



**Saturday March 14**

**4pm ~ Raymond Bedard** requested by Doug & Laura Masson

**Sunday March 15**

**8am ~ Linda Bousquet**, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her sister Patty Kennedy

**10:30am ~ Alfred (Chipper) St. Onge**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & three sons

**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday March 16**

**8am ~ Nicholas Betancur** requested by his family

**Tuesday March 17**

**8am ~ Edmund Spence** requested by the Lemieux family

**Wednesday March 18**

**8am ~ Fr. John Leonard**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by Ginnie Leonard

**Thursday March 19**

**8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Caron** requested by the Lemieux family

**In Thanksgiving for their Consecration to St. Joseph by the Lemieux Family**

**Friday March 20**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**6pm ~ Antonio Gonzalez** requested by Fr. Von

**Saturday March 21**

**4pm ~ The DiGiantommaso & Hudson Family** requested by their family

**Margaret Curli** requested by the Marino family

**Sunday March 22**

**8am ~ Maureen Boyden**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by her husband, family & friends

**10:30am ~ J. Albert Lynch**, requested by his niece Christine Murphy

**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Raymond A. Bernard by his wife

**Sunday, March 15**

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school

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 16**

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, March 17**

Faith life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

**Wednesday, March 18**

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, March 19**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, March 20**

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

**FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT**

**6:00 PM Mass**

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

**CONFESSION DURING LENT**

**Sundays** 7:30-7:45, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM.

**Reconciliation Service** on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM at Mary, Queen of Peace in Salem.

**Wednesdays**, March 18<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

**Holy Week:** Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM.

**Good Friday**, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from Noon-2:45 PM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the third week of Lent, we hear about the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42). Here we find Jesus, exhausted, thirsty, and at a well without a bucket. It is noontime, and this woman approaches the well.

A few things of interest to note, first, about the woman. In that time and culture, Jewish men did not publicly associate with women, and certainly not with "the enemy" – Samaritans. The woman alludes to this (John 4:9). She comes to the well at the heat of the day. This would be unusual, as most would come first thing in the morning or in the evening. Commentators note that she must be trying to avoid the townspeople – their gazes. She is in an irregular state of life – she has been married five times and is now in a non-marital relationship. The townspeople would have looked down on her.

Second, this takes place at a well. In the Old Testament, wells were significant for being the place to find a bride. Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac, and he encountered Rebekah at a well. Jacob and Moses met their future wives at wells. Important things happen at wells in the Bible – especially nuptials.

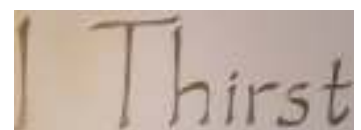
With this in mind, we see how Jesus encounters this woman. He breaks the cultural mores to talk with her and ask her for a drink. Why? Certainly, his body was thirsty – he was parched from the journey and the heat of the day. It is clear, though, that there is more than natural thirst, from Jesus' later comment, "**I have food to eat of which you do not know.... My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work**" (John 4:32, 34). As the God of the universe, Jesus is thirsting for the love of this woman.

I've said it before, but I'll say it again, the summary of the Bible is "**God wants to marry us.**" Jesus goes to this well to encounter His bride – the "woman" (like Eve was called "woman"). This woman didn't realize that He was the One for whom she was thirsting. Who knows the reasons for the multiple broken marriages, but there would be pain and anguish in all of them – whether through death, or, more likely, the pain of divorce, rejection and abandonment (remember that in that culture, it was only the man who could divorce his wife, not the other way around). **Five times!** Now she is not even able to be married, probably being used by someone who makes her feel loved, but refuses to commit. And she puts up with it because she *needs* to feel loved.

Jesus appears and challenges her about her relationships (John 4:16-18). While she changes the subject at first, eventually she finally got what she was looking for. She ran back to the village (no longer ashamed to see them face to face), leaving her water jar behind; she found the "Living Water," she found someone who loves her for herself, not for what she can give or do for Him.

