

**Saturday May 13****4pm ~ The DiGiantommaso & Hudson**

Families requested by their families

Bernie Thibault & Phyllis Dexter requested by John & Paulette Jacobs**Sunday May 14****8am ~ Mary Larese**, 12th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family**Barbara Agrella**, 1st Anniversary, requested by her daughter Barbara**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****Monday May 15****8am ~ Al LeBlanc** requested by a friend**For my Coworkers** requested by a friend**Tuesday May 16****8am ~ Richard Soucy** requested by Roland & Therese Soucy**Peg & Jack Childs** requested by their family**Wednesday May 17****8am ~ Dennis Groulx** requested by the Lemieux family**For my School Community** requested by a friend**Thursday May 18 Ascension of the Lord****8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****10am ~ Don Goyette** requested by the Goyette family**7pm ~ In Gratitude for Pope Francis and his letter: On Care for Our Common Home** requested by St. Patrick Laudato Si' Circle**Friday May 19****8am ~ No Mass****Saturday May 20****4pm ~ Jeanne Gagne**, 5th Anniversary, **Raymond Gagne**, 18th Anniversary, requested by Rick & Gail Gagne & family**Frank Martin**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Martin family**Sunday May 21****8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners****10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr.**, 12th Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela**Sunday, May 14**

Happy Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 15

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, May 16

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 17

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, 7:00 PM, in the church

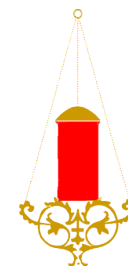
Thursday, May 18

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

Friday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 18th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Michael Toleos**, 2nd Anniversary, by his family

The Crowning of Mary will be held on Sunday, May 21st, 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 for some refreshments. All are welcome!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First off, I want to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. You are such a blessing to us, a witness of God's unconditional love. You may look at your life and see all of the flaws, but in your continued desire to love, you are a blessing to us.

This coming Thursday (May 18th) is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven (Masses are at 8am, 10am and 7pm). This great feast marks when Jesus, forty days after rising from the dead, ascends bodily into heaven. Here we recognize the great mystery of our God-made-flesh. He didn't just assume a body to walk among us. He didn't just take on our human nature "for a time." In ascending into heaven, He takes our full human nature into the very Heart of Almighty God, forever!

The second verse of the hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" speaks to this great mystery of the Ascension:

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Jesus doesn't leave us orphans, but continues to be present to us, albeit in a new way. Remember a few weeks ago, we heard about the two disciples who traveled Easter Sunday afternoon to Emmaus. Jesus walked with them, though they did not recognize Him. It was only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes were opened, and then He disappeared from their sight – to be present to them in His Eucharistic Body.

In His Incarnation (taking on human flesh), His Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, Jesus transforms our lowly flesh. St. Irenaeus (AD +202), one of the Fathers of the Church, said (and I paraphrase), a body into which the Eucharistic Body of the Lord has entered – unless that person rejects God – cannot remain dead and corrupt forever... it must rise. By receiving the Eucharist – the Bread of Life – we are given, even in our bodies, the medicine for immortality – to live forever!

This is why we venerate the relics of the Saints. We believe that they are with God, and that one day, their bodies will rise from the dead in glory. In the meantime, these bodies were how the saints chose to serve God. They are opportunities for faith in the Communion of Saints and how God works through the whole Body of Christ – the Church.

This Thursday, relics of the two saints will be at Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua. These saints – St. Manuel González García, a bishop and saint of the abandoned tabernacle, and Bl. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial raised to the altars, who died at 15, and had a deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament – are the patrons of the Eucharistic Revival in our country. I invite you to come and celebrate the bodily Ascension of the Lord, by venerating His holy saints who want to help us on our way to heaven.

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 \$53,280. 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. 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.



FAITH FORMATION

"It's been a few days since I've seen my kids. My hearts 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 last month.

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



"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

STELLAR is coming! This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE! Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE SUPPORT

Surviving Separation or Divorce

Are you struggling with life changes, isolation, and difficulties resulting from separation or divorce? Catholic Charities NH is hosting a five-week online support group called "Surviving Divorce and Separation." This group is designed for individuals who are facing new realities during or after separation or divorce. You will have the opportunity to both receive and offer support to others experiencing similar situations, and together, discover that you are not alone. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 24th, from 5:30-6:30 PM via Zoom.

To learn more or register, please visit www.cc-nh.org/separation

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **May 15th & 22nd**, at **7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.

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 this Sunday Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website www.stpatrick-pelham.com and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link ptv.viebit.com. If you would like to hear Fr. Von's past homilies, please visit our Parish Website under "Quick Links" under "On-line Masses and Homilies."



We are inviting you to a farewell reception for Seminarian Phong Le on Sunday, May 28th, following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center. Come and join us to say good-bye and wish him well.

CREATE A LEGACY

Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church

In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

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 4/30/23

Offertory Envelopes \$6,600

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,870

Total Offertory \$8,470

Maintenance \$1,710

Total Collected \$10,180

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

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 21 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

May 28 Catholic Communication

This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs such as PARABLE Magazine and our diocesan website.

June 4 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

June 11 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.

The Parish Office is closed on Thursday, May 18th. We will reopen on Friday, May 19th at 8:30 AM.

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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