

**Saturday March 30 Easter Vigil**

7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil

**Sunday March 31 Easter Sunday**

8am ~ Easter Memorials

9:30am ~ Easter Memorials

11:30am ~ Easter Memorials

**Monday April 1**

8am ~ Patricia A. Hartwell requested by a friend

James Warren requested by the Lemieux family

**Tuesday April 2**

8am ~ Michael Roberts requested by Leo &amp; Janice Storch

**Wednesday April 3**

8am ~ Jim Warren requested by Donna Smith

**Thursday April 4**

8am ~ Prayers for Poor Clare Sisters

requested by a friend

Frank Agrella, 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his daughter Barbara**Friday April 5**

8am ~ Michael Perruccio requested by his family

John K. Grondalski requested by a friend

7pm ~ Healing Mass

**Saturday April 6**8am ~ Olga Costello, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Karen & Jack Green4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Jr., 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family**Sunday April 7**

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Robert N. DiMartino, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Anniversary, requested by his sister Angela Delorfan

**Sunday, March 31**Divine Mercy Novena, 12:45 PM, in the church  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school**Monday, April 1**Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 PM, in the church  
Discernment of Spirits, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school**Tuesday, April 2**

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

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 PM, in the church  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM**Wednesday, April 3**Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM  
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PMDivine Mercy Novena, 6:00 PM, in the church  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the parish center

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, April 4**Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 PM, in the church  
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, April 5**Divine Mercy Novena, 6:00 PM, in the church  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school  
Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church**Saturday, April 6**

Divine Mercy Novena, 2:30 PM, in the church



"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? 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).

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Janet Pinard. We extend our sympathy to her family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

## *HAPPY EASTER!*

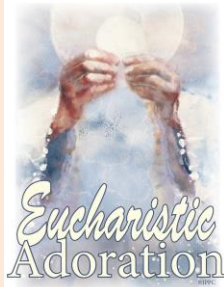
Every year, we gather to celebrate this incredible gift of Almighty God – that He has conquered sin and death!

We look back to the beginning, with Adam and Eve, and we see how they turned away from God, breaking their relationship with Him. God did not want to leave us in this separated state – we are His beloved children, and He wanted us to be brought back to His Heart. Being God, He could have redeemed us in any way He chose, including simply willing it. So why did He choose to enter our humanity, suffer a violent death and rise from the grave? We will probably only know the full answer to this question in eternity, but we can ponder this question. I think that He wanted to show us that He was not afraid or scandalized by our weakness and brokenness – that He was not “standoffish,” but would get “down and dirty” into our humanity. It was also the most fitting way that He could manifest His love to us – what we are worth to Him. Lovers don’t ask “What’s the minimum I can do to get by?” they ask “What’s the most I can give?” Jesus could have saved us by decree, or even by shedding one drop of His Blood. He chose to show us what we are worth by shedding every drop of His Blood for us, uniting our humanity – and all its weakness and brokenness – to His Divinity in the Incarnation (becoming flesh), Passion (suffering), death and resurrection.

I think it also speaks truth to the lie at the heart of our rupture with God. When Adam and Eve were tempted (and fell), they bought the lie that God is out to get us, that God is our rival. The serpent said to Eve, “You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods...” (Genesis 3:4-5). He says that God is lying to us, and that He’s afraid of us becoming like Him; He’s our rival! Honestly! If God were against us, could we stand for one moment against Him?! Yet Adam and Eve believed that lie... and we do too, sometimes. Jesus chose to die on the Cross to show us He is NOT against us. God willingly submits to us, letting us kill Him so that He could show us that He is not against us, but for us!

This Easter, may we allow the love of God to enter our hearts and lives. May we remember ALL He has done for us, and so accept the grace and mercy He pours out on us, and rejoice with Him forever.

Happy Easter!



**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

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 7<sup>th</sup>  
Adoration & Confession 1:00 PM  
Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 PM

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

**CREATION CORNER:** On Holy Saturday we read the story of Creation. After each day of Creation, God "saw that it was good" and, after creating humans found it all to be "very good." What did God do next? He gave all these good things away: grains, trees, and their fruits to the humans; green plants to the other creatures. Let us respect the goodness that God saw in His Creation! Let us appreciate the gifts of Creation given to us! Let us *Care for Creation!* Let us rejoice that the Resurrection restored our relationship to Creation, to God and to each other.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**  
**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

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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.



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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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 Easter, may we above all strive to live a life of Mercy.

I would ask that you also keep all young people who have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion in your prayers. 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

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office of Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, April 29, 2024 by 3:00 PM.

## MONEY

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Easter. The offertory collection will be in next weekend's bulletin.



Helping Our Parish Grow  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### Apr. 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### Apr. 14 Utility

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

#### Apr. 21 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.

### FAITH CATHOLIC WRITING SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship is open to all Catholic high-school seniors in the Diocese and is given directly to the winner in the form of a \$1,500 check. This year's theme is: **Tell us how you want to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.** The essay should be between 800 and 1,200 words. It is important **that the entry comes from a teacher, parish youth minister, director of religious formation or pastor.** Students may not submit essays directly. By submitting the entry, the adult is verifying that the student is a Catholic who actively practices his or her faith. **Essays must be submitted to *Parable* Editor Rosemary Ford by April 5<sup>th</sup>.** She will judge the essays and send the top three entries in the Diocese to Faith Catholic for final judging. The finalists will all be published in *Parable* magazine. Email submissions to [rford@rcbm.org](mailto:rford@rcbm.org) or mail them to 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104.

For more information and contest rules, visit <https://faithsyndicated.org/2024-father-charles-irvin-memorial-writing-scholarship>.



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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)