All Saints November 1, 2020



Saturday October 31

4pm ~ **Edward & Jeanne Dubreuil** requested by their family

Christian Gualtieri requested by the Shaw family

Sunday November 1

8am ~ Blanche Turcotte, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Patty Kennedy

10:30am ~ **Rev. John Sledziona** requested by Donna Smith

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners Monday November 2

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory
Bob Ducharme, Birthday Remembrance,

requested by his wife Rosalie

Tuesday November 3

8am ~ In Honor of St. Joseph

Bonnie Miller & James King requested by her granddaughter & family

Wednesday November 4

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday November 5

8am ~ Michael Cannon requested by his wife Connie

Rev. Robert J. Densmore

Friday November 6

8am ~ George & Theresa Straughan requested by their family

7pm ~ Generational Healing Mass

Saturday November 7

8am ~ Women of Mary

4pm ~ **Emmett L. Beane, Jr.,** 10th Anniversary, requested by his wife Jane

Sunday November 8

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Una Harrington, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by her family
Christian Paul Gualtieri requested by the
Gualtieri family

6pm ~ **Helen E. Taylor,** 11th Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family



Sunday, November 1

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school **Tuesday, November 3**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 4

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, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

Generational Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

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



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful, rewarding service as a priest or consecrated religious, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Mass is this Friday, November 6th, at 8:00 AM.

FIRST SATURDAY

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, November 7th, at 8:00 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate All Saints' Day (November 1) and on Monday (November 2), we celebrate All Souls' Day. Both of these celebrations point to our future – as God made us to be and to His merciful love.

Throughout the course of the year, the Church celebrates all manner of saints – saints who were priests or religious and saints who were lay people, saints who were old and saints who were young, saints who worked tirelessly for the Gospel and saints who were confined to a sick-bed, saints who died of natural causes and saints who were martyred. While we have more than 10,000 canonized saints, the Church never claims that these select few are the only ones in Heaven.

In the first reading today, we hear

I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. (Revelation 7:4-9)

The Scripture shows us a multitude that was too great to count! The Church has always recognized that there are countless more who have made it to Heaven than we can canonize.

This is God's plan for our lives – to be with Him forever in Heaven. That is, after all, why God made us. He made us to be saints, and He gave us the grace to be saints by our Baptism. This means that All Saints' Day is *our* Feast Day! This is the day that we celebrate what God made us to be.

But we're not always what God made us to be!

Ay, there's the rub! We too often sin. We're too often selfish and self-centered. We rarely love God with all that we are, nor do we love our neighbors nearly as much as we love our egocentric selves! For this, God has shown us His incredible merciful love. This is Purgatory. You see, nothing unclean, nothing selfish, nothing self-centered can enter into Heaven. To go into God's unmediated presence would do serious harm to the soul if it were not properly disposed. But God longs for us to be with Him forever, and, in His mercy, He will not turn away one who is a friend with Him (in a "state of grace") because the person still has some stain of self-will. Rather, He has devised a way of purifying us after our death. This is Purgatory. (Please note that we have to be in His grace – it's not just that everyone goes to Heaven... some really do choose Hell.)

The constant teaching of the Church (as well as the witness of the mystics who have seen Purgatory) is that the purification in Purgatory is painful – immensely intensely so. Why? How can God allow that? I think of those times when I have seen how I have hurt someone... I mean *really* seen how my sin has hurt another. That unmitigated vision has brought about a deep remorse that has been more painful and hard to endure than the broken bones I have had in my life. In Purgatory, we will see clearly the results of our sin. We will see them far more clearly than the clearest vision of our sins that we have in this life. We will also be separated from our bodies (until the resurrection on the Last Day). This means there will be no way to distract ourselves, no unconsciousness of sleep. We will be faced directly and plainly with the results of our sins. The beauty is that as our soul deals with that in the light of God (as opposed to the eternal remorse in Hell), they are healed. Over time (whatever "time" means in Purgatory), and with the help of the prayers of those on earth, we will be purified and made ready to enter into Heaven.

