



**Saturday May 11**

**4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Sr., 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

**Sunday May 12**

**8am ~ Mary Larese, 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,** requested by the Raby family  
**Barbara Agrella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary,** requested by her daughter Barbara

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday May 13**

**8am ~ David Patrick Whittaker** requested by a friend  
**Mary Tighe Herbert** requested by George & Loretta Eacker

**Tuesday May 14**

**8am ~ In Honor of the Virgin Mother Mary**

**Wednesday May 15**

**8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday May 16**

**8am ~ Jeannine P. (Martin) Pellerin** requested by a friend  
**Irene Vawter** requested by the Vawter family

**Friday May 17**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday May 18**

**4pm ~ Frank Martin, Birthday Remembrance,** requested by Kevin & Karen Martin  
**Jeanne Gagne, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ray Gagne, 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,** requested by Rick, Gail & family

**Sunday May 19**

**8am ~ Anita R. Hall and Michelle Lemieux Kanan** requested by their family  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday, May 12**

**Happy Mother's Day**

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

**Monday, May 13**

33 days to Eucharistic Glory, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, May 14**

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Wednesday, May 15**

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, May 16**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, May 17**

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Michael Toleos, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,** by his family



"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**  
 We pray for Marlene Haight and Phil Blanchette. We extend our sympathy to their families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We're at the end of the Mass, and so now we look at the Concluding Rites. After the Prayer After Communion, there is an opportunity for announcements (I know it seems like it must be a required part of Mass, since we always do it, but it truly is optional). Then there is the dismissal. Usually, the dismissal is simple: the priest says, "The Lord be with you." And the people reply, "And with your spirit." Sometimes before the final blessing, though, there is the "Prayer Over the People" (a single prayer asking God's blessing upon the people), or a "Solemn Blessing" (three prayers of blessing upon the people, each followed by an "Amen"). The priest then blesses the people: "May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit." And the people reply: "Amen."

The word for blessing in Latin is *benedictio* which literally means good speaking. We speak good about someone with the intention that the "good" comes about (as opposed to a malediction or curse, which is speaking evil about someone). When we receive a blessing, especially from an ordained minister, it is to receive God's good word – how He speaks in love over you. We know that God's WORD makes real what it speaks. When God speaks in Genesis, "Let there be light" (Gen 1:3) light happens! His WORD, we read in the first chapter of John, is Christ Himself. When God speaks *good* over us, good happens. He invites us to be open to receive that *good*. This particular blessing is a request to the Holy Trinity to pour down His good word upon us, so that all the good He desires for us be made real.

The Deacon or Priest then dismisses us with one of the following formulas:

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.
- Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
- Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
- Go in peace.

And the people reply: Thanks be to God.

Have you ever wondered why the Mass is structured this way – we work our way through the Liturgy of the Word, building up through the Liturgy of the Eucharist, with the climax of Holy Communion. Then, within a couple minutes, we're told to leave: "Go in peace." We have just received our Lord in the Word and in the Eucharist, and now we are empowered to go out and share the Good News of Jesus' love (this is seen more clearly in "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" and "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life"). Jesus has come and touched us, and now we are to bring Him out to touch others. He is truly present in us, as we have received Him, and now His presence can touch the people around us who don't go to church. And we respond "Thanks be to God," not because we're glad to get out of here, but because we have been divinely commissioned to go forth!

The Mass ends with the priest venerating the altar with a kiss, and making a profound bow. The St. Michael Prayer and the Recessional Hymn are actually not part of the Mass, though custom allows for them.

Once the Mass is over, it is a laudatory practice to spend a couple of minutes in thanksgiving to God. It is not, however, a laudable practice to shout, argue, or cut someone off in the parking lot! We have received Jesus, and He is still sacramentally within us. We are called to witness to the world to His love inside of us.

We have made it to the end of the Mass. I hope that this reflection on the Mass, and specifically on the Eucharist for this time of revival, has been helpful to you. May you continue to grow in the incredible love that God has for you, and pours out upon you in the Holy Mass.



**FAITH LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

“It’s been a few days since I’ve seen my kids. My heart racing; I can’t wait to hold them. This is just a glimpse into God’s heart at Mass.”

Mark Hart

As a parent, I fully understand what this quote is talking about. God gives us this experience of longing to be with our children so we can understand how much He desires to be close to us. The Holy Mass is where God draws near to us as a Father, reminding us of how much we are loved by Him.

It always brings me the greatest joy to see young people receive Holy Communion for the very first time. I ask that you continue to pray for all of the young people who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in the month of March.

During this month of May, the month of Mary, we bring the Faith Life Program to a close. It is always such a gift to prayerfully reflect on the year and then begin plans for next year. Stay tuned, registration for the fall will open over the summer. Perhaps your child or grandchild will join us, perhaps you know an adult who has not been Confirmed yet. Whatever the case may be, it is never too late to receive these beautiful Sacraments that Jesus Himself left for us.

Praying for you always,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

**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*. This will happen after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

“My brothers and sisters in Christ, It brings me great joy to introduce myself as the new youth minister here at St. Patrick’s Parish! I have been blessed to be a part of this parish family for many years and I am delighted to take on a more objective role in order to serve our church. I have always enjoyed working for various parish communities throughout my life, from volunteering at school vacation retreats, to teaching catechism. My calling to share our faith has always been quite evident to me, and so to better enable myself I decided to study theology at Ave Maria University. It was truly a transformative experience for me, and I am excited to share what I’ve learned by guiding the youth of our community to discover Christ personally. Drawing inspiration from the lives of the saints, I hope to empower our youth to put their faith into action and to ponder deeply on how they can live out their Catholic identity in their day-to-day lives. Please keep me in your prayers as I plan youth ministry for the upcoming year, striving to create a fun, dynamic and spiritually enriching environment for our young Church.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$54,308. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:  
“Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia”  
Support Group**

Are you navigating the challenges of caring for someone with dementia? Catholic Charities NH invites you to our upcoming online support group, “Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia,” starting Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us each week from 1:30-2:30 PM for a five-week series that provides a compassionate space to connect with others in similar situations. Gain valuable insights into dementia care and access practical tools to enhance the quality of life for your loved ones. Participation is free. For more details or to sign up, visit [www.cc-nh.org/dementia](http://www.cc-nh.org/dementia), call Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573, or email [lmorneau@nh-cc.org](mailto:lmorneau@nh-cc.org).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**July 8-12, 2024 (9:00 AM – Noon)**  
VBS is a summer camp filled with games, crafts, skits, experiments and goodies – all things FUN! Cost is \$50 a camper/\$100 family max and is for campers age 5-12. For more information, email Christine Lemieux: [CMLeieux@proton.me](mailto:CMLeieux@proton.me). You don't want your children to miss the BEST week of the summer! Register today!

**The Crowning of Mary** will be held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass. We will process out to the Grotto (weather Permitting). You are invited to join us in the Parish Center after some refreshments. All are welcome!

**Monday Night Teachings**  
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory  
Group discussions will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

**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 5/5/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,975
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,113
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,088</b>
<b>Total Funds Collected</b>	<b>\$8,088</b>

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

**Capital Improvement**  
collected as of 5/5/24  
\$2,156  
Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

- May 19 Utility**  
This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.
- May 26 Teen Ministry**  
This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry

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

**FATHER'S DAY MEMORIALS**  
If anyone would like to sign-up for Father's Day Memorials, the envelope deadline is Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. You can put them in the collection basket or drop it off to the Parish Office.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: STPATRICKSPELHAM to schedule an appointment.

## **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).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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](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? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or [eqwright@comcast.net](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)