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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
 to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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.

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

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
 2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 4
4pm	Robert White , 2 nd Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine & family Leo Drobnic requested by Ray & Rose Graham
Sunday	May 5
8am	Rev. John Sledziona & Nicholas Betancur requested by Donna Smith
10:30am	Emile Martin , 8 th Anniversary, requested by his family Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr. , 8 th Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners
Monday	May 6
8am	For all Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	May 7
8am	No Mass
Wednesday	May 8
8am	No Mass
Thursday	May 9
8am	Mario Matos requested by his wife Rita Paul Hartley requested by Roger Montbleau
Friday	May 10
8am	No Mass
6pm	Holy Hour
Saturday	May 11
4pm	Michael Taylor, Sr. , requested by the Taylor family Connie O'Malley requested by Donna Smith
Sunday	May 12
8am	Robert Hall requested by his family
10:30am	Grace Buscema requested by her family
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners

VOCATION

"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Matthew Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org
Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

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 4/28/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,133
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,246
Total Offertory	\$7,379

Teen Ministry	\$1,146
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Total Collected	\$8,525
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Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 12 Utility

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

May 19 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 26 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Edward Dubreuil by his family

PENTECOST WEEKEND RETREAT June 7-9, 2019

Is the Holy Spirit calling you? Inviting all single men between the ages of 18 and 50. Come! Spend a weekend with our Lord. Meet other men who are exploring the path to become a priest. See the insert in the bulletin next weekend for more information and to register.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 5

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, May 7

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the church

Wednesday, May 8

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
 Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
 Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
 Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, May 9

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, May 10

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

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Saturday, May 11

Spring Clean-up, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



The following couples will enter the
Covenant of Marriage in May:

Joseph McCarthy & Faith Williams
and
Matthew Campagna & Stephane Rene

Please pray that their marriage
will mirror the Love the God.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Seven Lively Virtues

A Video Series by

Bishop Robert Barron

Join us Monday nights on May 20th, June 3rd, 10th
 & 17th, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALL

Bishop Libasci invited you to support priestly vocations by joining him for the **Transitional Deacon Ordination**, Saturday, May 25th, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral for **Mr. Ryan Amazeen** and **Mr. Joshua Livingston**, and for the **Priest Ordination**, Saturday, June 1st, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral of **Rev. Mr. Adrian Frackowiak** and **Rev. Mr. David Wong**.



The Parish Spring Clean-up is on Saturday, May 11th, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help rake and clean up the parish and school grounds. If you have rakes, gloves, wheelbarrows or trimmers, please bring them with you. Thank you!

Our next Community Dinner is next Friday, May 10th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

— Instruct the uninformed

— Counsel the doubtful

— Admonish sinners

— Comfort the sorrowful

— Bear wrongs patiently

— Forgive offenses

— Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

— Feed the hungry

— Clothe the naked

— Give drink to the thirsty

— Shelter the homeless

— Comfort the imprisoned

— Visit the sick

— Bury the Dead

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's Gospel speaks of another resurrection account of Jesus. After Jesus rose from the dead and appeared at least twice to His disciples, Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and two other disciples decide to go fishing. Now, you have to remember, this is not a bunch of guys who want to take a fishing vacation; this is their livelihood. They have been following Jesus for three years, they have witnessed the signs and wonders that Jesus has done, they have witnessed the resurrection ... but they now go back to their old way of life. Have they been thinking, "Well, Jesus did great things, but now we don't see Him much anymore. We might as well go back to the way we were."

I think that this is an incredibly common temptation today. God does so much for us! He died for us, because He loves us and wants us to be with Him forever. He rose from the dead to destroy the power of sin and death. He pours out His Holy Spirit into the world through the Church, so that we can still have a living relationship with Almighty God. God gives us His life in Baptism, so that we become the Body of Christ, the Church. He pours out His Spirit in each of our lives in powerful ways through Confirmation. He feeds us not just with "bread from heaven" (which would be incredible enough), but with His very Body and Blood – with the very essence of *who He is!* When we are open to Him, God often gives us profound experiences of His mercy and love through the sacrament of Reconciliation, a powerful retreat, or religious experience. And yet ... and yet ... we too often go back to our old ways of life. It's as if we say to Jesus, "Okay, I know You did all of this for me, but what have You done for me lately?"

This temptation – after the excitement of a high-powered retreat has died down, after the scent of the Chrism from the sacraments has faded – is to think our encounter with God was only a "passing phase." The temptation is to "go back to real life," instead of truly living *life in Christ*.

Jesus appears to the disciples, and shows them that He is still part of their lives. Despite going back to "normal life," they find that they are empty: they work all night and catch nothing. At the word of Jesus, they have a miraculous catch.

Do you see this? Without Christ, all our efforts leave us empty. With Christ, we have superabundance. In Christ we find meaning for our lives. In Christ, we find purpose. In Christ, the toil is worth it.

