



Saturday March 7

4pm ~ John J. Estrella requested by his wife & family

Sunday March 8

8am ~ Walter Kosik, Sr., requested by Kevin & Cindy Hale

Dianne Goodridge requested by her husband & family

10:30am ~ Michael Crane, 3rd Anniversary, requested by his wife & sons

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday March 9

8am ~ Tina Wurst requested by the Lemieux family

Tuesday March 10

8am ~ Raymond A. Bernard requested by his wife

Wednesday March 11

8am ~ Joseph Sullivan requested by his sister-in-law

Thursday March 12

8am ~ Anthony & Diane Robinson requested by their sister

Friday March 13

8am ~ No Mass

6pm ~ Rita A. Doris Audrawas requested by her sister

Saturday March 14

4pm ~ Raymond Bedard requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Sunday March 15

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, 11th Anniversary, requested by her sister Patty Kennedy

10:30am ~ Alfred (Chipper) St. Onge, 20th Anniversary, requested by his wife & three sons

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, March 8

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 9

Lectio: Mary, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, March 10

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 13

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

PENNY SALE IS COMING.....

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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 25th Penny Sale on **April 18th & 19th**. This year we will be in the Parish Center. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Panty, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Honduras, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's 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 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on **April 18th & 19th** at St. Patrick Parish Center.

CORONAVIRUS

At the recommendation of Bishop Libasci, as of this weekend we will be **suspending the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood**. He also wanted us to remind you **if you are sick you are not obliged to attend Mass**, and, in fact, should not attend. If you can only receive from the Chalice please speak to the Presider before Mass.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of John J. Estrella by his wife & family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The second Sunday in Lent brings us the Gospel of the Transfiguration. I heard something recently that has stuck with me... I keep thinking about it, meditating on it, trying to find what it means for me as a Catholic. It is this: the Transfiguration manifested the incredible *beauty* of the Lord. There is also the saying: the world will be saved by beauty.

Beauty. It draws us. It lures us. I think about all the times that I have been drawn in by beauty: looking at the mountains; a sunset that feels like it was made just for me; staring out at the ocean.

I'm not sure if you've seen the "Double Rainbow Guy" on YouTube. It is a video worth watching. Here is a man who is so overwhelmed by the beauty of a double rainbow (go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQSNhk5ICTI or look up "Yosemite Mountain Double Rainbow 1-8-10"). In the midst of his ecstasy, he asks, "What does it mean?!"

Do we ask about the *meaning* of beauty? God made beauty in such a way that it draws us because it is part of who He is, and He wants to draw us to Himself. He *is* Beauty Itself. One of the images of Heaven is the "Beatific Vision" – the vision of God. This may not seem like much ("Oh boy. We get to look at God for all eternity"), but think about how we can lose ourselves in beauty! If we saw beauty itself, we would be overwhelmed by Him – even more than the Double-Rainbow Guy. Peter, James and John caught a glimpse of the real beauty of Jesus – as His Divinity shown through His humanity on the mount of Transfiguration – and they were overwhelmed!

One of my favorite Catholic musicians is Dr. Bob Rice. He wrote a song called "In the Laughter of Children". In it, he speaks about how all beauty is a reflection of God's beauty (www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8V-hagITWU). Can you imagine it?! If the beauty of this world can draw us in so powerfully, how much more the beauty of the One who is Beauty Itself?!

I think this is part of the draw of the scourge of pornography today. Pornography points to the most beautiful thing in creation – the human person. It is easy to be drawn into this beauty since the human person reflects the beauty of God in a powerful way – we were made in the image and likeness of God, after all. The problem with pornography, though, is that we use others for our pleasure, instead of allowing the beauty of the other to draw us into the beauty of God. As St. John Paul II said, the problem with pornography is not that it shows too much, but that it shows too little. Pornography does not show us the *personhood* of the person. If you struggle with pornography, I encourage you to get the help you need to break this addiction. There are many ways of getting help, but one of the easiest and effective ways is to have accountability. Find someone who will lovingly keep you accountable. A good accountability software is "Covenant Eyes." For a low monthly fee (and if you can't afford it, they will give it to you for free), they will help to keep you sober, by being accountable to those who love you. (See www.covenanteyes.com for more information and to sign up.)

Jesus' Transfiguration reveals the beauty of God. I think this reading is set up close to the beginning of Lent so that we don't lose heart as we go through the Lenten Season. Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah was about His crucifixion (see Luke 9:31). He experienced the great closeness of God before heading to the Cross. He also allowed Peter, James and John to experience His Divine Beauty so that they would not despair with the Cross.

