



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 Si Circle

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday May 27

8am ~ Lt. Donald Taylor, Birthday Remembrance, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by Donna Taylor

Tuesday May 28

8am ~ Sally Estrella requested by a friend **Edna Carroll**, 1st Anniversary, requested by her daughter Rosemary Reppucci & family

7pm ~ Laudato Si

Wednesday May 29

8am ~ Lory Dalpe requested by Lou & Si Dalpe **Nathan David Levesque**, 1st Anniversary, requested by his family

Thursday May 30

8am ~ Barbara J. Kelly, Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Cieszynski family
Rev. Mark A. Rundzio

Friday May 31

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday June 1

8am ~ Pauline A. Duchesne Lessard requested by a friend
Michael Earl O'Connor, 1st Anniversary, requested by Karen & Jack Green

4pm ~ The DiGaintommaso & Hudson Families requested by their family

Rita Zimmerer, 4th Anniversary, requested by her friends

Sunday June 2

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Eleanor Nelson, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her son & daughter-in-law
Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., 13th Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 29

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 30

Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the parish center
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, May 31

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



“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” How can you evangelize others and share in God’s glory? Maybe 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.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, June 1st, at 8:00 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is the central belief of our faith as Christians – that God is one God, but three distinct persons. Without trying to explain the depths of what this means (because our finite words cannot describe the infinite glory of God), I will rather speak about what God as Trinity means for us.

As I mentioned last week, 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. With this in mind, we recognize that God is a community of persons. Another way of saying it is that God is a family.

We know from the book of Genesis, that we were made in the image and likeness of God. If God is family, it means that we were made to be family – to be in communion with other persons – that we were made to love and be loved.

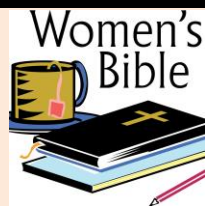
Being in love relationships actually make us who we are called to be. But what is love?

Our world often understands love to be an emotion – how we feel about another person. While emotions are a real part in our humanity and relationships, the essence of love is not an emotion. If that were the case, then when our emotions began to wane (and they *always* will wane... and wax and wane), we would think that love has died. If love were merely an emotion, there would be no way that we could ever claim, "I will love you forever," or even, "I will love you for the rest of my life" because we cannot always control our emotions. Love, rather, is a choice – a choice to choose the good of the other for their own sake. We see this clearly in Jesus' love for us – He died for us so that we could have eternal life with Him: He chose our good over His own good. We see this in the parents who get up in the middle of the night to care for their children: they don't feel good about it (at least in the moment), but they do it because they love them. If love is a choice to will the good of the other, then even when the emotions disappear, we can choose to love: choose the good of the other.

Now we need to ask, what does the "good" of the other mean? To choose the other person's good doesn't necessarily mean letting them have whatever they want. When I was growing up, when a child was given whatever they wanted, they were called, "spoiled." Why? Because they were formed to be selfish, which keeps people from becoming the best people they can be. If a parent let a child run wherever he wants, that child will probably run into danger. Parents restrict their children – whether the freedom to run where they want, or bed time, or other family rules – not because they hate their children, but because they love them and want them to grow. This means that willing the good of the other is looking out for the person's best good. While we may not be able to see clearly what this means in all circumstances, we can see that it may mean telling loved ones that the path they are on is leading to destruction. The world would call you a "hater" for that, but it is truly love, for it is choosing the best for the person.

One of my favorite saints, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, said this, "Sacrifice is the food of love." Love is only manifested to the extent we are willing to sacrifice our own wills. Looking at the example of calling someone out for their destructive behavior (for instance, in an intervention), means that you have to be willing to sacrifice your relationship with this person if they choose not to hear your loving words.

When we look to Almighty God, we see His love is a self-sacrificial love. His love wills the good of the other (us) over Himself. Made in His image and likeness, we are called to grow in sacrificial love like our God. May we have the courage for this sacrifice!



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.

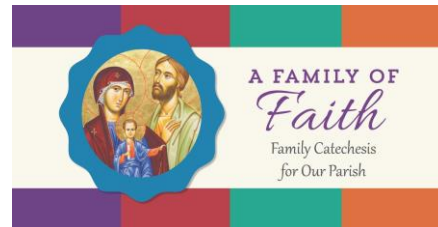
Contact Jennah Costa at 207-431-4546 or email: jennahcosta@yahoo.com with any questions. We hope to see you!

QUO VADIS VOCATION CAMP

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! High school age young men (ages 14-18) are invited to attend our upcoming Quo Vadis Vocation camp Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 2nd to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. This is an overnight camp held at St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook and is led by priests and seminarians from the diocese. The camp includes a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is only \$50 and financial aid is available. For more information or to register, please visit www.liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Alyse Hlasny at 603-663-0183 or ahlasny@rcbm.org



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 RedCrossBlood.org and enter: STPATRICKSPELHAM to schedule an appointment.



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

HEARING ASSISTANCE AT MASS

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, we have portable hearing assistants that tap into our sound system. If you would like to borrow one for Mass, please check in the Sacristy before Mass.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org. They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to pelham.formed.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: CMLeMieux@proton.me. You don't want your children to miss the BEST week of the summer! Register today!

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.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$7,870 towards our parish goal of \$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 with you or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in Church or at the Parish Office. 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.

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us". We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-9:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

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 5/19/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,247
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,953
Total Offertory	\$7,200

Utilities	\$1,691
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Total Funds Collected	\$8,891
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Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

June 23 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

June 30 Works of the Holy Father

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Rosemary Dole, Edward Hurrell, Retha Libby, Katherine Draper, Mildred Dailey and Jean Cashman. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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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.

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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