In the end of this Gospel passage, Peter comes face to face with his sin – there is a charcoal fire on the beach, the same type of fire described in the courtyard of the High Priest when Peter denied Jesus three times. As scary as it is to face our sin, we have to do it. But notice that when we do it with Christ (as opposed to facing our sin and weakness on our own in the darkness), it is in the light of love. Jesus doesn't ask Peter, "Are you sorry for your sin?" Nor does He ask him if he will die for Him. No, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" (John 21:15). More than *what?* More than fishing. More than the disciples around them. Does Peter love Jesus more than he loves other things?

And here is where Jesus comes to us. He has given us everything, and, more often than not, we go on with our lives as if nothing has happened, but Jesus keeps reaching out to us. He doesn't shame us. He wants us to love Him. Sometimes it means we have to come face to face with our sin. Sometimes it means that we see our cowardliness, our inability to keep our resolves, the times when we have abandoned, denied, or betrayed our friends, family or God. Yet in the midst of this, Jesus asks us one question: "Do you love me more than these?"

In this question, we are given the whole perspective of our lives. The moral law is not about toughing our way through difficult or impossible tasks assigned by God. No, it is about living in a living relationship with the God of the universe. It is about trusting His love enough to know that when He asks us to do something, He will give us the grace, the strength, the courage to do it. It is about trusting that God's commandments are commands coming not from a vindictive heart, but from the Heart of the Father, who loves us more than we love ourselves, who longs for our good, our flourishing, our fulfillment more than we long for it ourselves. It means that we're called to respond to God, not as slave or servant, but as lover. While fear is enough to keep us from Hell, it is *love* that God desires from us.

I encourage you to take time this week to examine your life. Look back at the many ways that God has touched your life, how He has called you to His Heart. Then, taking His hand of love (I get the image of a five-year-old grabbing her father's hand), do not be afraid to face your sin. In facing your sin with God, you will hear these most incredible words from the Heart of God: "Do you love me more than these?" If you struggle to say yes, be honest with yourself and with God. Ask Him to expand your love so that you will be able to say, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" (John 21:15). When we do this honestly with God, we find that, instead of leading us back to the "old way of life," He will give us something new: "Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep.... Follow me" (John 21: 15, 16, 17, 19).

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of the Child in the Womb*. Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers and families gathered after the 10:30 AM Mass next weekend on May 12th.

THE BLESSING OF THE BIKES

On Sunday, May 19th, at 1:00 PM, the Blessing of Bikes will take place in St. Patrick Parish upper parking lot. All biker riders (pedal bike riders and motorcycle riders) are invited. The event is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners. Please call Ed St. Onge at 603-635-1012 for more information. Rain date is Sunday, May 26th.



Thanks to everyone who donated to our Easter basket campaign! We promised 78 baskets but once again your kindness and generosity went beyond our expectations. We distributed 117 baskets to children at our Food Pantry, House of Hope, Anne-Marie House and Community Teamwork. Thank you so much for contributing to the happiness and excitement of all these children who ranged in age from babies to 12 years old. Your caring touches the heart and soul.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

You may have forgotten why we pray the St. Michael Prayer at the end of Mass. Pope Leo XIII, after having a private revelation that Jesus was giving Satan a century to have more power over the Church and the world, wrote the St. Michael Prayer. He recognized how we are in a spiritual battle. After many of the evils we've seen over the last several years, with the permission of the Bishop, I reinstated this prayer at the end of Mass. We are still in much darkness in the world and the Church, and so we need St. Michael's great intercession. For more information about the history of the St. Michael Prayer, check out: www.ourcatholicprayers.com/the-saint-michael-prayer-html.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In Honor of Mother's Day the Knights of Columbus will be giving out carnations after the 4:00 PM, 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses on May 11th & 12th. Free will donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to support Birthright of Southern NH. Thank you in advance, a very happy, and Blessed Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers.

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time presenters and part time hospitality coordinators for our **Engaged Couples Weekends** in the following regions; The Seacoast area, Greater Manchester/Nashua area, Western NH and Northern NH areas. These positions will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' *Joy-Filled Marriage* program. These workshops will take place on various weekends throughout the year. Couples married at least five years are encouraged to apply. Training will be offered for these openings. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Chris Hagen at chagen@rcbm.org by May 17th. Please visit the following link for more information and the full job description.

www.catholicnh.org/employment/#ecs

JESUS aCROSS the Border

Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine
(150 Orient Avenue, Boston, MA)

7:30 PM - 12 AM

It's the best kept secret of Boston! The Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine is home to a 35-foot tall, gorgeous statue of Our Lady. She overlooks the Boston skyline with her calm, peaceful gaze. We could not be more excited to introduce you to this hidden gem!! Please join us on May 10th as we partner with the Shrine's own JADO young adult group. Angelique Bolduc will join us again, using her beautiful musical talents to help us enter more deeply into prayer with Jesus Christ present before us in the Blessed Sacrament. As always, the sacrament of Confession will also be offered. Then, Fr. Antonio de Souza, pastor of the Shrine, will celebrate Mass and teach us more about the significance of the Shrine itself. To end the night we will enjoy pizza, fellowship, and a no-talent-required Paint Night! Please email us at info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org