

MASS Intentions

Saturday April 30

4pm ~ Theresa Straughan, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura
Masson

Sunday May 1

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Emile Martin, 11th Anniversary,
requested by his family
Catherine Callahan, 20th Anniversary,
Gregory Barrows, 22nd Anniversary,
requested by Dan & Sue Martin

Monday May 2

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard
family
Prayers needed for Christina Mello &
Arianna Richman

Tuesday May 3

8am ~ Thomas P. O'Connor requested by
Roberta & Roger Levasseur
Dick Dube requested by Shirley Wakefield

Wednesday May 4

8am ~ Don Goyette requested by David &
Maureen Groff
Health & Blessings for Donna Smith
requested by the Haggerty family

Thursday May 5

8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna

Friday May 6

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by Dan & Sue
Martin
William Kater requested by Andrea

Saturday May 7

8am ~ Bernice & Caroline Conniff requested
by Helen Waz & Laurie
4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Sr., 32nd Anniversary,
In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the
Taylor family
Joan Straughan, 5th Anniversary, requested by
her husband Steve

Sunday May 8

8am ~ Mary Larese, 11th Anniversary,
requested by the Raby family
Concetta DiGiantomaso requested by her
family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

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Sunday, May 1

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school
cafeteria

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

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish
center

Wednesday, May 4

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

Knights of Columbus, 7:00 PM, in the parish
center

Thursday, May 5

Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 PM, in the church

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, May 6

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

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, May 6th, at 8:00
AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, May 7th,
at 8:00 AM.**



"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you
may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a
priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact
the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email:
mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend has one of my favorite passages from Scripture. This takes place after the Resurrection, and Jesus comes to the disciples, who are out fishing. After Jesus makes them breakfast, he then talks to Simon Peter. Peter denied Jesus three times in front of a charcoal fire (in the high priest's courtyard). Now, on this beach, Jesus invites him – again in front of a charcoal fire – to renew his love for Him three times.

In this beautiful exchange, Jesus shows us the depths of Divine Mercy – even though Peter denied Jesus, Jesus still wants him as the Rock. As Peter renews his love for Jesus, Jesus renews Peter's mission: "Feed my lambs... tend my sheep... feed my sheep." How often do we beat ourselves up after we sin? How often do we think that we're "good for nothing," that we have lost all by our sin, and so

God would not want us? How often do we label ourselves as "trash" or "worthless?"

Yet, these are never words God uses for us!!

Jesus doesn't want us to beat ourselves up. Jesus doesn't want us calling ourselves names. He does want us to acknowledge our sin, but then to surrender it to Him. He doesn't want us to tell Him how terrible we have been in the past, but rather *how we love Him now!*

Jesus asks you, He asks me: Do you love me? He doesn't say, "Did you love me?" He wants our love now, in this moment. If we can give Him this love now, then the past is forgotten. As St. Peter learned so well from this moment, "Love covers a multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:8).

St. Therese – Doctor of the Church – understood this. She said:

I find perfection very easy to practise, because I have realised that all we have to do is take Jesus by the heart. Consider a child who has upset his mother by losing his temper or disobeying her. If he goes and hides in a corner with a sullen look on his face and cries because he is afraid of being punished, his mother will certainly not pardon his fault. But if he comes to her and holds out his arms to her and smiles at her and says, 'Give me a hug, I'll never do it again', how can his mother resist taking him fondly and pressing him to her heart, forgetting his childish wickedness? Yet she knows perfectly well that her dear child will do it again as soon as the occasion arises, but that makes no difference; if he takes her by the heart again, he will never be punished. (St. Thérèse in Letter to Léonie, July 12, 1896, LT 191)

Jesus wants us to love Him now, in this moment. With our little love that we pour upon Jesus, He covers a multitude of our sins.

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the Womb*. After the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 8th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.



The Parish Spring Clean-up is on Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help with our Annual Spring Clean-up of the parish grounds. We will be focusing on the front of the Church and Grotto. All are welcome but we ask that an adult accompany children. Please call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 to sign up so we can get a head count. Please also let us know if you can bring Gloves, Rakes, Brooms, Wheelbarrow, Trimmers, etc. for the effort.

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

This weekend we kickoff the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body**, a new initiative by our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It will also consolidate several of our annual collections under one appeal. I am grateful for your continued generosity to our parish and to these vital ministries. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, vocations ministry and the education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities NH, and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate.

Together, we are many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail, visit the Appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> or <https://youtu.be/mkFzstEWlmc> or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On May 8th, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life this week?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother and sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

VOCATION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love and spirit of sacrifice, which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.

St. Gianna's Place cordially invites you to their 3rd Annual Banquet, *Celebrating the Family*. Our keynote speaker is Raymond Arroyo. The event takes place on **Tuesday, May 3rd, at 5:30 PM** at the Event Center in Nashua, NH. To purchase tickets please go to stgiannasplace.org/an-evening-with-raymond-arroyo. The price is \$100 per person or \$300 per person for meet, greet and dinner. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at 603-770-9288.

The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is this Monday, May 2nd.



May Family of Faith at St. Patrick Parish

The month of May is all about taking time to celebrate the journey we have taken this year as a community. We have taken a deep dive into what we believe by exploring the Nicene Creed, that beautiful Creed we recite at every Holy Mass.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This is our faith, this is what we believe. It has been such a joy to celebrate our faith as a community. Keep your eyes on the bulletin because registration for next year will open over the summer.

Also, be sure to keep in prayer the 41 young people from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this month. Some of them also received their First Holy Communion. We thank Bishop Christian for being with us to celebrate such an important moment in the lives of these families.

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 4/24/22

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,754
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,066

Total Offertory **\$7,820**

Maintenance	\$1,465
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Total Collected **\$9,285**

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 8 Utility

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

May 15 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

Craving More Peace and Less Stress this Season?

Join us on **Monday, May 9th, at 7:00 PM** in the Youth Room of St. Patrick's School for a Night of Reflection on Claire McGarry's new book *Grace in Tension: Discover Peace with Martha and Mary*. Outlining the G-I-F-T acronym, Claire will walk us through the steps for how we transform our tension into grace at the feet of Jesus, the place where all wonderful transformations take place. This is a free event with no need to RSVP. Claire will be available to sign and sell copies of her book immediately after the presentation.

If you can't make it but would still like to purchase a book, email Claire at graceintensionbookorder@gmail.com for a signed copy, or find it on Amazon.

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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