In this, Jesus, too, finds the water for which He is thirsting – the love of this woman (John 4:32, 34). From the Cross, He cries out His thirst for love, as well (John 19:28). His thirst is for your love and mine. Sometimes we are afraid to come to Jesus because of our past, or because we are ashamed of our own thirst for love, our desires, and how we have tried to fulfill them. But Jesus is not interested in our shame (except to heal it). He is interested in letting us love Him *now, in this moment!* We have been wounded seeking so many things that will not fulfill, yet He says, "I am the Living Water, I am the One for whom you are thirsting. Come to Me! Let me fill you. Let me quench your thirst for love. Let me be the one who will heal you. Come and love me, as I have loved you!"

Will we accept this offer, this invitation? Will we go to the "well" of nuptials with God? Will we show God our love for Him and quench His deep thirst for our love? The love you can give Jesus will not, cannot be quenched by anyone or anything else. You are unique, and Jesus thirsts for your unique love.



In this time of Lent, let us spend time at the foot of the Cross, showering our love on the thirsty Heart of Jesus!

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### **Holy Thursday, April 9**

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

#### **Good Friday, April 10**

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 11**

Blessing of Easter 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 12**

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



### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the *Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass*. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

### **VOCATIONS**

"But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



### **LECTIO**

#### **Unveiling Scripture and Tradition SALVATION**

Have you been saved? What does that even mean? Come and find out what the Church teaches about what Salvation is and is not. Join us for the video series by Dr. Michael Barber on **Monday Nights: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM** in the Youth Room at the school.

### **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](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net).

*This year for*  
**LENT**

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-9:30pm  
Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-6:30pm  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-6:30pm  
Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)

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

### **Would you like to help feed those in need**

On Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sunshine 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](mailto:thewrights1995@outlook.com). They are asking us to bring non-perishable food items and wool socks.



**Easter Baskets 2020**  
Please share the joy of  
Easter and join in this fun,  
heart-warming project.

It's time once again to deliver Easter baskets to children who, because of circumstances beyond their control, might not receive Easter baskets at all. We hope to supply baskets to our Food Pantry families as well as children staying at nearby shelters. For information regarding specific needs, contact Cheryl at [cdbrunelle@comcast.net](mailto:cdbrunelle@comcast.net) or 508-864-8084 (call or text). Baskets may be dropped off in the chapel between now and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Gianna's Place Fundraising Banquet on April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Event Center in Nashua, NH. **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, Rwandan genocide survivor and bestselling author of *Left to Tell*, will be the keynote speaker. Appetizers and cash bar begin at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served at 6:45 PM. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are required and there will be a time for giving during the event. Please call Liz at 603-247-8654 or Kelly at 603-770-9288 to reserve your seat.

***"TO TOUCH HIS HEM"***  
***"FAITH OVER FEAR"***

Why does FEAR grip us so? How do we choose Faith over Fear? What prevents us from doing so? Please join us on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by The Women of Mary, promoting First Saturday Devotions.

- Adoration – 7:30 AM
  - Mass – 8:00 AM
- Rosary – 8:30 AM

Following the Rosary... All are invited for a Pot Luck Breakfast (food donations welcome) and Guest Speaker Kathy Garon (from St. Anne Parish) at 9:30 AM in the meeting room (Church basement). For more information, please call Lorraine Hendrix at 603-674-5519. All are welcome!

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.

**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 3/8/20

Offertory Envelopes \$6,228

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,561

**Total Offertory \$7,789**

Utility \$1,358

**Total Collected \$9,147**

**As of 3/1 we have an offertory deficit of \$2,565**

Thank you for your  
faithful & generous support  
~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Mar. 22 Catholic Relief Services**

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.

**Mar. 22 Free will offering for Steubenville East Youth Conference.**

**Mar. 29 Teen Ministry**

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you and know that our prayers are with you.

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To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)