

**Saturday May 8**

4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Sr., 31st Anniversary,
In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the
 Taylor family
Jeanne Gagne, 3rd Anniversary, Raymond
Gagne, 16th Anniversary, requested by Rick &
 Gail Gagne & family

Sunday May 9

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., 10th
 Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela
6pm ~ Doris Houle requested by her friends

Monday May 10

8am ~ Birthday Blessing for John William
McKenzie requested by his family

Tuesday May 11

8am ~ Stacy Adams requested by Fr. Von

Wednesday May 12

8am ~ Clelia Patat requested by Joyce

Thursday May 13 Ascension of the Lord

8am ~ Kari Harder DeMarco requested by
 David & Maureen Groff

10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

7pm ~ Arthur Amato requested by the
 Montano family

Friday May 14

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday May 15

4pm ~ Marcelle Lussier, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by her family

Sunday May 16

8am ~ Peg & Jack Childs requested by the
 Childs family

10:30am ~ Charles & Jean McLaughlin
 requested by Judy McLaughlin

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

**Sunday, May 9****Happy Mother's Day!**

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

Monday, May 10

The Case of Jesus, 7:00 PM Zoom

Tuesday, May 11

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, May 12

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

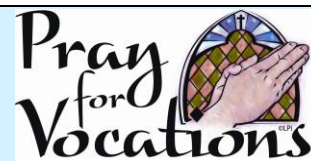
Thursday, May 13

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

Friday, May 14

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

Thursday, May 13th is a Holy Day. Masses
 are at 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



"God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious that others might live in Christ? If you think, God may be offering you this grace, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write:

mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, Jesus tells us how much He loves us: **"As the Father loves me, so I also love you"** (John 15:9). We can pass by that line pretty easily, but it really should shock us. Jesus loves us to the same degree and in the same way that the eternal Father loves the eternal Son!

So much of our lives are surrounded by conditional love. Even the love that is given freely and without counting the cost can sometimes be experienced as conditional.

What do I mean by that? Growing up, our loving parents may have told us how much they love us. But often it comes out when we do something good. "Thank you for doing this... I love you so much!" When we do something bad (little disobediences, for example), instead of feeling the love (which often is still there) from our parents, we feel shame, disappointment, and that we are being deprived of love. This feeling may come because we're being (justly) punished, but also because our parents, in that moment, may not remind us of how much they love us.

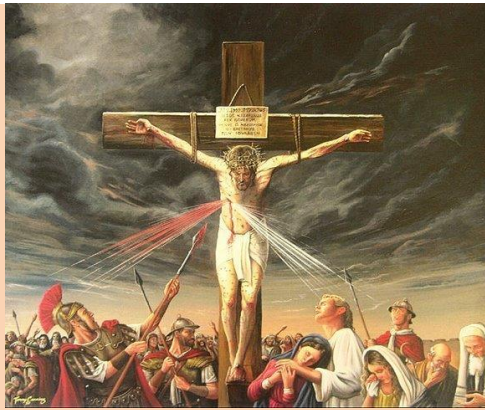
What does this do to us if we experience it? It trains us to believe that love must be earned. When I am "good" I am loved. When I am "bad" I am punished. We might not be able to describe this feeling at the time, but it shapes us in how we seek love and attention.

When this experience is then transferred to our relationship with God, we look at our sin, our brokenness, our inability to keep our resolutions, and we wonder whether or not we are really loved by God. "Oh yes," we think, "God loves me when I do something good, but does He *really* love *me* no matter what?" The truth is, of course, that He does. In fact, He has revealed through the mystics that He loves especially, *especially* those most in need of His mercy. Jesus shows that it is the lost sheep He will not fail to go after, it is for the lost coin He searches diligently!

Even though we know this intellectually, we have to allow it to penetrate our hearts. Jesus is calling us to hear His words: **"As the Father loves me, so I also love you."** He's not saying He'll love us this way when we get our act together. He's not saying He'll love us like this after we go to Confession. He loves us like this right here, right now.

