



Saturday November 13

4pm ~ Helen E. Taylor, 12th Anniversary,
Michael J. Taylor, Jr., Birthday Remembrance,
 requested by the Taylor family
Matthew J. Janos, 17th Anniversary, requested
 by Joan Janos

Sunday November 14

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Una Harrington, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by her family
Florence & Louis Jacques, Wedding
 Anniversary, requested by their son

Monday November 15

8am ~ Frank Maglio, Jr., requested by Doug &
 Laura Masson

Tuesday November 16

8am ~ For the Holy Spirit

Wednesday November 17

8am ~ Birthday Blessing for Ellen Davis
 requested by the Orlep family

Thursday November 18

8am ~ Bob Roy requested by John & Norma
 DelGreco

Friday November 19

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday November 20

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by his wife &
 children

Sunday November 21

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Norman Carpentier, 9th
 Anniversary, requested by Cheryl Brunelle &
 Carpentier family

Sunday, November 14

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, November 15

Teaching on St. Joseph, 7:00 PM, in the youth
 room at the school

Tuesday, November 16

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, November 17

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, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

Thursday, November 18

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

Friday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 20

Confirmation Retreat for Grade 3, 9:00-11:30
 AM, in the school cafeteria



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Mary Bacigalupo & Kevin McGowan by Walter
 & Norma



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Michael Medeiros, Birthday Remembrance, by
 Christine, Josh & Chris



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I have mentioned, next Sunday, November 21st, we will have the "Treasures of the Church" visiting us – 150 relics from the saints of the Church. You might ask, "Why are relics important?" Before we can answer that, we have to look first at why our relationship with the saints is important.

By the grace of Christ, in baptism we become sons and daughters of Almighty God. This means that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. We have older brothers and sisters who have gone before us into the Kingdom and we call them "saints." Because we are all one body in Christ (see I Corinthians 12), we are still connected to those who have gone before us ("we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" [Hebrews 12:1]), so we can ask them, through the Body of Christ to whisper into God's ears for our needs.

I have sometimes heard the question, "Why should I go to the saints when I can go directly to Jesus?" To this I would respond that we *should* go directly to Jesus. However, Jesus did not create us to live in a vacuum, alone with God alone. He founded a Church – His Body, His Bride. We are united in Christ, and no man is an island. Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about how the Church came together to pray, and worked together for the Kingdom. While we are meant to go directly to Jesus, we are not meant to go to Jesus on our own. We need each other. As I stand outside after Mass, it is a rare weekend that no one comes to me asking for prayer for something. When asked to pray for their intentions, I don't respond: "Don't ask *me* to pray for you! You should go directly to Jesus!" Why not? Because God, in His mercy and generosity, has allowed us to walk with each other toward Him, to help each other on the way. He wants people to ask each other to pray. We continue this walk with those in heaven (the "Church Triumphant"), for they who have already "run the race" spur us on, helping us run to Jesus, and praying for us.

Another objection might be raised about how the saints can know what's happening on earth, or whether their existence in heaven is *only* praise and not intercession. In the book of Revelation, we read about how the 24 elders (those representing the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles) hold gold bowls of incense which are the *prayers of the holy ones* (Rev 5:8), and the souls under the altar ask God about when God will act on earth (Rev 6:10). Jesus makes it clear that there is great rejoicing in heaven over a sinner who repents (Luke 15:7, 10). These point to the truth that the saints, through the grace of God, are aware of events on earth, and can even offer *our* prayers to the Father.

So, what about relics. It seems odd to many people that we have, for instance, the veil of Mary, or pieces of bones of the saints. We remember, though, that our bodies are *good* and convey our personhood. You cannot encounter a human being without in some way encountering their body through our bodies. Even reading books written by others requires that their bodies transmitted their thoughts in such a way that our bodies receive them through our eyes. Jesus came to save us by taking on our full humanity, and healed many through his body (touch, command with His voice, spittle, and even through His clothing [see Matthew 9:20]). We hear in the Acts of the Apostles that healing power was mediated through Peter's shadow (Acts 5:15-16), and Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons (Acts 19:11-12). Could relics be used as superstition or as magic charms? Yes, people can misuse relics. But the Church's use of relics is never a form of superstition or magic, but rather as a *connection* to our GREAT brothers and sisters who have preceded us in running the race, and as a way to *stir up faith* within us as we ask them to pray for us to the Father.

