

Saturday May 18

4pm ~ Frank Martin, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Kevin & Karen Martin
Jeanne Gagne, 6th Anniversary, Ray Gagne, 19th 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

Monday May 20

8am ~ **Terri Evans**, 6th Anniversary, requested by her mom & family

Tuesday May 21

8am ~ Jeanne Patenaude requested by a friend Fernand Dallaire requested by his family

Wednesday May 22

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
 Gilbert Goupil requested by Theresa Goupil

Thursday May 23

 8am ~ Gilbert Goupil requested by Theresa Goupil
 Robert Comeau, Wedding Anniversary, requested by his wife & family

Friday May 24

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday May 25

4pm ~ **Robin Morin Sandall,** 6th Anniversary, requested by Barbara Hale

Sunday May 26

 8am ~ In Gratitude for Pope Francis and his letter: On Care for Our Common Home requested by St. Patrick Laudato Sí Circle
 10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, May 19

Crowning of Mary, 11:30 AM Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school Monday, May 20 33 days to Eucharistic Glory, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school **Tuesday, May 21** Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM Wednesday, May 22 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 Thursday, May 23 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church Friday, May 24 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Terri Evans,** 6th Anniversary, by her mom & family



"Receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's 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 <u>mmason@rcbm.org.</u>



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church. This great gift of God is the gift of God Himself to us. As Jesus, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, humbled Himself to enter into our humanity, so He sent the Holy Spirit – the third person of the Blessed Trinity – to unite us to His Heart.

While we cannot speak clearly about the Godhead – our words, and even our ideas, never reach the full truth about God – there have been many images and analogies to help us understand the Blessed Trinity. One of them, based on St. John's first letter, says that God is love. The Fathers of the Church said that God the Father is the Lover, God the Son is the Beloved, and God the Holy Spirit is the Love which unites them. Using this image, we see that they understood the Holy Spirit as the person who unites Father and Son. When Jesus, then, sends

the Holy Spirit to us, we now have a direct connection into the Heart of the Father and the Son. In other words, we can "get inside" the Blessed Trinity.

When we hear about the Holy Spirit, many times we think of a "thing" or an "it" instead of a "He." I think this is because many images we have of the Holy Spirit are non-personal – a driving wind, fire, a dove, water, etc. We also hear about gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit, and so we can imagine the Holy Spirit as an angel that helps us to live the Christian life. The Holy Spirit is not an angel, though, for an angel is a created being, and the Holy Spirit is God, uncreated from all eternity. The Holy Spirit unites us to the very Heart of God, and so we can share in divine life!

I've shared this before, but I want to share it again:

Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away

Christ stays in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter, the church is simply an organization, authority a matter of domination, mission a matter of propaganda, the liturgy no more than an evocation, Christian living a slave morality.

But in the Holy Spirit:

the cosmos is resurrected and groans with the birth-pangs of the kingdom,

the risen Christ is here,

the Gospel is the power of life,

the church shows forth the life of the Trinity,

authority is liberating service,

mission is Pentecost,

the liturgy is both memorial and anticipation,

human action is deified.

In order to live lives connected to the Cross and Resurrection of Christ, we need the Holy Spirit. In order to have any hope of Heaven, we need to be connected to God by the Holy Spirit. In order for any of the Sacraments to be efficacious, we need the Holy Spirit

On this holy day, pray with me: Come, Holy Spirit come!

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift 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 you can make your gift online at <u>www.catholicnh.org/nhca</u>. Extra gift envelopes are available at all the entrances. We need the support of all our parish families in order to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.



WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING

Join our Women's Bible Sharing for the summer book club! We will be meeting 5 Tuesdays this summer to discuss the book *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. Grab your copy and join us for any or all dates: June 18th, July 16th & 30th, August 6th & 27th from 9:00-10:00 AM in the Youth Room at the school.

Contact Jennah Costa at 207-431-4546 or email: <u>jennahcosta@yahoo.com</u> with any questions. We hope to see you!

FATHER'S DAY MEMORIALS

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



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



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: <u>CMLemieux@proton.me</u>. You don't want your children to miss the BEST week of the summer! Register today!

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Group discussions will be held on May 20th at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

CREATION CORNER: As we celebrate Pentecost, our response to the psalm is "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." When we consider the wars, the storms, the rising seas, the floods, the failed crops, and the famines engendered by all these calamities, it seems like a real good time to ask the Spirit to "renew the face of the earth." But how, exactly, does He do that? He does that through *us.* He enters *us,* giving *us* His gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. Let us apply these gifts to renew the face of Earth!



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Nora Rae Adams, Oliver Lee Beer, Logan Michael Booze, Julian Castillo, Avery Lee Courtemanche, Leighton Rose Ercolani, Chase Robert Fuchs, Evan James Newhall** and **Tatum Allison Pond-Keefe**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. "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

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The volunteer staff and Board of Directors of the Pennacook Pregnancy Center is overwhelmed by the generosity demonstrated by Saint Patrick Parish's ministries and parishioners. The supply drive supported by the Women's Guild, Women's Bible Sharing, and Light of the World provided us with boxes and jars of baby food, formula, toddler meals, a gift basket, and a monetary donation. These will help us meet the corporal needs of the women and families we serve and will make a positive impact in their lives. The Center is an alldonation-supported volunteer. nonprofit organization that follows Catholic teaching, and we thank you sincerely for affirming our clients' choice for Life.

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 5/12/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,482
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,022
Total Offertory	\$8,504
Mother's Day	\$1,587
Ascension	\$1,237
Total Funds Collected	\$11,328

Thank you for supporting our parish ~Fr. Von~

Catholic Communication

collected as of 5/12/24 \$1,193 Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 26 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry

June 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

June 9 Utility

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

June 16 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life. Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Pauline LeDuc, Joseph Szafran and Greta Daniels. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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 <u>fathervon@comcast.net</u>.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or Lmurgia_871@comcast.net Saturday Sunday 4PM 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 <u>www.formed.org</u> to register, go to <u>pelham.formed.org</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or <u>eqwright@comcast.net</u>. More information online: <u>www.kofcpelhamnh.org</u>