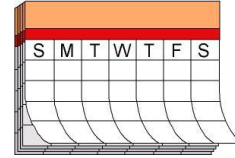


MASS Intentions



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

Monday March 22

8am ~ **Patrick J. Cannon**, 3rd Anniversary, requested by his sons

Bill McDevitt requested by Joan Berard

Tuesday March 23

8am ~ **Patricia Lequin** requested by Michelle Finocchiaro

Margaret Cotta, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Shirley

Wednesday March 24

8am ~ **Dolores & Albert Lemieux** requested by the Lemieux family

Susie Ortegon requested by the Fancher family

Thursday March 25

8am ~ **Paul Johnson** requested by David & Maureen Groff

Friday March 26

8am ~ **No Mass**

6pm ~ **Bill McDevitt** requested by Andrea Genereux

7pm ~ **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday March 27

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday March 28

8am ~ **Ruth Kenney**, 7th Anniversary, requested by her family

10:30am ~ **Leonard & Françoise Lebel** requested by the Lebel family

Chase Gosselin requested by his family

6pm ~ **Ann Neskey** requested by the Bedard family

Sunday, March 21

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

Monday, March 22

The Case for Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

Tuesday, March 23

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 24

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 25

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

Friday, March 26

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Geraldine Moore by Donna Smith

SPRING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, April 18th, at 2:00 PM**. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). For registration, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/anniversary>.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now on the 5th Sunday of Lent. This means Lent is nearly over. I encourage you to continue your Lenten observances, persevering to the end... or restarting them (yet again) to get to the great glory of Easter.

We are about to enter into the high holy days of our faith. The next few weeks tell the story of who we are as a people. Sometimes, we forget our story, and so we have to be reminded. The Church reminds us every year, because if we stop remembering, we forget.

Next weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. It is a unique day in that we hear two different Gospels in the same Mass. The first Gospel is that of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. People wave palms and cry out "**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**" (Mark 11:9).

We then read the Passion of the Lord according to Mark. Within a quarter of an hour, we go from our Hosannas to "Crucify Him" (Mark 15:13-14 – this year, due to COVID, and the lack of missalettes in the pews, the "Crowd" parts will be read by the Narrator). It is a reminder that from Sunday to Friday, the tone of the crowd made a hundred-eighty degree turn. As do our hearts, so easily.

Then we enter into the Sacred Triduum – the Three Days. We begin on Holy Thursday in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. While there will be no enactment of the washing of feet this year, we remember it in the Gospel, as well as the institution of the Holy Eucharist and of the Priesthood. These celebrations remind us of how Jesus gave us the Mass and the mandate humbly to serve others.

On Good Friday, we remember the death of the Lord. Every year we read through the Passion according to St. John, and come forward to adore the Holy Cross. This year, we will still come forward, but (again, COVID) will not be touching the Cross – rather, we will make a sign of our love by bowing or genuflecting to the Cross. On this day, more than any other day, we are invited to remember the complete abasement of God – how He not only took on our flesh, but also took on every suffering, every evil we experience, every sin we commit. He took all of that on as He went to the Cross, and then, crying out in His *thirst* for our love, He gives His life over and dies. Ponder this! God – who is the way, the truth and the *life* (see John 14:6) – dies.

On Saturday evening, we celebrate the Easter Vigil. At this Mass, we go from darkness to light – beginning with all the lights off, and moving to a moment when everyone has a lit candle in their hands, and all the lights are on in the Church. We sing praise to our God. The Alleluia returns in glory! If we had people entering the Church, they would be initiated at this Mass. We celebrate how God conquered death, He conquered sin by taking it onto Himself. As you celebrate at the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday (please remember that you need to sign up through the office for Easter Sunday Mass), remember that the huge stone that blocked the tomb of Jesus was rolled away. See in that the image of every problem, every suffering you have, every addiction with which you struggle, every sin that overcomes you, all of these areas of darkness are conquered by the Resurrection of Jesus. Nothing is too much for Him, too great. Jesus Christ conquers!

Finally, a week later, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. While, of course, we remember the specific revelation of Jesus to St. Faustina in the 1930s as He showed her His infinite mercy for sinners, we remember that that mercy has been a central part of our faith for over 2000 years. The whole celebration of Holy Week and Easter is focused on God's Divine Mercy – that He loves us so much, He is willing to forgive anything and everything!

As we prepare to enter into these holy days, I invite you to take the time to reflect on what we are celebrating, what we are remembering. God's love is so incredible *for you*, and He is calling *you* into a deeper, more personal, more intimate relationship with Him... because you're His daughter, His son. Remember who you are.



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



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

THE CASE FOR JESUS

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS

Fr. Von started 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 dates are 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).



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.

VOCATION

“He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him” The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life requires an obedient response through prayer and action. Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



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!

**Featuring Keynote Speaker,
Immaculée Ilibagiza**

March 23, 2021 7:00 - 7:45 PM

Please join St. Gianna’s Place for a virtual fundraiser celebrating our home’s second anniversary. There is no cost to attend, but donations are always appreciated. Immaculée Ilibagiza, renowned author of *Left to Tell*, will share her remarkable story of surviving the Rwandan genocide of 1994, and tell how deep faith in God allowed her to find peace and forgiveness as she moved forward to a successful and hopeful life. The evening will also highlight some of the women that St. Gianna’s Place has helped over the past two years as they share their own stories of hope and success. This is sure to be an uplifting and inspiring evening and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Although there is no cost to attend, pre-registration is recommended to ensure you receive the event link. Please go to St. Gianna Place website stgiannasplace.org for more information.

What’s So Great About Being Catholic?

Jason Evert

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

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 3/14/21

Offertory Envelopes \$5,158

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,270

Total Offertory \$6,428

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As of 3/14 we have an offertory deficit of \$9,362

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

~Fr. Von~

Catholic Relief

collected as of 3/14/21

\$950

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Mar. 28 Utility

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

Apr. 4 Utility

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

Apr. 11 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Apr. 18 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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

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

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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