



Saturday March 5

4pm ~ Tyler Larson requested by Donna Smith
Ken & Jean Mannell and **Jeslyn Boucher** and
Jeffrey Ronnquist requested by the Mannell family

Sunday March 6

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Michael Crane, 5th Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & sons

Monday March 7

8am ~ Carl Bentley requested by Andrea

Tuesday March 8

8am ~ Fr. Edward Richard, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by the Bedard family

Wednesday March 9

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Thursday March 10

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Friday March 11

8am ~ No Mass
6pm ~ Healing Mass
7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 12

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday March 13

8am ~ Maureen Boyden, 5th Anniversary,
 requested by her family & friends
10:30am ~ Skip & Nancy Simmons requested
 by the Lemieux family
Anna McLaughlin & Charles McLaughlin
 requested by Judy McLaughlin

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the following **Fridays** during Lent: **March 11th, 18th & 25th** and **April 8th.**

Sunday, March 6

Faith Life Parent Meeting, 11:30 AM, in the school cafeteria
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 7

Faith Life Parent Meeting, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria

Tuesday, March 8

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 9

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

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 10

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 11

Healing Mass, 6:00 PM, in the church

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

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

Saturday, March 12

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Grade 2 Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school Cafeteria

Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles, 12:00-2:00 PM and 5:00-6:00 PM, in the parish center



“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

And so Lent has begun. As always, the first Sunday in Lent tells us the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. It really is a good way to begin Lent; after all, our focus in Lent is getting closer to Jesus, which means we need to be aware of the temptations, the stumbling blocks that get in the way.

If you're anything like me, you begin Lent with incredible intentions. Very shortly into Lent, however, many of the intentions begin to falter (hence, the Lenten Challenges – to help us be accountable to each other). It is a blessing to look to Jesus who was able to resist temptation. How was He able to do it? Because of His incredible self-discipline? One level, yes, but I think there's more to it.

A few years ago, the Magnificat had a Lenten Penance Service, which included a profound homily on this subject:

How did Jesus resist the temptations of the devil? He is not relying on moral strength or trying hard to adhere to a code of ethics. It is Jesus' unwavering love, trust, and affection for his Father which renders the devil and his temptations powerless.

The child who gets lost from his mother in the toy store cares nothing for any of the toys until he finds his mother again. No toy can tempt him away from his search for his mother. This is not because the child is a moral giant, but because the child wants his mommy!

Jesus sees everything, from bread to all the kingdoms of the world, as meaningless without the love of his Father. When the devil tempts Jesus to test his Father's love, Jesus knows that love which is manipulated is not love at all and cannot compare to the free and abundant Love which is his Father.

The devil wants Jesus to doubt the Father and to conceive of himself without the Father; for when Jesus' heart is with his Father, the devil's temptations are revealed for the nothingness that they are.

As long as I conceive of myself as alone, and as long as I conceive of God as far away from the truest and deepest longings of my heart, I will always sin. I will continually set my heart on things that will never answer its infinite longing.

Zacchaeus set his heart on wealth, the adulteress set her heart on a fleeting feeling of love, Nicodemus set his heart on his good reputation; it was only the presence of Jesus which opened their hearts to something more. It was not their own strength but the gaze of Jesus which changed them. This same gaze attracted the rich young man and Pontius Pilate, but they both sadly turned away and returned to their respective prisons of wealth and power.

Our hope is not in our strength, but that we gaze upon Christ who first gazes upon us.

This Lent, may we keep our eyes on the loving gaze of Christ. May we always remember *who we are*: beloved sons and daughters of the Father. May we keep our hearts with the Father, and so overcome every other temptation that comes our way.



FAITH FORMATION

March Family of Faith at St. Patrick Parish

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name-he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:26-27)

In the month of March, families will be learning about the Holy Spirit, which Christ promised before His Ascension. The promise Christ has made is that the Holy Spirit will always remain with the Catholic Church until the end of time. This is the reason for our hope, that it is God who has founded and continues to instruct our Catholic Church.

This is why Apostolic Succession is so important to our faith. We believe that Pope Francis is a descendant of St. Peter, the very first Pope. The same holds true for all of our bishops and priests. They have descended from the very first 12 Apostles! It is amazing!

Pray for your bishop. During Lent, St. Patrick Parish is taking part in a Pray, Fast, and Give Challenge. Along with our topic of the month, we will be encouraging families to pray in a specific way for our bishop, Bishop Libasci. I would ask and encourage all of you to do that same.

FLIP, Friends of the Library for Pelham NH is offering a \$750.00 Scholarship to any high school senior residing in Pelham, NH for at least the last 12 months. The applicant must be planning to attend a college, university or vocational school in the fall of 2022.

For guidelines and application, please visit <https://pelhampubliclibrary.org/friends-library-pelham-flip> or visit the front desk at the library.

Mass of Healing and Hope

On **Friday, March 11th, at 6:00 PM** our Healing Mass will include Anointing of the Sick. Come and experience this sacrament of healing.



Following Jesus...TOGETHER

We invite you to join us this Lenten season in following the way of Jesus through **PRAYER**, **FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING** as a parish.

When:

Beginning March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) through Easter

How:

Prayer – Join our rosary challenge! Perfect for beginners and families too. We'll also be going through *Mary's Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help* by Christine Watkins. Our parish will offer a Facebook group to follow along. This is a great activity to involve the entire family!

Fasting – In addition to the traditional fasting from food, there are other creative ways to add to your fast – fast from anger, fast from caffeine, fast from your favorite treat... Please keep in mind appropriate health measures with any health issues you may have .

Almsgiving – GHB911, The Poor Box at church, St. Gianna's Place or the Pelham Food Pantry. If you have children, involve your kids in helping to choose which path to almsgiving you take.

To join our Lent challenge you can sign-up using the sign-ups sheets in the pews or go online (go to www.stpatricks-pelham.com or the parish Facebook page).

VOCATION

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Monday Night

Teachings on the Eucharist

Join Fr. Von for teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on **Monday Nights: March 14th & 28th, April 4th & 18th**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

THE FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS
Present: "THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

This is a new and UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS, from Ste. Marie Parish, Manchester, NH. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish's spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for very young children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 AT 7:30 PM. DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. Come and view this FREE exhibit here at St. Patrick Parish in our Parish Center on the following days and time:

Saturday, March 12th, from 12:00-2:00 PM and 5:00-6:00 PM

Sunday, March 13th, from 9:00-10:00 AM and 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Monday, March 14th, from 8:30-9:30 AM and 4:00-7:00 PM

Good Harvest Breakthrough 911 (GHB911) is requesting donations of Coats, Hats, Gloves, Long Johns, Sweatpants and Sweatshirts for Men and Women... Men's bigger sizes are in need. This is for our transient (homeless) brothers and sisters in the community of Lowell and Nashua. We will be collecting items on **Fridays, March 11th & 25th, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and 5:00-6:30 PM in the school.** For any questions, please contact Linda Merrill at 603-930-6436 or Cheryl Wright at 603-635-8772.

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 2/28/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,351
 Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,952

Total Offertory \$7,303

Faith Life \$1,380

Total Collected \$8,683

Thank you for your continued support
 ~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 13 Utility

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

Mar. 20 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 11th-15th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Patrick School & Grounds

Camp cost is \$50 for children ages 5-12. Indoor and outdoor activities.

For more information, contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

Registration forms are available at the parish office, or on the parish website and at the front entrance of the Church.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for *Meaghan West*. We extend our sympathy to her family.

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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