In our lives, too, God will often call us up the mountain to Divine Intimacy to strengthen us for the Cross. In the dark moments of our lives, we can look back to those "mountain moments" to be strengthened by the beauty of God's love. Through this Lent, I invite you to look for moments of beauty ... they're all around us. Beauty is a sign of God; contemplate (literally, "gaze") on beauty, and, like the double-rainbow guy, ponder, "What does this mean?"

This year for
LENT

Friday, March 27th, 6:30pm-9:30pm
 Saturday, March 28th, 8:00am-6:30pm
 Sunday, March 29th, 8:00am-6:30pm
 Monday, March 30th 6:30pm-9:00pm

Do something that will
CHANGE YOUR LIFE

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT

Sign up by contacting the Parish Office:
 (603) 635-3525 or kathy7421@comcast.net

**The retreat is free, and you sleep at home;
 please indicate dietary restrictions**

VOCATIONS

“God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



**JULY 6TH - 10TH
 COST: \$45**

VBS is back again this year and if your child hasn't yet experienced this themed week of games, music, skits, crafts and food – then what are you waiting for?! Our summer camp hosts over

150 children, teens and adult volunteers from all over the diocese and fills up fast. Early registration is now open and forms are at the back of the church. Volunteer opportunities are also available for 20 teen service hours. If interested or for more information, please contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

BAPTISM



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: *Sienna Susan Choate, Carter Jonathan Holt, Meadow Rose Kincaid, Summer Lily Kincaid, Brody Joseph Laferrriere, Blake Thomas McDonald, Tyler Douglas McDonald, Andrew Joseph Monaco, Jayce David Regan, Landon Michael Scalley and Lilliana Joanne Stevens.* Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Steubenville East Registration is open!

Steubenville East is the event of the summer for those in grades 8-12. The retreat runs from July 10-12 and if you have never attended, this is your summer. Please direct all questions to Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net.

LECTIO: MARY

Do you want to learn more about Mary? Join Fr. Von for this Video Series by Dr. Brant Pitre on Monday night, March 9th, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.



Easter Joy!

Please share the joy of Easter and join in this fun, heart-warming project as we once again deliver Easter baskets to children who otherwise may not receive baskets at all. We plan to

supply baskets to our Food Pantry families as well as children living at nearby shelters. If you'd like more information regarding specific needs, please contact Cheryl at cdbrunelle@comcast.net or 508-864-8084 (call or text). Baskets can be dropped off in the chapel between now and Sunday March 29th.

"TO TOUCH HIS HEM"
"FAITH OVER FEAR"

Why does FEAR grip us so? How do we choose Faith over Fear? What prevents us from doing so? Please join us on Saturday, April 4th, sponsored by The Women of Mary, promoting First Saturday Devotions.

- Adoration – 7:30 AM
 - Mass – 8:00 AM
 - Rosary – 8:30 AM

Following the Rosary... All are invited for a Pot Luck Breakfast (food donations welcome) and Guest Speaker Kathy Garon (from St. Anne Parish) at 9:30 AM in the meeting room (Church basement). For more information, please call Lorraine Hendrix at 603-674-5519. All are welcome!



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

Would you like to help feed those in need

On Thursday, April 2nd, the Sonshine Soup Kitchen at 4 Crystal Ave in Derry NH can use volunteers ages 12 and up from 3:00-6:00 PM. They need help for set-up, cleanup, Cooking and Serving food. If interested or for more information, please contact Cheryl Wright at one of the following: home phone, 603-635-8772; call/text cell phone, 603-540-7680 or thewrights1995@outlook.com. They are asking us to bring non-perishable food items and wool socks.

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 3/1/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,052
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,181
Total Offertory	\$7,233

As of 3/1 we have an offertory deficit of \$2,954

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 3/1/20
\$1,520

Thank you for your generosity!

Central & Eastern Europe

collected as of 3/1/20
\$1,286

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Mar. 15 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 22 Catholic Relief Services

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.

March. 22 Free will offering for Steubenville East Youth Conference

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

**STEUBENVILLE EAST
FREE WILL OFFERING**

Every summer over 3,000 teens attend Steubenville East and their lives are changed forever. The group we bring every year comes back to our parish on fire for the Lord. We ask you to please prayerfully consider making this possible for the teens of our parish by contributing to the annual free will offering. It will take place after all the Masses on March 22nd and 23rd. Thank you and know that our prayers are with you.

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
 to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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.

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

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
 Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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 3:45pm
 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.

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