

**Saturday March 2****4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****Sunday March 3****8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Rosemary Dole****10:30am ~ Roger Bergeron** requested by Jeannette Masson**Monday March 4****8am ~ Hutsy Barnett** requested by Ernie Duarte**Edesse Paquette** requested by Theresa Goupil**Tuesday March 5****8am ~ Health & Blessings for Wyatt McKee** requested by a friend**Michael Perruccio** requested by his family**Wednesday March 6****8am ~ Alice Martin** requested by a friend**Alexandrine Thivierge** requested by Theresa Goupil**Thursday March 7****8am ~ Michael Bellia** requested by Leo & Janice Storch**Friday March 8****8am ~ No Mass****6pm ~ Health & Blessings for Donna Smith** requested by a friend**Michael Crane**, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & sons**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross****Saturday March 9****4pm ~ Suzanne Boulanger** requested by Ronnie & Kathy Jean**The DiGiantommaso Family** requested by their family**Sunday March 10****8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****10:30am ~ Celine Martin**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Kevin & Karen Martin**Paul Rourke**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family**Sunday, March 3**

Coffee &amp; Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center

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Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school

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

**Monday, March 4**

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school

Grades 5-12 Confirmation Class, 6:00 PM, in the school

Discernment of Spirits, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, March 5**

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Wednesday, March 6**

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the parish center

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, March 7**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, March 8**

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

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

**Saturday, March 9**

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Grade 2 Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school

Our Cluster Penance Service is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem, NH.

**The deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week we looked at the Holy, Holy (the acclamation). After this, the presider has his choice of nine Eucharistic Prayers. We'll go through this through Eucharistic Prayer II, but the format is the same, even though some are longer or shorter.

The thanksgiving continues after the acclamation with the words: "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness." We then move into the *epiclesis* which is the invocation of the Holy Spirit. We invite the Holy Spirit to come down upon the bread and wine and transubstantiate them. At this point, the priest stretches his hands over the offering (I call this the "Superman" hands with the kids): "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity who connects what we are doing today with the Heart of God – bringing the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary from eternity into time – right here, right now.

We then move into the *Institution Narrative and Consecration*. We recall what Jesus did at the Last Supper, how He gave us His very Body and Blood – to be offered on the Cross the next day – really and truly, under the forms of bread and wine.

Bishop Barron puts it this way:

Again and again, the Gospel writers show us how Jesus' words are efficacious and transformative, producing what they pronounce. ... The night before he died, Jesus performed his most extraordinary word-act. Gathered with the Twelve for a Passover supper, he "took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Matt. 26:26-28). If he were an ordinary prophet or teacher, these powerful words, spoken the night before his death, would have burned themselves into the consciousness of his followers and carried enormous symbolic resonance. They might even have changed his disciples profoundly at the spiritual and psychological level. But Jesus was not one prophet among many; he was the incarnate Word of God. Therefore, his words had the power to create, to effect reality at the deepest possible level. Since what he says *is*, the words "This is my body" and "This is my blood" effectively change the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Like all divine utterances, they *produce* what they say. (pp 104-05 *This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*)

Jesus' words are effective, and they make real what they say. He said, "This is my body" ... and so it was ... so it is. In this moment, Jesus changes the very substance (essence, being) of bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Even though the outward appearances ("accidents") stay the same, what, or, rather, who it is changes forever. Now, it is Jesus here before us.

The Eucharist is the whole of Jesus' Paschal Mystery – His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension all at once. And we get to receive Him!

An image to help: Hiroshi Sujimoto wanted to take a picture of a movie – not a picture of a single moment of a movie, but a single picture of a whole movie. He set up his camera in the theater and this is what he got (*Stanford Theater, Stanford, 1992*): What we see is a gleaming white screen. When we look at the Eucharist, all we see is white, but it is the "whole movie" (as it were).

Jesus' words make real what He says – His Body and Blood are given for us and to us at each Mass. We enter into the Last Supper, especially at the Institution Narrative, and the Lord brings heaven to earth!





“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**CREATION CORNER:** This weekend Jesus scolds the temple money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals: “stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” The Earth and the rest of Creation are also the “Father’s house,” and we must not make a “marketplace” out of Creation’s gifts to us. God gives them gratuitously, for the common good - - not to be exploited for personal enrichment.



**KERYGMA**

Lenten Parish Mission with  
Sister Marguerite Marie & Sister Grace Maria  
March 10, 11 & 12  
From 7:00-9:00 PM

We’ve all heard the Gospel preached every Sunday, but has it transformed your life? Do you want to understand what is at the heart of being Catholic? Join us for three evenings of getting to the heart of what it means to be Catholic. Look forward to seeing you! For more information, please contact the Parish office at 603-635-3525.

We will have a 6:00 PM Mass on the following Fridays during Lent: **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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

**THE PENNY SALE IS COMING...  
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St. Patrick Women’s Guild will be sponsoring their 28<sup>th</sup> Penny Sale on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Parish Center.

### EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

#### **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  
Divine Mercy Novena: 4:30 PM  
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

#### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

Blessing of the 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, March 31**

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 2/25/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,378
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,150
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,528</b>

Faith Life	\$1,569
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<b>Total Funds Collected</b>	<b>\$9,097</b>
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Thank you for your  
faithful & generous support  
~Fr. Von~

**Happy Anniversary!**

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!

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

March 4 & 18

**No classes on March 11 or 25**

### **SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

#### **Mar. 10 Catholic Relief**

This collection 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.

### **WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Anthony Caruso and Peter Dyszczyk. We extend our sympathy to their families.



Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by the Praise Band this weekend. Please come and join us.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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### **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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](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)