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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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

Wednesday

8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3pm to 3:30pm

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 and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday March 5**
4pm **Donny Gillis**, 5th Anniversary,
requested by his family
- Sunday March 6**
8am **Florence Jacques** requested by
Gaston Breault
10:30am **Lise Demers** requested by her
family
6pm **Intentions for all our
Parishioners**
- Monday March 7**
8am **Rita Delisle** requested by Dennis
& Connie Hogan
- Tuesday March 8**
8am **Anthony Turturici** requested by
Connie & Dennis Hogan
- Wednesday March 9**
8am **St. Martin De Porez**
- Thursday March 10**
8am **Rose Toubia** requested by her
family
- Friday March 11**
8am **Susan Grey** requested by Roger
& Judy Turgeon
7pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday March 12**
4pm **Marilyn MacDonald**, 9th
Anniversary, requested by her
family
- Sunday March 13**
8am **Una Harrington** requested by
Doug & Laura Masson
10:30am **Kenneth, Lorraine, & Adam
Bellemore** requested by their
families
6pm **John Montminy**, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by his son Scott &
daughter-in-law Flora & family

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 following week:

Offertory 2/28/16	\$7,227
Faith Life	\$1,460

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,687**

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 13 Fuel
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.
Free will offering for students going to Steubenville East.

Mar. 20 Faith Life Formation
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 27 Groundskeeping
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE

The Cluster Penance Service will be held at St. Matthew Parish, Windham, NH on this Sunday, March 6th at 2:00 PM.



Sunday, March 6

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday March 7

Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the school library

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, March 8

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, March 9

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the meeting room

Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Tajci Cameron, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 10

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, March 11

Moms' Group, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school

Fish Bake, 4:30-6:45 PM, in the parish center

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

Confessions, 7:30 PM

FAITH LIFE FORMATION

- Confirmation I Class is held on this Sunday, March 6th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Faith Life Classes are held next weekend on March 12th, 13th and 14th in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation II Class is held on this Sunday, March 13th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation I Class is held on Sunday, April 3rd from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Faith Life Classes are held on the weekend of April 9th, 10th and 11th in the school cafeteria.



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Travis Mark Earley, Scotlyn Rose Greenwood, Alison Rose Pelletier, Skylar Marie Schultz, Kenzie Marie Weinhold** and **Matthew Chanel Weinhold, Jr.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 24th

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

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, March 25th

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM

Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 PM

Stations: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 26th

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday, March 27th

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

PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS

CONFESSIONS

During Lent in addition to the Saturday Confessions, we will hold Confessions for the following dates and times.

Saturdays,

2:45-3:45 PM

Sundays,

Times: 7:30-7:45 AM, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM (before each Mass).

Fridays after Stations (about 7:30 PM)

Reconciliation Service: March 6th at 2:00 PM at St. Matthew Parish, Windham, NH

Second Monday of the month: 8:30 AM

Third Wednesday of the month: 7:00 PM

Holy Week: Monday, March 21st from 11:00-1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM

Good Friday: 12:00-2:45 PM

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

This week we will look at two **Corporal Works of Mercy: Visiting the Imprisoned and Visiting the Sick**. In both of these works, we meet people who are limited in their mobility – neither by choice. For one, their bad choices have caused them to be confined, for the other, their bad health. And while one might quip that the sick are more deserving of our visit than are those imprisoned, *isn't that the whole point of mercy* – mercy is given to those who do not deserve it, for if it was deserved, it wouldn't be mercy.

Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton Sheen told priests at a retreat about a series of talks he did at a prison with 1,979 inmates. He started his first talk to the prisoners by saying:

Gentlemen, I want you to know that there is one great difference between you and me: you got caught, I didn't. In other words, we're all sinners. (Bishop Sheen Retreat to the priests of the

Diocese of Gary, 1973)

Here is the truth of the Gospel – we are *all* made in the image and likeness of God; we are all precious, loved deeply by God. Yet, we are all sinners. Not one of us can claim to have served God perfectly. Our sins do not make God hate us (though they do make Him weep for how they *hurt us*). No, God wants all the more to draw us back to Himself. Think of the wayward son in this weekend's Gospel (also known as the Prodigal Son) – though he had rejected his father, and, in essence, told him, “I wish you were *dead* so I could get *my* money,” the father was still waiting for him, longing for him to come home. When the son finally returned, the father *runs* out to meet him and holds a party for him. We can sometimes look down on those in prison, yet they are still deeply loved by God. (Please don't think that I am saying we don't need to take precautions, though – we do need to protect society. What I'm saying is that we always need to recognize the sacred dignity in each person.) I have had the opportunity to do prison ministry both when I was assigned in Keene and in Epping. Going in the first time was *very* uncomfortable – wondering who I was going to meet, how I would be able to minister to them, would I be able to get out in a timely manner, etc.. Yet, those who came to me for Confession or Holy Mass were looking for something, longing for something – or, rather, *Someone* – and I could bring that Someone to them.

