

MASS Intentions

MARCH

Saturday March 13

4pm ~ Health and Blessing for Mrs. Virginia Chiasson & Family requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Sunday March 14

8am ~ Maureen Boyden, 4th Anniversary, requested by her husband, family & friends
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
6pm ~ Ann Neskey requested by Pat Lawlor

Monday March 15

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, 12th Anniversary, requested by her sister Patty Kennedy

Tuesday March 16

8am ~ Muriel & Joseph Caron requested by the Lemieux Family

Wednesday March 17

8am ~ Bob Ducharme, 1st Anniversary, requested by his wife Rosalie

Thursday March 18

8am ~ Ann Neskey requested by Priscilla LeBlanc
Doris Houle requested by Andrea Genereux

Friday March 19

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ Fr. John Leonard, 4th Anniversary, requested by Ginnie Leonard
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 20

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday March 21

8am ~ Mary Gleason, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family
Geraldine Moore requested by Donna Smith
10:30am ~ Roger Lemay, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Jeannette & Phil Wagner
6pm ~ Anna McLaughlin, 1st Anniversary, requested by her daughter Judy

Sunday, March 14

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

Monday, March 15

The Case for Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

Tuesday, March 16

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 17

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 18

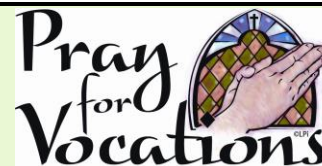
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Friday, March 19

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



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



"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's readings are full of encouragement from the Lord. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5)

This is the beauty of our faith: we believe in God's incredible mercy bringing us to life! Just a quick reminder, though: in order to receive His mercy, we need to recognize we *need* mercy. So, if you're playing the relativistic mind game of today's culture, saying you never sin, and so *you don't need mercy* – don't worry, you won't get it. Recognizing, though, that we are so inexcusably broken, we can cry out to our God, clinging to His mercy... and we *will* receive it! There is no sin too great that it is too much for Jesus. There are no sins too small and hidden to escape His merciful hands, if we but throw ourselves into His arms and trust in His mercy.

And that's an important point – trust. St. Faustina recounts how Jesus told her:

Encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in My – I will do everything for them. (*Diary* 294)

Do we trust in God's mercy? Do we really? So much of our view of God is skewed by our own experience of tainted love. Instead of recognizing the true and selfless love of God, we focus on the broken and conditional love that we have experienced. So many of us learned that we are loved when we are good, but when we are bad we are punished. While our parents probably still loved us through the punishment, many times we didn't hear that love nor did we feel it the same way as when we were good and being rewarded.

Unfortunately, we transfer that experience over to God. We think (maybe subconsciously) that we need to earn God's love. We think He will abandon us when we are bad. We may even think that when we *feel* distant from God, that He really is distant, and so doesn't love us. How many times have I heard, "God must be sick of hearing from me"? That type of language points to a lack of trust in God's overwhelming, unwearying, passionate love for us! God NEVER tires of being with and hearing from His children!

In the Gospel today, we hear one of the most famous Scripture passages from John 3:16:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Do you get it?! God **LOVED** the world – you and me! He doesn't hate us. He doesn't tolerate us. He doesn't put up with us. He **LOVES** us! He loves us so much, He died for us.

That's everything! That's the heart of the Gospel message!

All that's left is for us to respond to that incredible love and mercy. How do we respond? Trusting in Him, by repenting of our sins and believing in His unending love.

I began Lent by reminding us that every temptation, and, therefore, every sin, comes from a distrust of God. We are invited to trust that He really does love us, He really is merciful. May we have eyes to see God's hand in our lives, even in the struggles and trials. When we fail, may we throw ourselves in trust into the open arms of our loving God and Father.



The Year of St. Joseph

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared this year as a special year dedicated to St. Joseph. In honor of this great saint Faith Life families will spend the month of March learning more about him.

Why is Joseph so important to our life of faith? Perhaps it is because he shows us the importance of developing a relationship with Jesus and Mary. Joseph, the man of virtue, was chosen by God to be the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Immaculate Mary. This was not an easy task and Joseph was the only one prepared for such a high calling because of his virtue. Dedicating all of himself to the will of God completely without holding anything back. He shows us the power that dwells within humble obedience. When God spoke, Joseph acted!

One of the great Feasts honoring Joseph takes place on March 19th. It is tradition to build a St. Joseph Altar in the home to commemorate this feast. Perhaps this year, we start a new tradition to honor this humble saint. You can find a history of this Italian tradition by following this link: <https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/st-joseph-table/>

St. Joseph, Patron of the Diocese of Manchester and Patron of the Universal Church. Pray for us.

~ Adam Caster

Director of Faith Life

HOUSE BLESSING DURING THE PANDEMIC

If you would like your house blessed during the pandemic, Fr. Von is willing to do this Rite, which allows for social distancing. Please contact Fr. Von if you want to schedule a blessing of your house. (603-635-3525, fathervon@comcast.net)



HOLY WEEK

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1

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

Good Friday, April 2

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 3

Blessing of 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

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR ANY OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS
Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR MASS. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH.

CELEBRATE ST. JOE'S!

You are invited to join St. Joseph Regional Catholic School online for our 2021 auction fundraiser, March 13th – 20th. Register for free today by texting "Auction21" to 76278. This year's event will include a large assortment of items, services, and experiences including our popular theme baskets and a 50/50 raffle!

Questions? Want to donate/advertise to this, our school's most important, fundraiser? Email: auction@sjrcs.com.



COME TO THE PENNY SALE!!!

Join us **Saturday, April 24th**, for the Annual Women’s Guild Penny Sale at the Parish Center. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Kitchen door and you will exit through the Main Entrance unless you have a disability. We will be open on **Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** Pick up of items will be **Sunday, April 25th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Masks and social distancing are required. Come join the fun!

**THE CASE FOR JESUS
MONDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS ARE BACK**

Fr. Von will be starting up his Monday Night Teachings again – this time virtually. This Lent and Easter, we will make our way through Dr. Brant Pitre's program *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. Teachings begin at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The first session is Monday, March 8th (other dates are 3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, and 5/17). Please contact Fr. Von to sign up (fathervon@comcast.net).

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick 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 into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick’s Parish Office by **Monday, May 3, 2021.**

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 3/7/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,341
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,380
Total Offertory	\$7,721

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As of 3/7 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,390

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 3/7/21

\$1,214

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Mar. 21 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

Mar. 28 Utility

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

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

Deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, March 29th.

What’s So Great About Being Catholic?

Friday, March 26th, at 6:30-8:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Nashua, NH

For more information and to sign up, please visit

iccnashuanh.org

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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.

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

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org