



Saturday October 14

4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph requested by Donna Taylor
The Choquette & Loiseau Families and Rita & Jerry Trotter requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family

Sunday October 15

8am ~ Rose Buckley, 37th Anniversary, requested by her granddaughter Barbara
Mary Gleason, 6th Anniversary, requested by her family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday October 16

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Grace Ellen McKenzie requested by her family
Jim Narragon requested by Joan Berard

Tuesday October 17

8am ~ Dick Dube, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife Maureen
Daniel Masson, Birthday Remembrance,
Louissette Hardy requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Wednesday October 18

8am ~ Sophia O. Frawley requested by a friend
Priscilla Hart requested by David & Maureen Groff

Thursday October 19

8am ~ Gloria Dalpe requested by Lou & Marie Dalpe

Friday October 20

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday October 21

4pm ~ Matthew L. Janos, 38th Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos
Agnes Lawlor, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday October 22

8am ~ Bernardin Raby, 13th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
Diane Tardiff, 1st Anniversary, requested by her brother Roger and sister-in-law Roberta Levasseur
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, October 15

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center
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 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, October 16

Jesus and the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, October 17

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, October 18

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, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

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



"Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2024, 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 2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We've been examining the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion. Today, we're going to move from Presence to Sacrifice. The work of redemption that Jesus did on the Cross – saving us from the power of sin and death – is intimately connected to the Last Supper. At the Last Supper – the night before He died for us – Jesus said, **"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me... This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you"** (Luke 22:19, 20). Jesus speaks of His body being given up for us, His blood being shed for us. These prefigure in sign what He will do the next day on the Cross.

This shows us that the Mass is a participation in the Cross of Christ. When we are at Mass, we are a quarter inch from heaven... if only we could have the veil removed from our eyes (to get a sense of this, I strongly encourage you to watch the short video "The Veil Removed," found free on YouTube: [youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTgIaM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTgIaM)). When we come to the Mass, we are taken out of time and brought into eternity, where, with the Angels and Saints, we are before the throne of the Lamb. Here we participate with the Son of God – the Lamb who was slain – offering true worship and praise to God the Father. We are not "re-crucifying" Jesus, but, rather, entering anew into the mystery of what He did 2000 years ago to save us. With this in mind, I'm going to spend the next several articles breaking down the parts of the Mass, how to prepare and how to enter more fully into this mystery.

Preparation for Mass is very important. We cannot transition from the chaos of our lives into the eternal realities without some sort of preparation. There are a lot of ways to prepare, but I'll give just a few practical things we can do.

First, I encourage you to read and pray through the readings for Mass. You can read through them throughout the week. If you don't have a personal Missal, you can always find the readings on-line on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (bible.usccb.org). One way to do pray through the readings is to read through all of the readings on Monday. Through the rest of the week, you can read through each reading (one a day, including the Psalm) more slowly, asking the Lord to enlighten you with His wisdom. Ask the Lord, "What are you saying to me today?" for surely, as a loving Father, He wants to speak to you today through His word. When you get to Mass on Saturday afternoon or Sunday, you will not be hearing them for the first time, and you'll be more open to what God is saying in that moment.

Second, I would encourage you to do a daily examination of conscience. When you look back on your day and begin to recognize where God was moving in your life, and how you responded (either cooperating with that grace or rejecting it), you will be more open to seeing God move powerfully through the Mass. Also, when we get to the Penitential Act of the Mass (you know, the "Lord, have mercy" part), you'll actually be able to bring before the Lord those areas in need of healing and forgiveness. I also encourage you to get to confession regularly. When we receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we want to be *ready* to receive Him. Use this analogy – if a husband and wife were in the middle of a heated argument, there would need to be apologies and forgiveness before they entered into the marriage act (if it were truly to be an act of self-giving love to each other). So too with Jesus, if we need to apologize to Jesus, especially when in a state of mortal sin. When in some way we have rejected Jesus and His love, we need to get to confession to "make up" before we become one body in Communion. I encourage you to make a regular time for confession. Some do this once a month, others more or less frequently. Whatever you do, make it a habit; mark it on your calendar. This will help you prepare more for Mass.

