



**Saturday May 1**

**4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday May 2**

**8am ~ The DiGiantommaso & Hudson Families** requested by their family  
**Mary Larese**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Raby family  
**10:30am ~ Emile Martin**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family  
**Doris Dastous** requested by Joan Berard  
**6pm ~ Francis Gautreau** requested by his friends

**Monday May 3**

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

**Tuesday May 4**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Wednesday May 5**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Thursday May 6**

**8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Lucia Hermosillo** requested by the Orlep family

**Friday May 7**

**8am ~ The McKenzie & Wisnewski Families** requested by their family

**Saturday May 8**

**4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Sr.**, 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family  
**Jeanne Gagne**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, **Raymond Gagne**, 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Rick & Gail Gagne & family

**Sunday May 9**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr.**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela  
**6pm ~ Doris Houle** requested by her friends



**Sunday, May 2**

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

**Tuesday, May 4**

Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 5**

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM  
 Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM  
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, May 6**

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

**Friday, May 7**

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

There will be **no morning Mass** on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will still have Adoration on Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM.

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von ([fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

**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 8:00 & 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Bill Clough by his family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now more than half way through the Easter Season. It is a good time to start looking at the great feast that closes the season: Pentecost. On Pentecost, we remember how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and so formed the Church.

One of my professors in the Seminary used a modern image to describe how the Holy Spirit works in the world – the bungee cord. (Yeah, I know, you’ve heard me share this before, but it’s always good to be reminded.) In this Trinitarian image, God the Father is the Bridge, God the Son is the Diver, and God the Holy Spirit is the Bungee Cord, connecting Bridge to Diver. The Son dives down into our humanity, taking on everything, even our death, but then, because of His connection (the Bungee Cord) with the Father (the Bridge), He springs back up into His Life. So, when we are connected to the Father through the Holy Spirit, we are able to “spring” out of our death, into the eternal life of the Father. In this image, we see an analogy of the truth that God connects us to His Heart through the Holy Spirit.

Today’s Gospel has another image of this connection. Jesus says,

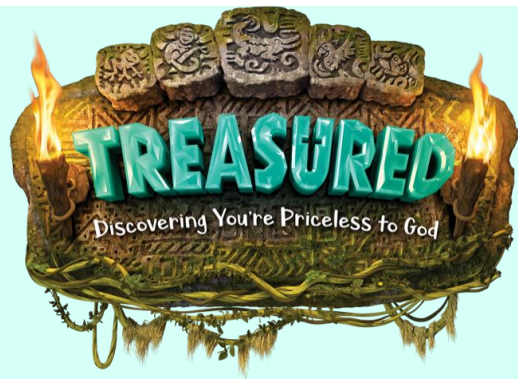
**I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.** (John 15: 1-5)

In this beautiful image, Jesus is inviting us to see how close He wants us to be to Him – closer than branches are to the vine! Imagine the sap going from the vine to the branches. This lifeblood of the grapevine is an image of the Holy Spirit moving within us. Of ourselves, we can do nothing – we have no life within us. If we get cut off from Jesus (the vine), then we will no longer have the Spirit moving within us, and we will wither and die. But if we stay connected to Jesus, then we not only will have life, we will bear fruit.

The Holy Spirit wants to bear fruit in your life and my life. He wants us to share the glory to true life with others. As I mentioned in my homily last week, the four essential elements of priestly character are: prayer, mortification, excellent performance in our work, and the apostolate. Prayer connects us to God – it is our relationship with God. Mortification allows us to focus our energy on the Lord. This is the image of being pruned – that we say no to part of ourselves in order to say a giant “YES” to God. Excellent performance is that gift we make of our work to Almighty God, offering Him the unblemished sacrifice of ourselves. The Apostolate is about sharing the Good News with others and so bearing fruit!

All of this – *all of this* – is only possible with the working of the Holy Spirit in our souls. We cannot do it on our own. Without God working in us, we can do nothing!

May we allow the Holy Spirit to keep us grafted onto the vine – Jesus – and so make us good baptismal priests, sharing God’s goodness with each person we meet.



“Fear not.  
I have called you by name and you are mine”  
YOU ARE A TREASURE!  
Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-12:00 PM  
St. Patrick School & Grounds

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves and dense jungles. Discover that God’s greatest treasure is not diamonds, gems, or gold – it’s you!

Camp cost is \$40 for children age 5-12. Indoor and outdoor activities. COVID compliant. Limited capacity. New to VBS? Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzsKZy65eRw>.

For more information, contact Christine Lemieux at [christine@lemieux-design.net](mailto:christine@lemieux-design.net).

Registration forms are available at the parish office, or on the parish website and at the front entrance of the Church.

### VOCATIONS

“Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest sister or brother? Love demands truth and action.

Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### THE CASE FOR JESUS MONDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS

The final teachings of Dr. Brant Pitre’s program *Lectio: The Case for Jesus* will be **5/10, and 5/17 at 7:00 PM (ZOOM)**. Please contact Fr. Von to sign up ([fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)).



### St. Patrick Parish Family Faith Life May God Is Love

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” -John 3:16 During the month of May families taking part in the Faith Life program will be learning together about this seemingly obvious topic, God is Love. This is a Truth that we read in scripture and may take for granted. God is not only filled with love for all of His children, He is the source of Love itself! This reminds us that we cannot love others rightly without God’s assistance.

It also forces us to pause and reflect upon what real love looks like. It is God Himself who has shown us the perfect way of Love. A love that is always full of mercy, a love that suffers for the other and a love that is not afraid to correct the one He loves.

Let us take time to stand in awe of God’s amazing Love for each one of us!

God Creates, Sin Enters, Jesus Saves, We Respond  
This is our faith, this is what we believe.

In Christ,  
Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women’s Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick’s Parish Office by **Monday, May 3, 2021**.

**St. Patrick Parish is excited to be offering  
A Family of Faith  
by Sophia Institute Press**



Starting in the fall of 2021. You are invited to a Come and See Information & Registration Night on **Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00 PM or Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00 PM.** Both meetings will take place in the cafeteria of the school. The purpose of these meeting will be to present our new faith Life Program for the upcoming year.

**AWAKEN RETREAT**

**GOOD NEWS!** Our Light of the World Retreat is back in a new form. It's called AWAKEN. The goal is the same: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

If you have a desire to develop a relationship with Jesus or improve your relationship with Jesus or even to understand just what a relationship with Jesus can be like, this retreat is for you.

The Awaken Retreat runs Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

We will have presentations of talks and witnesses. We will have sharing time for you to question the talks and express your thoughts and feelings. We will have adoration times, confession and Mass.

And best of all, it is FREE.

If you can't make this one, don't worry, there will be other opportunities. If you think you would like to make this retreat, please call the office and register now (603-635-3525). Kathy Jean will be taking the registrations and you can put your name in for this retreat. Even if you cannot make this first retreat, please contact the office so we can let you know about future retreats.

This retreat will be COVID compliant and we will be practicing social distancing as much as is possible.

**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 4/25/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,290
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,794
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,084</b>

Maintenance	\$1,180
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<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$9,264</b>
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**As of 4/25/21 we have an offertory deficit of \$5,483**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**May 9 Utility**

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

**May 16 Catholic Communications**

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.

**May 23 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.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is this Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **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 [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net) or 603-635-2634

## **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**

*Monday-Thursday* 6:30-7:40am  
*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am  
2:00-8:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations  
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

## **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)