



MARCH

Saturday March 4

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday March 5

8am ~ Robert Boulanger requested by Donna Smith

Maurice Daigle requested by Carol Martin
10:30am ~ Michael Crane, 6th Anniversary, requested by his wife & sons

Monday March 6

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for John William McKenzie requested by his family
Henry T. Greaves, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family

Tuesday March 7

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory
6pm ~ Holy Hour for Life

Wednesday March 8

8am ~ Msgr. Eddy Bisson
Seamus Cannon requested by the Shovlin family

Thursday March 9

8am ~ Jean Bilodeau requested by Janet Hertze
Rev. Paul L. Gregoire

Friday March 10

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ Dr. Anthony Caruso requested by Dan & Sue Martin

Saturday March 11

4pm ~ Stan Draper and Dick Dube requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
Doris Godosky requested by Donna Smith

Sunday March 12

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Francis Gautreau, 2nd Anniversary, requested by the Gautreau family
Traci Betancur requested by Gary & Maureen Flander

Sunday, March 5

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 6

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school
 Faith Life Confirmation Class Grades 5-12, 6:00 PM, in the school
 The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, March 7

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
 Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
 Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 8

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 9

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

Friday, March 10

Healing Mass, 6:00 PM, in the church

No Stations

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

Saturday, March 11

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



"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design..." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING
 Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, April 10th, 17th & 24th, May 8th, 15th & 22nd**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Faith of Abraham

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the second Sunday of Lent year A, the Church invites us to follow the example of Abraham who is called the “Father of Faith”. In the first reading today, we see that God calls Abraham: “The LORD said to Abram: ‘Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you’” (Genesis 12:1). Indeed, Abraham leaves his homeland at the age of 75 to follow God’s call, but he does not know where he is going to choose a land for his family to live.



In the face of that invitation from God, I think that Abraham is very hesitant to leave his peaceful homeland to move to a new land where he has never been and does not know. He is so worried because he doesn’t know what his future, his life, and his family will be like. However, Abraham trusts in God and goes out and follows God’s call, Saint Paul also said, “by faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go” (Heb 11:8). We see that the faith of Abraham is so strong, he completely trusts in God. God chooses each person, each family, each community, and each parish in His own ways. He called, He chose, but the problem is whether we respond to His call and dare to go out to His will?

If we listen and trust in God, He will grant us what we need as God grants to Abraham: “I (God) will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing” (Gen 12:2). In our journey of faith, sometimes our faith has been challenging, but we look at Abraham’s faith which is to believe in God. When Abraham believed in God and followed God, his life completely changed. He no longer lived for himself, but he lived for God, for other people in God. As we are living in the holy season of Lent, the Church invites us to follow the prophet Isaiah: “Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own” (Isaiah 58:7).

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 6

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

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7

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 8

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, April 9

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

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

For this week, we will reflect on the joyful mysteries of the Rosary.

The 5 decades help us to reflect on the joy of God. He is sending us a Messiah. He is announcing this to Mary through the angel Gabriel. She is overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. He does not leave and she conceives in her womb and heart. Then she travels on to see her cousin Elizabeth. This joy is so contagious she is filled with the Holy Spirit and child in her womb leaps. Then the big day arrives for the messiah to enter the world. The joy of a child. The prince of peace has arrived. The angels are singing and proclaiming this good news to the shepherds. Then like today Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord - similar to our baptism. This brings great joy to Simeon as it does for parents baptizing their children today. Then comes a moment of worry. Jesus is missing. Oh! the joy at finding him in the temple. As you pray each Hail Mary ponder on these things.

Another way to ponder these mysteries is to read Luke 1:26-56, Luke 2:1-52

Fasting idea: try going without at least one meal on other days besides Friday or abstain from meat more than one day this week

Almsgiving idea: Go out of your way to be kind to a stranger (buy coffee for the person behind you or pay their toll or even just a smile)



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

Made For More Trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

Parish "Made For More" Home Site:

<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **March 7th, 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 or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

All men are invited to the Men of St. Joseph meeting on **March 11th**, at St. Patrick's Parish with special guest Fr. Andrew Beauregard, F.P.O. We will start at 7:00 AM in the church for rosary and prayer and continue with breakfast and a talk in the Parish Center. The meeting ends at 9:00 AM. Contact Al Lemieux for more information al@lemieux-design.net or 781-879-7527.

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the following Fridays during Lent: **March 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.**

Family of Faith for March

In the month of March, families in the program will be learning about the second Sacrament of Healing, The Anointing of the Sick.

The Catholic Catechism for Adults describes this Sacrament beautifully and it is worth sharing:

"In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age."

It is important to realize that this Sacrament is meant to be received before the end of life if needed. This is a Sacrament of Healing and not a Sacrament of departing. Jesus, the Divine Physician, works through this Sacrament to heal us spiritually and physically (if it be His will).

Let us pray for all of the sick in our parish and throughout the world.

I would also ask that you keep all of the children who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. They will be receiving this month.

In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their **Annual Penny Sale**, on **Saturday, April 15th, 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, and 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 2/26/23

Offertory Envelopes \$4,633

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,197

Total Offertory \$6,830

Faith Life \$1,511

Total Collected \$8,341

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Eastern Europe

collected as of 2/26/23

\$2,588

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 12 Utility

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

Mar. 19 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Steubenville East Registration!

Steubenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 21-23, 2023. Registration is open and we are building a parish group. Please email me at faithliformation@comcast.net for details.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about Youth Ministry events happening at our parish and neighboring parishes, please email Adam Castor at faithliformation@comcast.net and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

Additional Opportunities for Teens

Check out the master calendar list on St. Matthew Parish website go to the link below:

www.stmatthew-nh.org/youth

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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