Next week, I'll look at more immediate preparation for Mass.



Join us October 20-23, 2023
 For a life-changing retreat!
 Light of the World
 held at St. Patrick School
 sign up by contacting
 the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net

The retreat is free,
 and you sleep at home.

Please indicate dietary restrictions.

**If you need rides to and from the Retreat,
 and this is stopping you from signing up,
 we do have the ability to provide rides
 for a number of participants. Let us
 know when you sign up.**



**October Faith Life Update
 You Were Made for Heaven!**

As we begin the Faith Life Year, this is our topic of conversation. The fact that God, in His loving goodness, has chosen to create us for eternity. The idea of eternity or forever can be difficult to grasp for us. Difficult as it may be, we must try and understand this, Truth. Our actions and choices in this life dictate where we will spend eternity. We have an opportunity to spend day after day in the presence of the Lord, completely filled with all that He is the source of. Heaven is a place of perfect Joy, Peace, Happiness, and Love. In order to be welcomed into Heaven God has left a very clear plan for us to follow. He has left this clear plan in the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. These laws are laws of love because they are the path that leads to Heaven. God desires us to be there with Him for all eternity and loves us so much.

Today, in every small action, let us Choose Heaven! Let us Choose Heaven by following the path of the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes. We are still accepting Faith Life Registrations at this time. Please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net with any questions.

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**The Cathedral Gift Shop** is now open! Located in the rectory building at St. Joseph Cathedral (145 Lowell St, Manchester), the Gift Shop carries greeting cards, rosaries, crucifixes, sacramental gifts, home goods, children's items, and books – all faithful to the Catholic teaching. Store hours are: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9-2, Wed 9-5:30 and Sat 9-3:30. Anyone interested in becoming a gift shop volunteer may complete an application at: [stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop](http://stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop). Please support our diocesan parishes!



**SEMINARIAN BRUNCH FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LaBelle Winery, Amherst

\$100 ticket to brunch

For more information, please visit  
[www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com)



**We are in need of Prayer Shawls**, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.



**Monday Night Teachings**  
**Jesus and the Eucharist**  
 During the National Eucharistic Revival  
 Strengthen your

*Faith*

Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM  
 in the youth room  
 October 16<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>.  
**(No class on October 23<sup>rd</sup>)**  
**Teaching Mass in the Church on**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:  
 Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 “My God will supply whatever you need.”**

Phillipians 4:13 and 19 “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. My God will fully supply whatever you need.” Make your requests known to God and he will bless your marriage and your life. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

October 20-22, 2023, Barre, Vermont  
 (St. Monica/St. Michael)

November 10-12, 2023, Huntington, NY  
 (Immaculate Conception Seminary)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays.

Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.



**Generational Healing Mass**, Friday,  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Church  
**Community Dinner**, Friday, November  
 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the Parish Center  
**Men of St. Joseph**, Saturday, November  
 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the Parish Center

**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 10/8/23

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| Offertory Envelopes         | \$5,211        |
| Offertory Electronic Giving | \$1,839        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>      | <b>\$7,050</b> |
| Utilities                   |                |
|                             | \$1,793        |
| <b>Total Collected</b>      | <b>\$8,843</b> |

Thank you for your continue support  
 ~Fr. Von~



**SECOND ENVELOPES  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Oct. 22 World Mission Sunday**  
 On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to “go out to all the world.” The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis throughout the world.

**Oct. 29 Maintenance**  
 This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

**Nov. 5 Capital Improvements**  
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Nov. 12 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.

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Patricia Hartwell and Delia Floyd. We extend our sympathy to their families.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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Pelham, NH 03076  
603-635-3525 (office)  
603-635-3919 (fax number)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Website: [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

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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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)