We remember that Jesus was imprisoned, also. As He was brought to Annas and Caiaphas, and then before Pontius Pilate, He had to endure the indignity of being a prisoner. You see, there is no place too low for Christ – He has gone into the depths of our humanity to bring us to Himself. Somehow, in a mysterious way, Christ is present even in those who have sinned, and we are to minister to them despite their sin.

I have found visiting the sick to be a great gift. Growing up, both of my parents worked at the Concord Hospital, so I never had a fear of hospitals that some develop. My mother would often go to visit her aunt, and then her father at the nursing home. My grandfather had ten children, and most of them visited weekly, so he always had visitors. The thing that struck me, though, was how many people there *never* had visitors. Their family members – even their children – never came to see them. Such loneliness and abandonment!

When I ponder this, I can't help but reflect on Jesus' loneliness. During the Agony in the Garden, Jesus' closest friends fell asleep – THREE TIMES – even after He begged them to stay awake and pray with Him. During the trials, He had to endure the cry of “*Blasphemy*” and “*Crucify him*” with no one there to support Him. On the Way of the Cross, the unwilling help of Simon of Cyrene does not bring a friendly touch or a smile during this lonely time. Even from the Cross, Jesus cries out that He feels abandoned even by His Father.

The loneliness of Jesus

He went through this loneliness in order that we might know He is with us in our loneliness. And as we reach out to those in hospitals, nursing homes, or the homebound – those who are sick or frail or elderly – we reach out and touch Jesus' flesh, we comfort *Him* in His lonely hour, we bring to Him the love for which He desperately thirsts.

In this Year of Mercy, may we reach out in mercy to those who share the loneliness and weakness of Jesus. If you would like to participate in Prison Ministry contact the parish office.

MATTHEW ARNOLD IS COMING!!!!

Have you ever heard of **Our Lady of Good Success**? Lay Catholic speaker, author, and radio host **Matthew Arnold** is coming to St. Patrick Parish on **Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 PM**, to speak to us about this little known, Church-approved apparition. For more information, as well as finding out where else Matthew will be speaking go to the parish website.

COMING THIS WEEK!!!!

Transformational Music & Speaking Event

What if this Lent really was a turning point in your life? Please join us on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM here at St. Patrick with an award-winning singer, TV Show host, published author and creator of acclaimed musical adaptation of the Crucifixion Story: "I Thirst" - **Tajci Cameron**. Find a deeper connection with God through this uplifting event. Free Admission.

A Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Fr. Von is going on a Pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, MA on Wednesday, July 27th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 per person; we'll be going by Coach bus and picnic lunch will be provided. For more information and registration form please look on the parish website.

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Spring **Men's weekend** is April 7-10. The Spring **Women's weekends** are April 21-24, April 28 - May 1 and June 2-5. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (603-635-3525).

COME AND EXPERIENCE/GOD'S LOVING MERCY

One-Day Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston. Location is confidential. Requested donation of \$10 to cover lunch cost. Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants. For more information, Contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or email: help@projectrachelboston.com.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH GROUP

Monday, March 7th **Youth Group** will be meeting in the school library from 6:00-7:30 PM

Save The Date:

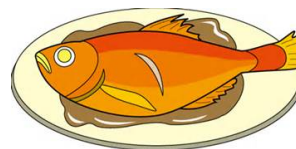
NH Catholic Youthfest

May 7th at St. Anselm's College

Early Registration: \$35

STEUBENVILLE EAST

July 15th, 16th & 17th



FISH BAKE

The Knights of Columbus will host Fish Bake in the Parish Center every Friday during Lent except for Good Friday; March 11th and 18th. Our hours are 4:30 to 6:45 PM. The Menu is Haddock fillet baked in Ritz crumbs, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and one drink. Prices for adults are \$11.00 and seniors and children are \$10.00 and \$7.00 for a half serving, additional drinks will be available for purchase. If you are ordering take out, please call 635-3829. All are welcome.

NO EASTER BASKETS THIS YEAR

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I am sad and truly sorry to announce that we will not be distributing Easter baskets this year. This is only for 2016. Questions or concerns can be directed to Cheryl Brunelle at 603-635-3610 or cdbrunelle@comcast.net



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels** and **Toilet Paper**.