So God calls us to be saints. There is no excuse why any of us cannot be saints (He gives each of us the unique graces we need for our unique lives). But even if we at times refuse His grace, He has allowed a way for us to enter into Heaven through purification after death. This is our Feast Day (All Saints), and the incredible mercy of God (All Souls). Let's lift our prayers to God for those suffering in Purgatory, and also ask God for the grace that we may be the saints He made us to be.



FAITH LIFE CORNER

"I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Rules, rules, so many rules! This might be a line you have heard recently from your children but, the reality is that adults can fall prey to the same rebellion at times when it comes to God and His Church. This month in the Faith Life Program families are exploring the major question, why does God give us so many rules to follow?

The short answer to this question is, Love! Think of a parent who does not enforce boundaries and rules for their children. Is that what love looks like, to allow the children we are responsible for to run amok? No, we understand that real love and mercy sets boundaries in order to protect the one that is loved.

God is Love and in His great Mercy He gives us the gift of rules, like the 10 Commandments, to follow so that we may one day be with Him in Eternal Paradise. What a good Father we have.

God Bless you all. Pray for me, and know that I am praying for you.

-Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Each year, Fr. Von has invited you to consecrate or re-consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary on the Immaculate Conception, using Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC's 33 Days to Morning Glory. This year, the 33 day preparation period begins this Thursday, November 5th. If you don't have a copy of the book, or have misplaced it, there are a limited number of copies at the main entrance of the Church, or you can order it online at www.shopmercy.org/33-days-to-morning-glory.html

GENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

On Friday, November 6, 2020, Fr. Von will celebrate a Generational Healing Mass at 7:00 PM. A Generational Healing Mass invites God to heal the wounds throughout our family tree. To prepare for the Mass, please pick up a "Preparation of Family Tree" at the main entrance of the church or at www.stpatricks-pelham.com/healing-masses/.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

VIRTUAL VOCATION DINNERS

The Lord is continuing to call! We would like to invite men and women in our diocese who are considering a vocation in the Church or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to a virtual evening of prayer and conversation with the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Manchester. Virtual St. Andrew Dinner with men of all ages: Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 PM. Virtual Miriam Dinner with women of all ages: Friday, November 20th, at 7:00 PM.

For more information, and to register, please visit the diocesan vocations website at liveinblackandwhite.com



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

October is the month set aside for members of St. Patrick Parish to nominate other members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available in the front entrance of the Church. Please use a separate nomination form for each name submitted. Please submit your nomination by **Sunday, November 15**th.

ST. PATRICK PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thank you for your support of our parish. COVID-19 has changed many things this year. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has even impacted the finances of our parish and we need your help. St. Patrick is prayerfully requesting that you consider making a donation or setting up a recurring gift using our online giving provider, VANCO. Signing up is easy and can be done from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

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- Consistency: Your support will allow us to continue our important ministries and will help us maintain our buildings.
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Click on box that says Electronic Giving on the right side of the page.

PELHAM FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels.** Thank you for your generosity!

Acts of Mercy Spiritual How many Instruct the Uninformed __ Counsel the doubtful Admonish sinners Comfort the sorrowful Bear wrongs patiently **Forgive Offenses** Pray for the living and the dead Corporal How many Feed the hungry __ Clothe the naked Give drink to the thirsty __ Shelter the homeless Comfort the imprisoned Visit the sick Bury the dead

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 10/25/20
Offertory Envelopes \$5,672
Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,062
Total Offertory \$7,734

Faith Life \$983

Total Offertory \$8,717

As of 10/25 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,227

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

Hurricane Laura & Wildfires

collected as of 10/25/20 \$604

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Nov. 8 Utility

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

Nov. 15 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Nov. 22 Catholic Campaign for Human

Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports programs and services for persons with low income, both in NH and around the U.S. Grants support programs that address community problems, increasing educational opportunities, and the creation of jobs. A portion of this collection also supports Black and Indian Missions in the U.S.

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 fatheryon@comcast.net.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM

Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday8amFridayNo MassFirst Friday and First Saturday8am

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