



**Saturday March 6**  
**4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday March 7**  
**8am ~ The DiGiantommaso Family** requested by their family  
**June Greenwood** requested by the Wasylak & Belanger family  
**10:30am ~ Michael Crane**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children  
**6pm ~ Fr. John Bavaro, OFM**

**Monday March 8**  
**8am ~ John McKenzie**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family  
**Kevin Cao** requested by the Lemieux family

**Tuesday March 9**  
**8am ~ Helena Fells and Mr. & Mrs. Sulvy Murgia** requested by Leo & Lillian Murgia

**Wednesday March 10**  
**8am ~ In Honor of the Virgin Mary**

**Thursday March 11**  
**8am ~ Joseph E. Chalifoux**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Joyce  
**Bill McDevitt** requested by David & Maureen Groff

**Friday March 12**  
**8am ~ No Mass**  
**6pm ~ Ann Neskey** requested by Andrea Genreux  
**7pm ~ Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday March 13**  
**4pm ~ Health and Blessing for Mrs. Virginia Chiasson & Family** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

**Sunday March 14**  
**8am ~ Maureen Boyden**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her husband, family & friends  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**6pm ~ Ann Neskey** requested by Pat Lawlor

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

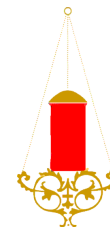
**Monday, March 8**  
 The Case for Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

**Tuesday, March 9**  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 10**  
 Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel  
 Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM  
 Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM  
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school  
 Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, March 11**  
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Friday, March 12**  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of June Greenwood by the Wasylak & Belanger family

**Confession during Lent:** Sundays 7:30-7:45, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM.

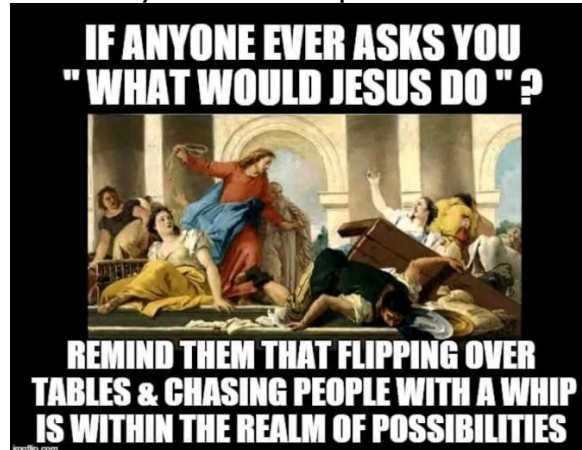
**Wednesdays**, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Reconciliation Service** this Sunday at 2:00 PM here at St. Patrick Parish.

**Friday Night Line up during Lent**  
 6:00 PM Mass  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
A friend recently shared this picture with me:



It's a reminder that we don't always have a clear view of what Jesus would do. We often think of Jesus as a "nice guy," but that image often removes the strength of Jesus. Jesus, as God is absolutely loving and kind, but not always "nice," as today's Gospel points out. When I think of the zeal of Jesus for His Father's house, and how he manifests His anger, I'm always reminded of a scene in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis. The four children have just met the Beavers in Narnia and are discussing the great lion: Aslan. Lucy, finding out Aslan is a lion, says,

**"Then he isn't safe?"**

**"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver; "Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."**

Jesus is *good!* He loves us too much to leave us in our evil and brokenness. As He cleanses the Temple today, we see the love He has for His people: the one place Gentiles could go to worship the One true God, was made a marketplace which did not allow for prayer. We see this also in the first reading, as it recounts the giving of the Ten Commandments. No longer is God distant, one who doesn't care about how we live; rather, He is close, and desires our happiness. Remember that the Commandments of God are about bringing us happiness, if only we trust in God as a loving, providential Father. The Commandments bring freedom, as we now know how best to live, how to become the *best-version-of-ourselves*.

We sometimes forget that the things of God are worth fighting for, worth dying for. I read a quote recently that made reference to Karl Marx's famous quote ("Religion... is the opiate of the masses") stating that if it is an opiate why is it that instead of putting people to sleep, Christianity creates martyrs.

