

**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

Monday March 20

8am ~ Pope Benedict the Sixteenth

Tuesday March 21

8am ~ Anita Hall requested by Donna Smith
Robert Ducharme requested by a friend

Wednesday March 22

8am ~ Don Goyette requested by the Goyette
family

Thursday March 23

8am ~ George & Theresa Muldoon requested
by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark
Prayers for Lindsay Clancy requested by a
friend

Friday March 24

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ Meaghan West, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by her family
**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross - Through the
Eyes of Mary**

Saturday March 25

4pm ~ The DiGiantommaso Family requested
by their family
Gregory Barrows and Catherine Callahan
requested by Sue & Dan Martin

Sunday March 26

8am ~ Trevor Hennessey, 7th Anniversary,
requested the Haggerty family
Frances Riley requested by Wayne & Sue Cope
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

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

**Sunday, March 19**

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

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

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 23

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

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM,
in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Terry Wallace and **Jeannette Clark** by their
family

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Suzanne Boulanger and Michael
Andrews. We extend our sympathy to their
families.

**Deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday,
April 3rd.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You've heard me announce several times about the "**Made for More**" event coming up on **Tuesday, May 9th** from 7:00-9:30pm (tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through the office or online at M4MNH.eventbrite.com and you can watch a trailer: vimeo.com/260114539). International speaker and author Dr. Christopher West and award-winning musician Mike Mangione will lead us through an evening of visual beauty, live music and reflection.

This event is meant to help us reconnect with the deepest longings of our hearts, which cry out for more than this world can give. We heard last weekend about the thirst of the Samaritan woman, and we know this thirst for more is rooted deeply in each of our souls... we want *more!* We were made for God and only He can satisfy this thirst!

At the heart of this event will be a look at Christian Anthropology – Who are we? How do we look at our humanity in the light of God? We will be assisted by the incredible teaching of St. John Paul II and his Theology of the Body. (If you've heard of the Theology of the Body before, you might think this is just a "chastity talk.") The Theology of the Body is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian – that God entered our humanity in a body. *This changed everything!*

Look at this weekend's Gospel. We hear about the man born blind and how Almighty God chooses to heal him. Isn't it amazing?! As much as God cares about our eternal life, He doesn't just care about our souls – He cares about our bodies as well. And this encounter with Jesus is a bodily encounter, a very visceral experience. Jesus *spits* on the ground and makes clay from that spit, smearing it on the man's eyes. SPIT-CLAY. That's something we should not have expected. But God didn't just make our souls, but our bodies as well, and our bodies tell a story, our bodies reflect the goodness of Almighty God. Our bodies – even our spit – become ways of encountering God (please, don't use this as permission to spit on someone, though).

St. John Paul says, "The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it" (*Theology of the Body 19:4*). Our bodies reveal the invisible reality of our souls and they reveal something about God. We encounter God through our bodies.

This is the whole point of the Sacraments. Remember that a sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace. These outward signs which give us grace are bodily ways we encounter relationship with God. Our bodies are not incidental to our relationship with God. They are not incidental to our salvation. God chose to create humanity as both bodily and spiritual creatures, to redeem us in the body through the Incarnation (when God became man), and He died and rose in the body to show us that our bodies are how we encounter God's love, our bodies tell a story.

I invite everyone who is ready to ponder the questions "Who am I, what am I, and where am I going" to come to this event. As Mike Mangione says, "This event is for married, single, celibate, Catholic, non-Catholic, devout, skeptic, youth and ... experienced." Please join us. Invite friends, family and neighbors. This is going to be an incredible evening at our parish, unlike anything we've had before. You don't want to miss it!

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES:

Pope Saint John Paul II instituted the Luminous Mysteries in 2002. These mysteries help us walk through Jesus' life and public ministry here on earth. What were the focal points of His ministry and how do they reflect our faith? These mysteries include Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist. Meditating on these astonishing mysteries as we pray will leave us in awe of Our Lord. By learning about His life and ministry, we can cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus and learn to be more like Him.

Fasting Idea: try going without social media today (no Facebook, Instagram or any other social apps). Use this fast to connect with people face to face if possible or call a friend to catch up.

Almsgiving Idea: Make a meal or a special treat for a neighbor.

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:

St. Patrick's Parish Office at 603-635-3525

For Information Contact:

Julia Steed Mawson at

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Laudato Si' Circle – a Creation Care Ministry

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

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

VOCATION

"...if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.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!

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

CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, March 26, 2023

2:00 PM

Mary Queen of Peace

200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

There will be many priests available for Confession. Come and experience the **Merciful and Healing of God.**

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 3/12/23

Offertory Envelopes \$4,962

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,872

Total Offertory \$6,834

Utility \$1,567

Total Collected \$8,401

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

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

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.

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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