



Saturday May 4

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday May 5

8am ~ Robert Hall, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family

10:30am ~ Emile Martin, 13th Anniversary, requested by his family

Monday May 6

8am ~ Doris Godosky requested by a friend
Annyka Moffitt requested by John & Joyce Keslo

Tuesday May 7

8am ~ No Mass

Wednesday May 8

8am ~ No Mass

Thursday May 9 Ascension of the Lord

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10am ~ Bernie Thibault and Phyllis Dexter requested by John & Paulette Jacobs

7pm ~ Leonard & Francoise Lebel requested by the Lebel family

Friday May 10

8am ~ No Mass

7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday May 11

4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Sr., 34th Anniversary, **Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

Sunday May 12

8am ~ Mary Larese, 13th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family

Barbara Agrella, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her daughter Barbara

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, May 5

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, May 6

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, May 7

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, May 8

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 9

Parish Office is closed

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, May 10

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

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, May 11

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Barbara Agrella**, 2nd Anniversary, by her daughter Barbara

Thursday, May 9th, is the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Monday Night Teachings
33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
Group discussions will be held on May 13th & 20th at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We've come to the point in the Mass where we receive Communion. This is a moment of particular intimacy with Almighty God. As I've mentioned before, it is vitally important to prepare ourselves for this. It's interesting that while the Church requires for us to attend Mass every Sunday (or vigil on Saturday night) and Holy Days of Obligation, she does not require us to receive Communion at every Mass. We are only obligated to receive Communion once a year (during the Easter season). That being said, the Church does encourage frequent Communion, if we are properly disposed (see my last article for more information about that).

When we come for Communion, we process to the Eucharist – a liturgical action. As the priest processes with the servers at the beginning of Mass, we all process to the Eucharist. Think of the Bride coming to meet her Bridegroom at the wedding! We come forward to encounter our Divine Bridegroom, Christ our Lord. As the Groom's face changes when the Bride walks in, so does Christ's – as He rejoices to see us coming to Him!

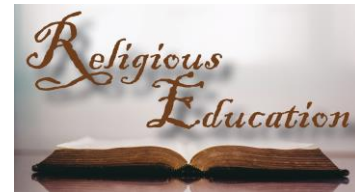
When we are ready to receive, we make a suitable gesture of reverence – in the Dioceses of the United States, we are asked to bow before receiving Communion. If we receive in the hands, we make a throne with our hands – to hold the King of Kings – or we can receive on the tongue. The priest or minister says, "The Body of Christ," and we respond, "Amen." The "Amen" is important: we are saying, "I believe... yes, I believe this truly is the Body of Christ, that Almighty God is coming to me in this incredible form!" It is not a time to say, "Thank you," (as some do), but a statement of faith in receiving our God in the Eucharist.

If we receive in the hands, it is important to consume Jesus immediately. If you want a moment of reverence before placing Our Lord in your mouth, it is appropriate to take a step to the side before receiving, but not to walk back to your pew. Why not? Because we need to protect our Lord from profanation. Some have taken the Eucharist and, not knowing what to do with Him, have left Him in the pew or in the missalettes. Others, have taken our Lord for more nefarious purposes – to desecrate Him through a black mass, or other satanic rituals. The ministers need to be assured that you are not walking away with the Lord, and so we need to be sure that you receive Him before going back to your pew.

When you go back to your pew, this is a time for prayer. Primarily, it is a time of thanksgiving and praise to God, though we can also take the time to make intercession. Jesus, our Bridegroom has just entered into an intimate union with us, saying, "This is My Body given up for you," and it is akin to the marriage act between bride and groom (though not a sexual union). It is a time to be with Jesus, in awe of His wonder.

After Communion, the priest purifies the vessels. We make sure there are no particles of the Eucharist left, as a testament to our belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Then there is the final of the three orations: The Prayer After Communion. This prayer reflects on the mystery into which we entered by receiving our Lord in Communion.

This then ends the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Next week, we'll look at the Concluding Rites. In the meantime, let's make a concerted effort to prepare ourselves for the incredible grace of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion.



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

“My brothers and sisters in Christ, It brings me great joy to introduce myself as the new youth minister here at St. Patrick’s Parish! I have been blessed to be a part of this parish family for many years and I am delighted to take on a more objective role in order to serve our church. I have always enjoyed working for various parish communities throughout my life, from volunteering at school vacation retreats, to teaching catechism. My calling to share our faith has always been quite evident to me, and so to better enable myself I decided to study theology at Ave Maria University. It was truly a transformative experience for me, and I am excited to share what I’ve learned by guiding the youth of our community to discover Christ personally. Drawing inspiration from the lives of the saints, I hope to empower our youth to put their faith into action and to ponder deeply on how they can live out their Catholic identity in their day-to-day lives. Please keep me in your prayers as I plan youth ministry for the upcoming year, striving to create a fun, dynamic and spiritually enriching environment for our young Church.

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 Sunday, May 12th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

The Crowning of Mary will be held on Sunday, May 19th, 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 some refreshments. All are welcome!



“The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness 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.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We thank all who made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. **We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.**



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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:

“Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia” Support Group

Are you navigating the challenges of caring for someone with dementia? Catholic Charities NH invites you to our upcoming online support group, “Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia,” starting Tuesday, June 11th. Join us each week from 1:30-2:30 PM for a five-week series that provides a compassionate space to connect with others in similar situations. Gain valuable insights into dementia care and access practical tools to enhance the quality of life for your loved ones. Participation is free. For more details or to sign up, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia, call Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573, or email lmorneau@nh-cc.org.

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 4/28/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,675
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,718
Total Offertory	\$7,393

Evangelization	\$1,769
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Total Funds Collected	\$9,162
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Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 12 Catholic Communication

This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs and evangelization in NH.

May 19 Utility

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Birthright www.birthright.org 1-800-550-4900 and passing out flowers to moms after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Please come prepared to help out this worthy cause while celebrating mothers. Mother's Day falls on May 12th this year.

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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