You see, Jesus demands something of our lives – He is not a "tame lion". The fire of His love calls us out of our mediocrity. As we come to know God more, to be immersed in His love, we find that we so want to give ourselves over for Him. This is what love stirs up in the human heart!

In this world that tries to tell us that God needs to be on the peripheries, we can easily lose sight of the power of the Gospel – the power it has to change our lives, to bring us healing, to give us fire and life, to set us free from evil. To remove the strength of Jesus – to make Him a "nice guy" – is to remove His ability to protect us from evil, to die for us, to break the power of evil and addiction in our lives. May we never try to tame this lion or think that Jesus was merely a nice guy, but, rather, be ready to give ourselves wholly over this unsafe, but *good* God.

## EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday, April 1

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

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

### Good Friday, April 2

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 3

Blessing of 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*

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR ANY OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE**



**The Year of St. Joseph**

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared this year as a special year dedicated to St. Joseph. In honor of this great saint Faith Life families will spend the month of March learning more about him.

Why is Joseph so important to our life of faith? Perhaps it is because he shows us the importance of developing a relationship with Jesus and Mary. Joseph, the man of virtue, was chosen by God to be the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Immaculate Mary. This was not an easy task and Joseph was the only one prepared for such a high calling because of his virtue. Dedicating all of himself to the will of God completely without holding anything back. He shows us the power that dwells within humble obedience. When God spoke, Joseph acted!

One of the great Feasts honoring Joseph takes place on March 19<sup>th</sup>. It is tradition to build a St. Joseph Altar in the home to commemorate this feast. Perhaps this year, we start a new tradition to honor this humble saint. You can find a history of this Italian tradition by following this link: <https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/st-joseph-table/>

St. Joseph, Patron of the Diocese of Manchester and Patron of the Universal Church. Pray for us.

~ Adam Caster

Director of Faith Life

### Easter Sunday, April 4

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

*PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS*

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR MASS. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>.**



The current pandemic has left many local families in positions of food insecurity. In order to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in a meaningful way and help local families, there will be a food drive at **St. Patrick Church Parking Lot from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 13, 2021**. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated, boxed/canned food items, paper towels/toilet paper, any types of personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, deodorants, soap, and shaving items. All donated items will be presented to the Pelham Food Pantry. For any questions, please contact Colin Roark at [colinroark@hotmail.com](mailto:colinroark@hotmail.com)

### What's So Great About Being Catholic?

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30-8:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Nashua, NH


For more information, please visit

[iccnashuanh.org](http://iccnashuanh.org)

## THE CASE FOR JESUS

### MONDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS ARE BACK

Fr. Von will be starting up his Monday Night Teachings again – this time virtually. This Lent and Easter, we will make our way through Dr. Brant Pitre's program *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*. Teachings begin at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The first session is Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> (other dates are 3/15, 3/22, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, and 5/17). Please contact Fr. Von to sign up ([fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)).



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Mason James Barbato, Liam Anthony Verduga Cullinan, Maverick Noah Grant, Elizabeth Mae Harrington and Luke Daniel Laforge.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### HOUSE BLESSING DURING THE PANDEMIC

If you would like your house blessed during the pandemic, Fr. Von is willing to do this Rite, which allows for social distancing. Please contact Fr. Von if you want to schedule a blessing of your house. (603-635-3525, [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net))

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are 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 at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 3, 2021.

## 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 2/28/21

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| Offertory Envelopes         | \$6,067        |
| Offertory Electronic Giving | \$1,785        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>      | <b>\$7,852</b> |

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| Faith Life | \$702 |
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| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$8,554</b> |
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**As of 2/28 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,711**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Mar. 14 Catholic Relief Services

CRS 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.

### Mar. 21 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

### Mar. 28 Utility

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

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

**Deadline for the Easter Memorials is Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**



## **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).

## **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**

*Monday-Thursday* 6:30-7:40am  
*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am  
2:00-8:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations  
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

## **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?  
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