St. Teresa of Calcutta said that we have to hear this love, this thirst of Christ for us every day, that we have to allow it to penetrate our hearts. She invited each of her sisters to listen everyday in the Eucharistic Chapel to hear Jesus' words "I thirst" in her soul. I invite you to do the same. You may not be able to get to the Chapel every day (though it is open 24/7 for anyone who desires to spend time with the Lord), but if we are to have any sort of real life in the Spirit, we must have that intimate connection with Jesus every single day!

I invite you to spend time with these words, **"As the Father loves me, so I also love you."** Breathe with them. Let them penetrate. Allow Jesus' incredible and overwhelming love to flood through your life. Everything else in your life will be better when you know this love, this thirst of Christ deep down in your soul.



St. Patrick Parish Family Faith Life May God Is Love

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." -John 3:16
During the month of May families taking part in the Faith Life program will be learning together about this seemingly obvious topic, God is Love.

This is a Truth that we read in scripture and may take for granted. God is not only filled with love for all of His children, He is the source of Love itself! This reminds us that we cannot love others rightly without God's assistance.

It also forces us to pause and reflect upon what real love looks like. It is God Himself who has shown us the perfect way of Love. A love that is always full of mercy, a love that suffers for the other and a love that is not afraid to correct the one He loves.

Let us take time to stand in awe of God's amazing Love for each one of us!

God Creates, Sin Enters, Jesus Saves, We Respond
This is our faith, this is what we believe.

In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life

THE CASE FOR JESUS MONDAY NIGHT TEACHINGS

The final teachings of Dr. Brant Pitre's program *Lectio: The Case for Jesus* will be **5/10, and 5/17 at 7:00 PM (ZOOM)**. Please contact Fr. Von to sign up (fathervon@comcast.net).

St. Patrick Parish is excited to be offering A Family of Faith by Sophia Institute Press



Starting in the fall of 2021. You are invited to a Come and See Information & Registration Night on **Monday, May 24th, from 6:00-7:00 PM or Tuesday, May 25th, from 6:00-7:00 PM**. Both meetings will take place in the cafeteria of the school. The purpose of these meeting will be to present our new faith Life Program for the upcoming year.

AWAKEN RETREAT

GOOD NEWS! Our Light of the World Retreat is back in a new form. It's called AWAKEN. The goal is the same: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

If you have a desire to develop a relationship with Jesus or improve your relationship with Jesus or even to understand just what a relationship with Jesus can be like, this retreat is for you.

The Awaken Retreat runs Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

We will have presentations of talks and witnesses. We will have sharing time for you to question the talks and express your thoughts and feelings. We will have adoration times, confession and Mass.

And best of all, it is FREE.

If you can't make this one, don't worry, there will be other opportunities. **If you think you would like to make this retreat, please call the office and register now (603-635-3525).** Kathy Jean will be taking the registrations and you can put your name in for this retreat. Even if you cannot make this first retreat, please contact the office so we can let you know about future retreats.

This retreat will be COVID compliant and we will be practicing social distancing as much as is possible.



"Fear not.
I have called you by name and you are mine"
YOU ARE A TREASURE!
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
July 12th-16th, 9:00AM-12:00 PM
St. Patrick School & Grounds

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves and dense jungles. Discover that God's greatest treasure is not diamonds, gems, or gold – it's you!

Camp cost is \$40 for children age 5-12. Indoor and outdoor activities. COVID compliant. Limited capacity. New to VBS? Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzsKZy65eRw>.

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.



Thank you to all who came to support the Women's Guild Penny Sale on Saturday, April 24th, and help make it a big success! We had a great time and the sun was shining. It was such a beautiful day. You helped us raise \$4,300! Thank you and hope to see you next year.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2021-2022, please 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 5/2/21

Offertory Envelopes \$ 5,449

Offertory Electronic Giving \$ 1,818

Total Offertory \$ 7,267

As of 5/2/21 we have an offertory deficit of \$ 5,613

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 5/2/21

\$ 1,319

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 16 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.

May 23 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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 Lmurgia_871@comcast.net or 603-635-2634

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

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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