



MARCH

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 DiGiantomaso Family requested by their family
Beverly Peterson requested by Wayne & Sue Cope & family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday March 28

8am ~ Elizabeth Silva requested by Sue & Dan Martin
Delia Courteau requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Tuesday March 29

8am ~ Helen Belanger, 22nd Anniversary, requested by James & Dorreen Dolan

Wednesday March 30

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by the 8 O'Clockers
Don Goyette requested by Pat Lawlor

Thursday March 31

8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona, 6th Anniversary,
Dick Dube requested by Donna Smith

Friday April 1

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory
7:30am ~ The Franciscan Mystery Players

Saturday April 2

8am ~ John & Mary Dignan requested by Judy
4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Jr., 16th Anniversary,
In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family
Thomas Straughan requested by Jeannette Masson

Sunday April 3

8am ~ Frank Agrella, 36th Anniversary, requested by his daughter Barbara Barrett
Dick Dube requested by Andrea
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, March 27

Cluster Penance Service, 2:00 PM, Mary Queen of Peace, Salem
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 28

Teaching on the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, March 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 30

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 31

Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, April 1

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

Franciscan Mystery Players, 7:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, April 2

First Reconciliation, 10:00 AM, in the church

The Deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, April 11th.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Francis Gautreau**, 1st Anniversary, by the Gautreau family

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
 We pray for *Joan Lynch, Tammy Gordon* and *Lucien Dalpe*. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's Gospel is one of the most well-known parables of Jesus, most often called the Parable of the Prodigal Son. While less well-known, it is also called the Parable of the Forgiving Father. This is obvious from the first part of the story – how the father receives the wayward son with open-arms. The father not only welcomes him back, he completely reinstates him as his son.

Much is also made of the older son who refuses to come into the house once he discovers the reason for the party – the return of the "ingrate." Like so many of us, we resent the one who has torn our lives apart, and we struggle with forgiveness. This is a good reminder that should we refuse to forgive, we cannot enter the Father's house (heaven), not because God refuses us entrance, but because, like the older son, we choose not to enter, "if that person is in there!"

When we look at the mentality of the older son, however, we can discover more about the rebellion of the younger son. When the father comes out to bring the older son into the house (the same action he took when the younger son returned – he *humbles* himself to go after his sons, not to wait for them to come to him), the son says,

All these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf. (Luke 15:29-30)

Why has the older son been good and obedient? Not because he loved his father, and not because he understood his father's love. Only because he expected to be rewarded. He sees his father as a task-master. He sees himself as a servant, not as a son. He expects payment. Think about how the younger son, on his way home, prepares his apology by saying, "treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers" (Luke 15:19). He doesn't expect sonship. He doesn't understand the love of a father. He only expects payment for his work. Where did he get this mentality? From watching his older brother. He saw his brother act like a servant not a son, and he wanted nothing to do with it. He wanted *out*, NOW! The older brother was more patient, it is true, but wanted the same thing.

The father's reaction shows that *both sons got it wrong!* Neither understood the love of the father, and how everything he has belongs to them. He is not looking for servants but sons!

And we're in the same boat. Too often, we see our relationship with God as servant-master. Yes, we call God "Father." We've gotten used to being called sons and daughters of God. We don't understand sonship, though. We go around thinking about God as someone we have to "get on His good-side," to make sure He gives us what we want, and eventually lets us into heaven. In the meantime, we do things we know we're not supposed to do, but justify it by saying, "It's not *that* bad," or pretending God can't see it. That mentality is totally that of seeing God as "the enforcer" and not as FATHER.

But God IS Father. From all eternity, He is Father. All fatherhood comes from Him. What do we need to change in our thoughts and actions to show that we really understand His love as Father? What do we need to accept to understand He really loves us?

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

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!!!!

MEN OF ST JOSEPH (MOSJ) — will be meeting on **April 9, 2022 from 7:00-9:00 AM** in the Church. Our guest speaker this month will be Fr. Von. "As iron sharpens iron, so shall man sharpen his fellow man." – Proverbs 27:17. We will have time for prayer, a talk, light breakfast and coffee, and time for discussion and fellowship. We will promptly end at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Al Lemieux: al@lemieux-design.net 781 879-7527 or visit the parish website stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/

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 – We encourage you to continue praying the rosary every day. If you struggle to do this, don't give up. Do what you *can*. Maybe, instead of doing a whole rosary in one sitting, you pray one decade (one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's, one Glory Be) at a time at different parts of the day.

Fasting – Keep "fighting the good fight" of fasting, training your will to give up something good, so that you can choose to give up that which is not good.

Almsgiving – As inflation increases, the poor will struggle even more. It is in helping each other that we find fulfillment. Continue to reach out helping those in need around us. To join our Lent challenge you can still sign-up online (go to www.stpatricks-pelham.com or the parish Facebook page).



You Are Invited...to join the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci and the priests and deacons for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass.

When: 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Location: St. Joseph Cathedral, corner of Lowell and Pine Streets in Manchester

Registration: catholicnh.org/chrism

VOCATION

"God is making His appeal through us." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

Monday Night Teaching

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.

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.

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.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, April 1st, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, April 2nd, at 8:00 AM.

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.

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 3/20/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,576

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,057

Total Offertory \$8,633

Teen Ministry \$1,360

Total Collected \$9,993

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 3 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.



We are so thankful that the powerful experience of Steubenville East will be made available to the parish's teens once again. Steubenville East is a weekend retreat for grades 9-12 that is held every summer. This retreat reminds the youth of our Church that they are a beloved child of God and that they truly belong here in the Catholic Faith. Of course, there is always a cost involved with any retreat that is attended and this is where we are asking for your help. **We will be holding a Steubenville East Free Will Offering after all of the Masses on April 9th & 10th.** Every dollar contributed is a great help and, above all, we ask for your prayers. Pray that all of the teens attending Steubenville East will be reminded of God's deep love for them. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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