I invite you to come next Sunday, November 21st at 1:00 to hear Fr. Carlos speak about the relics, as well as having the opportunity to venerate these relics, asking our saintly brothers and sisters for their prayers. The Treasures of the Church will be in New Hampshire and Massachusetts from November 21-December 7. For a full schedule of where they will be, go to www.treasuresofthechurch.com/schedule.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

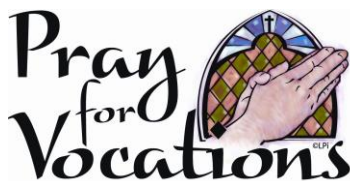
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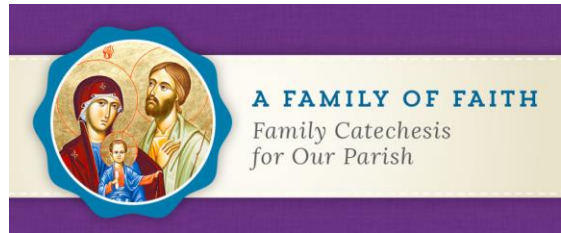
St. Patrick Parish presents a teaching and exposition of **Sacred Relics on Sunday, November 21, at 1:00 PM in the Church.** Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity.

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word.

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish in Salem, NH, will also have the Sacred Relics on display Monday, November 29th, at 6:00 PM.



"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



A Family of Faith - November

Our Community Gathering in the month of October was so much fun! To observe families growing in their faith together was truly inspiring.

During the month of November families will talk about the Story of Humanity. My story, your story, the story of every person walking this earth today. If we do not know where we came from and why God made us then we become confused about what our identity is.

Who am I? - You are God's chosen son/daughter
What is my purpose? - To know, love, and serve God.

Am I good? - Yes, you are made in the Image and Likeness of God!

To be made in the image and likeness of God means that we have intellect (intelligence) and free will (freedom). God is intelligent and free, and so are we!

As we all know, the fall of man occurred in the Garden of Eden. This resulted in the Original Sin, a break in our relationship with Almighty God. This is why the Sacrament of Baptism is so necessary for our Salvation. It brings us back into the Body of Christ and we are made new.

At the end of the month we will spend time making preparations for the Season of Advent as a community. Advent is always such a beautiful time so let us begin to plan now for the coming of the Lord. How will you make room for Him during the Advent Season?

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization could impact the fate of millions of preborn children and their mothers. Register at prayfordobbs.com to virtually join thousands of Catholics and Protestants across the country on November 18th at 8:00 AM (EST) as we come together In prayer.



Mother Teresa was asked, "What will save America?" She responded, "HOLY HOURS WILL SAVE AMERICA!" When we spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, things change. Here at St. Patrick Church, Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and 2:00-8:00 PM. Won't you consider giving just one hour of your time each week to Our Lord, to help save America? Please make this commitment today by contacting Kathleen Garon at kgaron11@comcast.net or call the Parish Office to sign up for the hour most convenient for you. You will be glad you did!

TEA AND TREASURE

All ladies of the parish are invited to come together to enjoy a tea party/prayer time. There will be delicious, light lunch, followed by a brief spiritual reading, and recitation of the Holy Rosary. This is a great way to enjoy each other's company, meet new people, and grow closer to Our Lord and Our Lady. Tea and Treasure will take place on the first Thursday of every month, beginning on **December 2nd, from 12:00-1:00 PM in the Parish Center.** Registration is required. For further information, or to register, email Kathleen Garon at kgaron11@comcast.net or call the Parish Office at 635-3525.



Save the following date, **December 4th** for the Christmas Craft Fair. We will have crafts from many local artisans, delicious food, a bake table with delicious goods from our parishioners, and raffles. It is a fun day for the family and ideas for your Christmas shopping.

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 11/7/21	
Offertory Envelopes	\$5,371
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,132
Total Offertory	\$7,503
All Saints	\$951
Total Collected	\$8,454

As of 11/7 we have an offertory deficit of \$2,416

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

Capital Improvement

collected as of 11/7/21
\$3,225

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Nov. 14 Utility

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

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

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service is Tuesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 PM here at St. Patrick Parish.

Monday Night Teachings on St. Joseph

Join Fr. Von in reading through Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exortation on St. Joseph, **Redemptoris Custos**. Monday nights: **November 15th, 22nd and 29th**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school

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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
2:00-8:00pm

For more information, or to sign up for Wednesday Adoration, contact Kathleen Garon at 978-482-5380

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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org