



Saturday May 7

4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Sr., 32nd Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family
Joan Straughan, 5th Anniversary, requested by her husband Steve

Sunday May 8

8am ~ Mary Larese, 11th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
Concetta DiGiantommaso requested by her family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday May 9

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday May 10

8am ~ Janice Bergeron and Don Goyette requested by the Bedard family

6pm ~ Confirmation

Wednesday May 11

8am ~ Prayers Needed for Christina Mello

Thursday May 12

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by Patty Kennedy

Friday May 13

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday May 14

4pm ~ Jeanne Gagne, 4th Anniversary, Raymond Gagne, 17th Anniversary, requested by Rick & Gail Gagne & family
Bernie Thibault, 5th Anniversary, requested by John & Paulette Jacobs

Sunday May 15

8am ~ The DiGiantommaso & Hudson Families requested by their families
Roger & Ann Gallant requested by Joyce, Mel & Joan
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, May 8

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessing of the Child in the Womb, 11:30 AM, in the church

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

Monday, May 9

Night of Reflection, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, May 10

Confirmation, 6:00 PM, in the church

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 11

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

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, May 12

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, May 13

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

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

Saturday, May 14

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
 We pray for **Jean Murray, Charles Hobbs III, Ellen Guilbeault** and **Helen Savage**. We extend our sympathy to their families.

VOCATIONS

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The fourth Sunday in Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" since we always read from John 10 about Jesus being the Good Shepherd. Because of this, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "**My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me**" (John 10:27). Vocation literally means a calling. We hear Jesus call to us, and so we follow Him. For some, this calling leads to the priesthood or religious life. For others this call leads to marriage and family life (Happy Mother's Day, all you mothers out there!!!). For others, the call may lead to a single life of service. For all of us, though, the call is a call to take up our cross and follow Christ. There will be times of immense joy in following our vocation, but there will be times of struggle. To follow Christ, though, is the GREATEST ADVENTURE, the surest way to peace, and the only way to become the best-version-of-ourselves.

If we believe that God calls each of us – that He calls us to follow Him on a unique road into His Heart – this presupposes that we can actually hear Him. This is the truth: God does speak to us and we can hear His voice. Jesus said that in today's Gospel, as I quoted above – we can hear His voice. But how? In the incredible noise of the world, God is in the silence; in the shouting of our social media, God is whispering. We must, *we must*, **WE MUST** enter into silence! This is the only way we will be able to hear God. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "The fruit of silence is prayer." As we spend time away from the noise of the TV and radio, the computer and video games, and all manner of electronic devices, we start to open our ears to the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. As we spend time in silence and solitude with Him – alone with *The Alone* – we begin to recognize His voice. It won't sound like a thunderclap. It will be in the silence of our heart that He speaks and there we will know the love of Him who is Love.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we need to pray for those who have not yet found their vocations. Many do not follow God's call for their lives. This could be for several reasons. One reason is that we might not listen for God's voice. As I referenced above, this is so easy given the climate of noise in which we find ourselves today. With earbuds constantly in our ears, we may never hear God speaking to us. Another reason might be that we may not want to follow God's plan for us. There are times when we think we have a better plan for our lives, or we think following God will make us miserable (when all we see are the "frozen chosen" this could be why!). Another reason people don't follow God's call for their lives is that they can be driven by fear. Sometimes we're afraid of what it will cost to follow God. As I mentioned above, to follow Jesus is to take up our cross. It costs something. But in everything in life, we have to make a choice – this over that. If I marry this person, I can't marry that person. If I enter a convent, I cannot travel the world the way *I* want to. But the problem is that not choosing *is* choosing. We can't keep our options open forever or we will never do anything. We can't live in FOMO mode (**Fear Of Missing Out**), or else we will miss out on those things that give us most joy, peace and fulfillment.

I invite you, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, to pray for more people to have the wisdom to discern God's call in their lives and the courage to follow Him where He leads.

Our next Community Dinner is next Friday, May 13th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Parish Center.



FAITH FORMATION

May Family of Faith at St. Patrick Parish

The month of May is all about taking time to celebrate the journey we have taken this year as a community. We have taken a deep dive into what we believe by exploring the Nicene Creed, that beautiful Creed we recite at every Holy Mass.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This is our faith, this is what we believe. It has been such a joy to celebrate our faith as a community. Keep your eyes on the bulletin because registration for next year will open over the summer.

Also, be sure to keep in prayer the 42 young people from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this month. Some of them also received their First Holy Communion. We thank Bishop Christian for being with us to celebrate such an important moment in the lives of these families.



On Sunday, May 15th, at 1:00 PM, the Blessing of the 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. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

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 our website at www.catholicnh.org/ncha or <https://youtu.be/mkFzstEWlmc> 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.**

Craving More Peace and Less Stress this Season?

Join us on **Monday, May 9th, at 7:00 PM** in the Youth Room of St. Patrick's School for a Night of Reflection on Claire McGarry's new book *Grace in Tension: Discover Peace with Martha and Mary*. Outlining the G-I-F-T acronym, Claire will walk us through the steps for how we transform our tension into grace at the feet of Jesus, the place where all wonderful transformations take place. This is a free event with no need to RSVP. Claire will be available to sign and sell copies of her book immediately after the presentation.

If you can't make it but would still like to purchase a book, email Claire at graceintensionbookorder@gmail.com for a signed copy, or find it on Amazon.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 11th-15th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

St. Patrick School & Grounds

Camp cost is \$50 for children ages 5-12. Indoor and outdoor activities.

For more information, contact Christine Lemieux at 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.

BAPTISM



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **William Joseph Butt, III, Parker Kennedy Marion, Connor Robert Michaud, Raegan Blair Simonetti, Charles Joseph Zahn and Wyatt Lawrence Zahn.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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.

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.

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 4/30/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,114

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,783

Total Offertory \$7,897

Total Collected \$7,897

Thank you for your faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 4/30/22

\$1,838

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 15 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

May 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 29 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.

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

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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