

**Saturday March 19**

4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph and Tammy Gordon 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

Monday March 21

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by Patty Kennedy

Tuesday March 22

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Wednesday March 23

8am ~ Peace for the world

Thursday March 24

8am ~ Gilbert Goupil requested by Theresa Goupil

Friday March 25

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ No Mass
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 26

4pm ~ Peter Wibber and Kyle Spaulding requested by Harriet St. Onge & family
Richard Cote requested by Andrea Genereux

Sunday March 27

8am ~ The DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family
Beverly Peterson requested by Wayne & Sue Cope & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our parishioners

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for *Cheryl Rossi*. We extend our sympathy to her family.

**Sunday, March 20**

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

Tuesday, March 22

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 23

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 24

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 25

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

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, March 26

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Jeannette Clark**, 3rd Anniversary, by the Jean family

We will have a 6:00 PM Mass on April 8th.

VOCATION

"I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first reading is a familiar one this weekend: Moses and the burning bush. This is a remarkable text! God is re-revealing Himself to His people after (for all we know) being silent for four-hundred years. The last we know of God directly speaking to His people is when He speaks to Jacob and tells him not to be afraid to go to Egypt (Genesis 46: 1ff). Now God, who seemed to be distant from His people, comes again to speak to His people. He reveals to Moses that He has NOT been far off, but has **"witnessed the affliction of my people"** (Exodus 3:7).

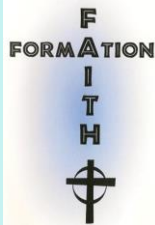
God then reveals Himself to Moses in a way that no pagan deity had. Instead of revealing Himself as a god of a particular power (like the sun or wind or water), of a place or a people (though God does identify Himself as the One the patriarchs worshipped: **"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob"** [Exodus 3:6]), God reveals Himself as not a being over other beings, but, rather, *Being Itself*! He says, **"I am who am... This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you"** (Exodus 3:14).

God is Being Itself. God is the ground of all being. He is not simply a being among many – even if the highest or the greatest. That would imply a beginning and an end. No, our God is ... **"IS"**. This should give us great confidence, for it means that nothing that is could be greater or more powerful than our God. Nothing that can be, could ever knock God out of His place of being and authority. Nothing even *compares* with God. This isn't the way Sinead O'Connor means it. While each of us is unique, we all have things in common – our humanity. But there is nothing that is even comparable to God to be able to describe Him. Most of what we say of God is what He is not. Every time we try to speak of what God is, every time we make an analogy, there is always more wrong about it than there is right. Nothing compares to God! We sometimes use the analogy, when showing why we are confident in God, that He is greater than Satan more than the Empire States Building is bigger than an ant... and yet, that comparison isn't even close. Even were we to compare an atom to the size of a galaxy, we would not be close to seeing the difference between God and Satan... or any other creature.

And here's the kicker: God – who is being itself, who is so utterly unutterable, who is so far beyond us as creatures – deigns to lower Himself, humble Himself to come close to us. He was present to and spoke to Moses and the Israelites. He humbled Himself even further by becoming a zygote in Mary, and growing through our human condition. He even took on Himself the pains of death. And every day He humbles Himself by coming to us under the form of bread so that we can adore Him, so that we can become one with the One who is so utterly beyond us!

This we have to remember: even when God seems distant, even when it seems He is silent, He is with us, present in our darkness. We had the Eucharistic Miracles display come last week. It was a great reminder of how God wants us to remember how close He is to us. He really **IS HERE** in the Eucharist, and these miracles are a testimony to that true presence in our midst. Even when God seems distant, He tells us (though it is a whisper), "I am here."

And don't we need this reassurance right now? Don't we need to know that God is bigger than Putin, bigger than Russia, bigger than inflation? Let's spend quality time with the God who is **"I AM,"** and allow His presence to reassure our lonely, fearful lives.



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.

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.

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.



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).

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!!!!

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 15

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 16

Blessing of the Food: 2:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil: 7:45 PM

*PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS
AND NO 4:00 PM MASS*

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

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 3/13/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,260

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,902

Total Offertory \$7,162

Utilities \$1,745

Total Collected \$8,907

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

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

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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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 into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by **Monday, May 2, 2022.**

Cluster Penance Service will be Sunday, March 27th, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace.

SECOND ENVELOPES

FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 23rd, 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, an 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