



Saturday March 11

4pm ~ Stan Draper and Dick Dube requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
Doris Godosky requested by Donna Smith

Sunday March 12

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Francis Gautreau, 2nd Anniversary, requested the Gautreau family
Traci Betancur requested by Gary & Maureen Flander

Monday March 13

8am ~ Birthday Blessing for Joanne McKenzie requested by her family
Health & Blessing for John Price requested by a friend

Tuesday March 14

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by Tristan & Adam
Linda Marek requested by a friend

Wednesday March 15

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, 14th Anniversary, requested by her sister Patty Kennedy

Thursday March 16

8am ~ Pope Benedict the Sixteenth

Friday March 17

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ Chipper St. Onge, 23rd Anniversary, requested by his wife & sons
Celine Martin, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 18

4pm ~ Maureen Boyden, 6th Anniversary, requested by her family & friends
Irene Laforge requested by the Laforge family

Sunday March 19

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ In Honor of St. Joseph requested by Donna Taylor
Ann Marshall requested by Wayne & Sue Cope

Sunday, March 12

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

Monday, March 13

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, March 14

Women Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, March 15

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
 Confession, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

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

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6
 Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM
 Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7
 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, April 8
 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, April 9
 Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
 Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since COVID, we have not had the sign of peace at Mass in the Diocese of Manchester. This was a decision of the head of liturgy for the Diocese – Bishop Libasci. As the competent authority on liturgy, it is our obligation to be obedient in this matter. He explains the purpose and meaning of the sign of peace in a recent article in *Parable* magazine, and the Pastoral Council asked that I share it with the parish:

‘The peace of the Lord be with you always.’

Rediscovering the purpose and meaning of the sign of peace

What happened to the sign of peace? The answer can be found in the way the sign of peace was introduced into the Mass we celebrate in our parishes.

The celebrant, deacon and, in those days of solemn high Masses, the subdeacon, always shared the sign of peace. It was offered in a very particular way that made its purpose known!

When it began being shared among all the people present at Mass, it was introduced during a movement toward secular informality and a desire to make everyone feel welcome at the table of the Lord.

The actual purpose and meaning were obscured and the sign was no longer recognizable as the sign of a holy and sacred bond; the bond of being saved through baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus!

This is a profound reality and a radical gift of God bestowed on the body and soul, and appreciated only by a true believer.

The directions given in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM) today teach us what should and should not be associated with this sign of our sacred bond with Jesus Christ.

“There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament. As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops. ... However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest.” (*Chapter II, paragraph 82*)

The instruction reflects a mirror image of the sign given by the ordained and the sign as it was meant to be given by the faithful. The regard for this member of the body of Christ standing before me and the dignity of Christ’s presence that marks the immortal soul as belonging to Christ through baptism is demonstrated by a ritual of deepest respect for the holiness of the baptized.

The greeting of peace is made by the celebrant: “The peace of the Lord be with you always.” And all respond to his greeting: “And with your spirit.” Again, this is a moment of acknowledgment of the sacred bond won for us through Jesus Christ, our savior, redeemer and shepherd. But the sharing of the sign is not automatic. It is shared only if words of invitation are given. The directions of the General Instruction are important here.

“Then the priest, with hands extended, says, ‘The peace of the Lord be with you always.’ The people reply, ‘And with your spirit.’ After this, if appropriate, the priest adds, ‘Let us offer each other the sign of peace.’” (*Chapter IV, paragraph 154*)

The mutual exchange of the sign of peace has not yet been brought back in our diocese. As I offer Mass in various parishes, I have seen congregations exchanging the sign even without being invited to do so. In some parishes, I have found deacons making the invitation and people exchanging the sign as always before: shaking hands, waving across the whole church, and sometimes people spin completely around while waving an acknowledgment of people around them.

When we ask, “What happened to the sign of peace?” The answer is, “We weren’t told what it really meant and so we did what we always do when we want to say, ‘Hi’ to people.”

As I hope you now see, we’re not just saying, “Hi.” We are really supposed to be ratifying our belief in the new creation we have become and the new creation standing before us: God’s children adopted through baptism and saved for eternal life.

As soon as we can get this message out and rediscover the true meaning, we’ll let you know when and how best to offer the sign of peace.

Bishop Peter A. Libasci is the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Manchester.



The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants three \$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 in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to **St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 1, 2023.**

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 15th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the **Parish Center**. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, and adopted daughter in Honduras, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If you would like to donate **NEW ITEMS** to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office.

CREATION AT THE CROSSROADS

A Small-group Interfaith
 Discussion Series in 4 Sessions
 on Pope Francis' letter to the world,
Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home
 (materials provided – offered in Pelham, NH)
 6:30-8:00 PM
 March 23rd & 30th, at First Congregational Church
 April 13th & 20th, at St. Patrick's School Bld.
 To Register Contact:
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Laudato St' Circle – a Creation Care Ministry

This week we will reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

The Sorrowful Mysteries are about the Passion and the death of Jesus. It's an incredible love story. The Agony in the Garden, the Scourging, the Crowning of Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross and the Crucifixion. Praying these mysteries allows us to share in the pain and suffering Jesus endured for us. Not for Himself but for us. Jesus loves us so very much that He willingly and lovingly gave His life for us. A love this great is hard for us to comprehend. So, as we pray through these mysteries let us ask Our Blessed Mother to open our hearts and our minds to the amazing gift of love from Jesus and to help us to grow into a more intimate relationship with Him. **Scripture to ponder Matthew 26:39 and Matthew 27:50-51**

Fasting idea: Turn off the TV and anything making 'noise'. Open your bible and just sit quietly reading slowly, hearing and absorbing God's word.

Almsgiving idea: Prayerfully consider donating to a local organization such as Jesus across the Border.

This is an amazing non-profit organization focused on uniting Catholic young adults.
<https://www.jesusacrosstheborder.org/>

MADE FOR MORE
 An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.
Made For More Trailer:
<https://vimeo.com/260114539>
Parish "Made For More" Home Site:
<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM
Cost: \$25 per person
 World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called **MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND**. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!



“But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

Family of Faith for March

In the month of March, families in the program will be learning about the second Sacrament of Healing, The Anointing of the Sick.

The Catholic Catechism for Adults describes this Sacrament beautifully and it is worth sharing:

"In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age."

It is important to realize that this Sacrament is meant to be received before the end of life if needed.

This is a Sacrament of Healing and not a Sacrament of departing. Jesus, the Divine Physician, works through this Sacrament to heal us spiritually and physically (if it be His will).

Let us pray for all of the sick in our parish and throughout the world.

I would also ask that you keep all of the children who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. They will be receiving this month.

In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life

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 3/5/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,183
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,072
Total Offertory	\$8,255

Total Collected	\$8,255
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Thank you for your continue support

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 3/5/23

\$1,494

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 19 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

Mar. 26 Catholic Relief & Home Mission

CRS Collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration & Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. CHM Supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

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

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **March 13th, 20th & 27th, April 10th, 17th & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the following Fridays during Lent: **March 17th, 24th & 31st.**

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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