



Saturday March 12

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday March 13

8am ~ Maureen Boyden, 5th Anniversary,
requested by her family & friends

10:30am ~ Skip & Nancy Simmons requested
by the Lemieux family

Anna McLaughlin & Charles McLaughlin
requested by Judy McLaughlin

Monday March 14

8am ~ Melissa Dunn requested by Andrea
Victor Baillargeon requested by his daughters

Tuesday March 15

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, 13th Anniversary,
requested by Patty Kennedy

Wednesday March 16

8am ~ Bob Ducharme, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by his wife Rosalie

Thursday March 17

8am ~ Fr. John Leonard, 5th Anniversary,
requested by Ginnie Leonard

Friday March 18

8am ~ No Mass

6pm ~ Dick Dube requested by Ian & Anne-
Marie Vawter & family

7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 19

4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the
Taylor family

Chipper St. Onge, 22nd Anniversary, requested
by Harriet, Chad & Curt St. Onge

Sunday March 20

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Frank Maglio, Jr., requested by
Dennis & Irene Groulx

Ashley Nicole Drolet, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by Mom, Dad & Meaghan



Sunday, March 13

Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles, 9:00-10:00 AM
and 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 14

Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles, 8:30-9:30 AM
and 4:00-7:00 PM, in the parish center
Teaching on the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth
room at the school

Tuesday, March 15

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, March 16

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the
chapel

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

Thursday, March 17

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

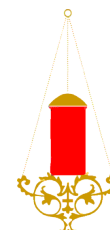
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 18

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Terry Wallace, Birthday Remembrance, by her
family

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the
following **Fridays** during Lent: **March 18th**
& **25th** and **April 8th**.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
We pray for *Franklin Froton* and *Louise
McCarthy*. We extend our sympathy to their
families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I've preached on the first reading this weekend several times, but it always strikes me. We hear of this encounter between Abram (later Abraham) and the Lord God. When God called Abram out of his homeland to what today is Israel, he was already 75 years-old. Much time had passed between that day and today's reading. God says to him in a vision that He will make Abram's "reward very great" (Genesis 15:1), but Abram says, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant of my household will be my heir" (Gen 15:3). Abram's concern is real, yet God is greater.

This is where today's first reading comes in as God takes Abram outside:

"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. (Gen 15:5-6).

As I've mentioned before, this seems like God is making the promise that his descendants will be innumerable, because of the number of visible stars in this desert night sky. However, looking just a few short verses later, and we find, within this same conversation, that the sun begins to set (Gen 15: 12). This means that when God tells Abram to count the stars "if you can," it is daytime and he's saying that even though he can't see the stars, they are still there. He's inviting Abram to trust Him and His promise that Abram will have descendants despite his inability to see how. And Abram does put his faith in the Lord.

This is a call to us, as well. God invites us to trust. With the continuing effects of the COVID shut-downs, the supply-chain problems, the rising gas prices – all of which are made worse by the war in the Ukraine, which may bring other fears (potential WWIII, cyber-attacks from Russia, etc.) – not to mention our own individual sufferings and problems, we can be overwhelmed and filled with fear. But God invites us to trust in Him and His love... even if we can't see how God will bring about a good solution.

I often find that it is easy to lose track of the truth that we were not made for temporary existence – we were made to live forever! We were made for Heaven. We were made for eternal union with God, in love and joy and peace. In the midst of our problems, we can easily be led to fear, not trust. It can feel like our fear is clobbering our faith! St. Paul tells us, though, that "this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (II Corinthians 4:17). He reminds us that even if we cannot see the result, the afflictions of this life can be transformed into glory. In fact, the contrast between the two are a "*light* affliction" and a "*weight* of glory beyond comparison." While our affliction may seem like a great weight in this world, it is nothing, NOTHING, NOTHING compared to the glory that awaits us!

But do we trust? It all comes back to that. Do we trust that God is with us? Even if our way of living is permanently altered, God is with us. Even if World War III happens, God is with us. Even if we die, God is with us. Do we have the trust to see that the stars are there, even in the daylight? Do we have trust that God's plan will still be fulfilled even when we're surrounded by evils?

Let us pray that we, like Abram, may become daytime star-gazers.

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. Come and view this FREE exhibit here at St. Patrick Parish in our Parish Center on the following days and time:

Saturday, March 12th, from 12:00-2:00 PM and 5:00-6:00 PM

Sunday, March 13th, from 9:00-10:00 AM and 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Monday, March 14th, from 8:30-9:30 AM and 4:00-7:00 PM

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, 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, APRIL 1, 2022 AT 7:30 PM. DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**



"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



March Family of Faith at St. Patrick Parish

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name-he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:26-27)

In the month of March, families will be learning about the Holy Spirit, which Christ promised before His Ascension. The promise Christ has made is that the Holy Spirit will always remain with the Catholic Church until the end of time. This is the reason for our hope, that it is God who has founded and continues to instruct our Catholic Church.

This is why Apostolic Succession is so important to our faith. We believe that Pope Francis is a descendant of St. Peter, the very first Pope. The same holds true for all of our bishops and priests. They have descended from the very first 12 Apostles! It is amazing!

Pray for your bishop. During Lent, St. Patrick Parish is taking part in a Pray, Fast, and Give Challenge. Along with our topic of the month, we will be encouraging families to pray in a specific way for our bishop, Bishop Libasci. I would ask and encourage all of you to do that same.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 11th-15th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

St. Patrick School & Grounds

Camp cost is \$50 for children ages 5-12. Indoor and outdoor activities.

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

Registration forms are available at the parish office, or on the parish website and at the front entrance of the Church.

Following Jesus...TOGETHER

We invite you to join us this Lenten season in following the way of Jesus through **PRAYER**, **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING** as a parish.

How:

Prayer – Join our rosary challenge! Perfect for beginners and families too. We'll also be going through *Mary's Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help* by Christine Watkins. Our parish will offer a Facebook group to follow along. This is a great activity to involve the entire family!

Fasting – In addition to the traditional fasting from food, there are other creative ways to add to your fast – fast from anger, fast from caffeine, fast from your favorite treat... Please keep in mind appropriate health measures with any health issues you may have.

Almsgiving – GHB911, The Poor Box at church, St. Gianna's Place or the Pelham Food Pantry. If you have children, involve your kids in helping to choose which path to almsgiving you take.

To join our Lent challenge you can sign-up using the sign-ups sheets in the pews or go online (go to www.stpatricks-pelham.com or the parish Facebook page).

Good Harvest Breakthrough 911 (GHB911) is still collecting clothes for the (homeless) brothers and sisters in the community of Lowell and Nashua. We will be collecting items on **Friday, March 25th, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00-6:30 PM in the school.** For any questions, please contact Linda Merrill at 603-930-6436 or Cheryl Wright at 603-635-8772.

Holy Rosary Shrine & Pure in Heart America presents Angel Opus

Holy Rosary Shrine, Lawrence, MA
On March 25, 2022

Mass 7:00 PM

Performance by Dr. Michael Ferguson at 8:00 PM
Young Adult Social at 9:00 PM

Monday Night

Teachings on the Eucharist

Join Fr. Von for teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on **Monday Nights: March 28th, April 4th & 18th**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

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 3/6/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,922

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,152

Total Offertory \$9,074

Total Collected \$9,074

Thank you for supporting our parish

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 3/6/22

\$1,816

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 20 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

Mar. 27 Catholic Relief Services

CRS 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.

Deacon Rory Traynor will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. More information to follow.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are in need of prayer shawls. 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.

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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