

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 6
4pm	Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their families Irene Hall requested by Bernadette Boisvert
Sunday	May 7
8am	Mary Larese , 6 th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family Barbara Pierga requested by Jackie and Phil Blanchette
10:30am	Joseph J. Smolko , 4 th Anniversary, requested by Joe & Linda Smolko & family
6pm	Brian Knight requested by his family
Monday	May 8
8am	In Honor of the Virgin Mary
Tuesday	May 9
8am	Jacqueline Sobocinski requested by Jackie Hynes
Wednesday	May 10
8am	Theo Norma O'Brien requested by Patty Kennedy
7pm	Confirmation
Thursday	May 11
8am	Rev. Andrew Meehan David Meltzer requested by Dennis Groulx
Friday	May 12
8am	No Mass
Saturday	May 13
4pm	Michael J. Taylor , 27 th Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family
Sunday	May 14
8am	For all Mother's living and deceased
10:30am	Grace Buscema requested by her family
6pm	Mario Matos requested by his wife Rita



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Roland Gonsalves by Helen Gonsalves & family

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 following week:

Offertory 4/30/17	\$6,867
Teen Ministry	\$1,381

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,248**

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 14 Utility

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

May 21 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 28 Catholic Communications Campaign

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.

June 4 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Your spiritually adopted baby is now 6 weeks old and is especially vulnerable to being aborted during this time. She has started to move but mom cannot feel her yet. Her arms and legs are growing longer. Eyes are visible, brain waves can be detected, her liver is producing blood cells, and her blood type may be different from her mother's. Remember to pray every day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 7

Crowning of Mary, 11:30 AM, followed by donuts
Bike Blessing, 1:00 PM, in the church upper parking lot

Confirmation Rehearsal, 4:00 PM, in the church

Monday, May 8

The Wild Goose, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, May 9

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

Wednesday, May 10

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 PM and 2:00-6:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Confirmation, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, May 11

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, May 12

Community Dinner, 5:45 PM, in the parish center

Saturday, May 13

Fatima Celebration, 5:00 PM at the school



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Kick-off Celebration

Saturday, May 13th

4:00 PM Holy Mass

5:15 PM Cook-out at the school

6:30 Praise and Worship Adoration

8:10 Candlelight Procession and Rosary

For more information, contact St. Patrick Office
at 603-635-3525 or Fr. Von at

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100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

A special Rosary and Mass in honor of the
Feast and the 100th Apparition of
Our Lady of Fatima
May 13, 2017

St. Joseph Church

40 Main St. Salem, N.H. 03079

9:30 AM Rosary followed by the

10:00 AM Mass

Refreshments to follow in the family room
All are welcomed to attend.

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

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 May 14th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers and families gathered.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2017-2018, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have entered into the beautiful month of May. This is a month dedicated to our mother Mary. Traditionally, we crown her statues in this month (as we will do after the 10:30AM Mass this weekend) to honor her and to honor Jesus. We do not do it because she needs this honor – no, God has honored her and raised her above all other saints and even above the Angels! We honor her because **we need** to honor her.

Some are afraid that if we honor Mary too much we will dishonor Jesus. This is not true. While there are *wrong ways* of honoring her (for instance: cults that make her a goddess, equal or greater than God; or portrayals of her which disdain and neglect her humility and obedience in order to make her some sort of rebel), we CANNOT honor her *too much*. No matter how much *we* honor her, it will only be a shadow of the true honor God has given her in Heaven. Even on Earth, Jesus – an obedient Son of the Commandments – would have obeyed the Fourth Commandment to “Honor your father and your mother.” By honoring Mary, we *imitate* Jesus – we strive to do what He did in this life and what He continues to do in Heaven.

So why do we crown her? We do this because we recognize that God crowned her Queen of Heaven and Earth, Queen of the Angels and Saints. By her Immaculate Conception and by her complete “yes” at the Annunciation, she has given herself over so completely to God to be the true and obedient Daughter of the Father, the true, loving and devoted Mother of the Son, and the true and faithful Spouse of the Holy Spirit. Her “yes,” her humility and obedience, has allowed God to raise her above all other creatures.

But wait, there’s more! We crown her as a sign and reminder that she is not only Queen of the Universe, but that WE CHOOSE HER TO BE QUEEN OF OUR HEARTS! She is not some distant figure, lording it over the universe; she is *Mother*, and her queenship is that of *love*. As St. Maximilian says, she is “our little, little mother.” She is intimate with us, caring for the details of our lives, and those who consecrate themselves to her, recognize that everything that does not come from our own will – even if it comes from the evil will of another – comes to us *through her hands*. This means that she is always taking care of us, no matter what the circumstances, no matter what happens to us! We crown her because we love her, because we give ourselves to her so that she can give us to Jesus, because she loves us.

In this month of May, I encourage you to find a way to honor Mary in your lives and in your homes. Maybe you can get flowers and place them before an image of her in your home. Maybe you can join us in honoring her in the Crowning of Mary after the 10:30AM Mass this weekend. Maybe you can join us in remembering her Apparitions at Fatima through our Praise and Worship Adoration and candlelight procession next Saturday, May 13. Maybe you can make a commitment to pray a daily Rosary (as so often she has said this is the *secret to peace*), either on your own or with your family.

As we honor Mary, we honor Jesus. We imitate Him in choosing to give Mary honor. In this great month of May, this month of Mary, may we grow in deeper love of our Mother, so that she can draw us into the love of Jesus!



CONGRATULATIONS

Please join us on Sunday, May 21st at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center to Congratulate Deacon John for his 15th Anniversary as a Deacon. Come and thank him for his many years of service to St. Patrick Parish and the Church. Light refreshments will be served.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Mother's Day weekend, May 13th and 14th, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Birthright outside the Church after each Mass. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please make checks out to the Knights of Columbus Council 6902. All money collected will be donated in memory of Doug Colinge, who started and ran this worthy cause for many years. Carnations will be given to any Mothers who wish to have one.

THE WILD GOOSE

The Ancient Celts had a name for the **Holy Spirit**: The Wild Goose. Join Fr. Von in this video series by **Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR** in growing closer to the **Holy Spirit**. Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room on May 8th, 15th & 22nd, June 5th. For more information, call 603-635-3525.

BILINGUAL PARISH & COMMUNITY SERVICES OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Catholic Charities New Hampshire is seeking a bilingual (English/Spanish) Parish & Community Services Outreach Coordinator at our Nashua District Office. Duties include emergency assistance and case-management, community education and Parish programming related to the Church's social teaching. Master's Degree required. For a complete job description and application process, please go to "Job Opportunities" under the Menu on our website: cc-nh.org



Where: St. Patrick School

When: July 10th – 14th

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Ages: 5-12

Registration for **Vacation Bible School** are now available in the front entrance of church and on the church website. Volunteer opportunities available now. If you or your teen would like to help in this wonderful ministry or for more information, please contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

SPONSOR A TEEN

Steubenville East is a three-day retreat specifically for teens. It shows them what a relationship with Jesus Christ truly looks like and challenges them to drop their "nets" and follow the one who made them. The cost for each teen to attend this retreat is \$250. If you would like to sponsor one of our 42 attendees this year and help make this retreat possible, please mail or drop off a check at the parish office. An investment in the youth of The Church is an investment in the future of The Church! God bless you all and thank you for your generosity.



BLESSING OF THE BIKES

On this Sunday at 1:00 PM, the Blessing of Bikes will take place in St. Patrick Parish upper Parking lot. All bike 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 21st.