
St. Ignatius of Loyola’s
14 Rules for
Discernment of Spirits
Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
in the youth room
March 18
No classes on March 11 or 25



FAITH LIFE IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

Called to Live a Life of Mercy

When we encounter people who do not know we are Catholic, how is that revealed to them? This is the major question that we are talking about this month and I would challenge you to ponder it as well. Christ has instructed us to live a life of Charity, a life of Mercy. This means that we primarily reveal to the world that we are Catholic through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

We also remember, that when we live this life of Mercy God Blesses us abundantly. Jesus teaches this in the Beatitudes, reminding us that there is great blessing in store for those who are obedient to Him.

During this Season of Lent, may we above all strive to live a life of Mercy.

I would ask that you also keep all young people preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion in your prayers. This is Sacrament month, and it is such a joy to celebrate the gift of the Sacraments with so many families.

I leave you with this prayer from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

“Give us a heart as beautiful, pure, and spotless as yours. A heart like yours, so full of love and humility. May we be able to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life, to love Him as you loved Him, to serve Him under the mistreated face of the poor. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

We will have a 6:00 PM Mass on the following Fridays during Lent: **March 15th & 22nd**



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Baked Beans and Pasta Sauce**. Thank you for your generosity!



KERYGMA

Lenten Parish Mission with
Sister Marguerite Marie & Sister Grace Maria
March 10, 11 & 12
From 7:00-9:00 PM

We've all heard the Gospel preached every Sunday, but has it transformed your life? Do you want to understand what is at the heart of being Catholic? Join us for three evenings of getting to the heart of what it means to be Catholic. Look forward to seeing you! For more information, please contact the Parish office at 603-635-3525.

**THE PENNY SALE IS COMING...
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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 28th Penny Sale on April 13th, in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick 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 603-635-3525. Don't forget to keep the date open and join us on April 13th at St. Patrick Parish Center.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by April 12, 2024.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!

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 3/3/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,106
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,808
Total Offertory	\$7,914

Total Funds Collected \$7,914

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 3/3/24
\$2,071

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Mar. 17 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

Mar. 24 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Robert Reilly and Janellen Garland. We extend our sympathy to their families.



Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus this weekend. Please come and join us.

The deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, March 25th.

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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