



Saturday March 23

4pm ~ Rev. John Sledziona, 8th Anniversary, requested by Donna Smith

Sunday March 24

8am ~ Eva Bedard, 1st Anniversary, requested by Barbara & Glenn Campbell

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday March 25

8am ~ Meaghan West, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

Tuesday March 26

8am ~ Bernice Jackson requested by a friend
John Price requested by a friend

Wednesday March 27

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Roland Delisle requested by Carol Martin

Thursday March 28 Holy Thursday

7pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday March 29 Good Friday

3pm ~ Adoration of the Cross

4:30pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena

7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 30 Easter Vigil

7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31 Easter

8am ~ Easter Memorials

9:30am ~ Easter Memorials

11:30am ~ Easter Memorials



Sunday, March 24

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

Monday, March 25

Confessions, 11:00-1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, March 26

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 27

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

Confessions, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

Parish Office is closed

Confessions, 12:00-2:45 PM, in the church

Divine Mercy Novena, 4:30 PM, in the church

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

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

Saturday, March 30

Blessing of the Food, 2:30 PM, in the church

Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 PM, in the church



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

Adoration
SAVE THE DATE
Eucharistic Procession
April 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM
to pray for those away from the Church



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Baked Beans and Pasta Sauce**. Thank you for your generosity!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the Holy Days, I will step away from our study of the Mass.

This weekend, we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday. At the beginning of Mass, we have the "proto-Gospel" ("first Gospel") with the account of Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Despite this glory and the Hosannas that are sung, the day is clouded, for we know this is the week He dies. In commemoration of this, we read St. Mark's Passion narrative – the story of how Jesus suffers and dies for us.

It is also a reminder to us that it is so easy for us to change our focus on Christ. In moments of consolation, we can easily keep our eyes on Jesus, but when desolation hits, it becomes much easier for us to turn away from God – as did the crowds. Instead of singing "Hosanna," we shout, "Crucify Him!" In the midst of this, God hasn't changed His love for us, but our experience of His love has changed such that we might no longer feel close to Him. In those moments, we need to cling to the truth that God is faithful, even when we are not; God infinitely loves us, even when we feel no love for Him.

Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum, with our Holy Thursday liturgy. At the Mass, we recount part of the Scriptures of the Passover, the institution of the Eucharist, and how Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. I will then wash the feet of twelve people, reminding us of this incredible act of humility and service that Jesus did. At the end of Mass, we process around the Church with Jesus in the Eucharist, and go to the Parish Center – our own Garden of Gethsemane. Here, we recall how Jesus prayed in His agony before His arrest. The disciples slept, but we have the opportunity to keep watch with Him.

On Good Friday, the Liturgy at 3:00 begins in silence, with a time of prayer, recalling that this is the day and hour in which Jesus died for us. Our readings bring us through the mystery of Christ's death, culminating with the reading of the Passion of St. John. We have ten solemn intercessions for the Church and the world, and then the opportunity to come forward and show proper adoration to the Cross of Christ. We love the Cross not for its own sake, but for Him who hung on it for love of us. As a sign of how the Eucharist is intimately connected with the Crucifixion, we receive Communion from the Mass from Holy Thursday.

Good Friday is the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena – praying nine days for God's mercy upon the world. We'll begin it publicly immediately after the Good Friday service, but you can pray it on your own (pamphlets are available in the Church).

The Easter Vigil is filled with all manner of symbols, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, as well as the initiation of those entering the Catholic Church. We go from darkness to light – starting with blessing the Easter fire and Easter candle, culminating with everyone having lit candles, as I sing the Exultet: a song of praise to God for the saving work Jesus did for us. We hear from the Old Testament about how God prepared for the coming of Christ, and how water symbolizes our Baptism into Christ. It's amazing! And on Easter Sunday, we continue this celebration, remembering our own baptism, and sharing the joy of the Resurrection.

I so long for all of us to share in these great mysteries. If it is in any way possible, I strongly encourage you to come and join us for these high holy days. Take the time to walk with Jesus. You won't regret it!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25

Confessions: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27

Confessions: 7:00-9:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28

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

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM

Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Blessing of the Food: 2:30 PM

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

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

Easter Sunday, March 31

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Friday, March 29, 4:30 PM

Saturday, March 30, 3:00 PM

Sunday, March 31, 12:45 PM

Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 6, 2:30 PM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 7th

Adoration & Confession 1:00 PM

Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Angelina Eva Axler, Griffin Nicholas Campbell, Jackson Orion Kraus, Gavin Luis Talbot, Gunner Lukas Talbot and Samuel Tucker Wasik.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



FAITH LIFE IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

Called to Live a Life of Mercy

When we encounter people who do not know we are Catholic, how is that revealed to them? This is the major question that we are talking about this month and I would challenge you to ponder it as well. Christ has instructed us to live a life of Charity, a life of Mercy. This means that we primarily reveal to the world that we are Catholic through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

We also remember, that when we live this life of Mercy God Blesses us abundantly. Jesus teaches this in the Beatitudes, reminding us that there is great blessing in store for those who are obedient to Him.

During this Season of Lent, may we above all strive to live a life of Mercy.

I would ask that you also keep all young people preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion in your prayers. This is Sacrament month, and it is such a joy to celebrate the gift of the Sacraments with so many families.

I leave you with this prayer from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

"Give us a heart as beautiful, pure, and spotless as yours. A heart like yours, so full of love and humility. May we be able to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life, to love Him as you loved Him, to serve Him under the mistreated face of the poor. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

Monday Night Teachings

St. Ignatius of Loyola's

14 Rules for

Discernment of Spirits

Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM

in the youth room

April 1 & 8

No class on March 25

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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 28th Penny Sale on April 13th, in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate **NEW ITEMS** to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office or call Therese Soucy at 603-635-3525. Don't forget to keep the date open and join us on April 13th at St. Patrick Parish Center.



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by April 12, 2024.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is now open

July 8-12, 2024 (9:00 AM - Noon)

SCUBA is coming! This summer, kids will be *DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD!* Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or at the front entrance of the Church. Open to campers ages 5-12.

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 3/17/24

Offertory Envelopes \$5,754

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,974

Total Offertory \$7,728

Teen Ministry \$1,795

Total Funds Collected \$9,523

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

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 31 Utility

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

Apr. 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Dominic Buonarosa and Msgr. Daniel Lamothe. We extend our sympathy to their families.

CREATION CORNER: On Palm Sunday we hear how Jesus fulfilled the Divine Plan using the property of humans: He told his disciples to "requisition" a colt for His entry into Jerusalem and to "requisition" the upper room to celebrate the first Eucharist. The owners of the colt and the upper room readily agreed to support the Master. May we all be equally generous with what God has entrusted to our care - especially Creation.

The deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, March 25th.

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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