



**Saturday March 27**  
**4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday March 28, Palm Sunday**  
**8am ~ Ruth Kenney**, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
**10:30am ~ Leonard & Francoise Lebel** requested by the Lebel family  
**Chase Gosselin** requested by his family  
**6pm ~ Ann Neskey** requested by the Bedard family

**Monday March 29**  
**8am ~ Kevin Caron** requested by the Lemieux family  
**Ann Neskey** requested by Joan Berard

**Tuesday March 30**  
**8am ~ In Honor of the Sacred Heart**

**Wednesday March 31**  
**8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Donna Smith

**Thursday April 1, Holy Thursday**  
**8am ~ No Morning Mass**

**7pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday April 2, Good Friday**

**3pm ~ Adoration of the Cross**  
**4:30pm ~ Divine Mercy Novena**

**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday April 3, Holy Saturday**  
**3:00pm** Divine Mercy Novena  
 No 3:00 PM Confessions  
 No 4:00 PM Mass  
**7:30pm** Easter Vigil

**Sunday April 4, Easter Sunday**  
**8am** Easter Memorials  
**9:30am** Easter Memorials  
**11:30am** Easter Memorials  
**12:45pm** Divine Mercy Novena  
 NO 6:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 28**  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school  
**Monday, March 29**

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

**Tuesday, March 30**  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 31**  
 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, April 1**  
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Friday, April 2**  
 Confessions, 12:00-2:45 PM, in the church  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Ann Neskey by Rosemary



“Morning by morning He wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.” Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have reached Holy Week. In this holiest week of the year, we remember the central mysteries of our faith – that God died and rose for us. Today, as we celebrate Passion Sunday, we read through the Passion account according to St. Mark. It is a fitting start to this truly *holy* week, reminding us what it cost for us to be united to God – what **sin cost God**.

There are some theologians who think that God had always planned the Incarnation – how God took on our human nature. In the Divine Plan, this would be necessary in order to allow humanity into the heart of God's love. However, after Adam and Eve sinned, there was need for more than just uniting humanity and divinity – there was also the need to overcome the immense chasm created by sin, which by its very nature rejects God (remember, every sin is saying that we don't trust God). Jesus went to the Cross so that the love of God, incarnate in a human nature, could bridge that gap.

St. Mark so beautifully shows us the love of Jesus in today's Passion reading. I encourage you, take time with the Passion narrative. Read through it this week. Maybe you can break it up into sections to read a bit each day. Enter into the mystery of God's incredible love for you.

You'll find that His love inspired this woman of Bethany to spend great money to anoint Him. His love wants to inspire self-giving love within us, too.

You'll find that Jesus shares with His disciples His very Body and Blood. He longs for us to come into Communion with Him as He gives us the Eucharist.

You'll find that Jesus longs for human companionship, even as Peter, James and John sleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. He longs for *us* to keep Him company, consoling His Heart.

You'll find that God is put on trial, judged by the Sanhedrin and by Pilate. He calls us to look at our hearts to see how *we judge God*.

You'll see the King of the Universe allowing Himself to be mocked. He wants us to *praise* Him for all the mockery He receives.

You'll see Jesus crying out from the Cross, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" (Mark 15:34). He shows us that there is no suffering, no despair, no pain, no emptiness that God has not experienced with us, that He knows every trial and pain – physical, emotional or spiritual – that we can possibly know... and He redeems it.

You'll see the power of the death of our God, as the Roman Centurion recognizes the truth of Jesus, as he says, "**Truly this man was the Son of God!**" (Mark 15:39). He invites us to make an act of faith in who Jesus is – not just an intellectual assent, but a giving of our whole lives to Jesus, the Lord, the King, our God.

Take the time this Holy Week, to walk with Jesus through His mind-boggling act of love for us by dying and rising for you, for me.



### 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join Fr. Von on the first Tuesday of the month, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 PM for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence.

Please contact Fr. Von ([fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



### EASTER 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*

#### Easter Sunday, April 4, Pre-registration only

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM  
*PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS*  
Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

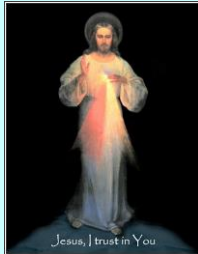
### NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21<sup>st</sup>.

To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup](http://www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup) or call 603-752-1325.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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>.



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that during these nine days, you bring souls to the fountain of my mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace that they need in the hardships of life, and ... at the hour of death" (Diary 1209). Pray the Novena in your home or with the Parish

**Good Friday, April 2, 4:30 PM**  
**Holy Saturday, April 3, 3:00 PM**  
**Easter Sunday, April 4, 12:45 PM**  
**Monday-Friday, April 5-9, 6:00 PM**  
**Saturday, April 10, 2:30 PM**



### COME TO THE PENNY SALE!!!

Join us **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Pick up of items will be **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Masks and social distancing are required. Come join the fun!

## 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 3/21/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$7,827
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,815
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$9,642</b>

Teen Ministry	\$945
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<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$10,587</b>
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**As of 3/21 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,120**

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



### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### 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 29<sup>TH</sup>.**

There is no Monday Night Teachings on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> due to Holy Week. It will resume next Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)