



Saturday October 15

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisselle Families and **Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
Janyn Provencal, 8th Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family

Sunday October 16

8am ~ Robert Hall, 26th Anniversary, requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday October 17

8am ~ Fr. John Leonard, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Ginnie Leonard
Daniel Masson, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Tuesday October 18

8am ~ Dick Dube requested by Will & Ginnie Thesier

Wednesday October 19

8am ~ Irene Laforge requested by the Laforge family

Thursday October 20

8am ~ John Byrne requested by the Shovlin family
Ruth Murray, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

Friday October 21

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday October 22

4pm ~ Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Chisholm requested by the Chisholm family

Sunday October 23

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Antonette & Charles D'Alessio, 33rd & 17th Anniversary, requested by the Tocco family

Sunday, October 16

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school
Anchor of Hope, 7:00 PM, in the church

Monday, October 17

Catholic Social Teaching, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

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

Friday, October 21

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Dick Dube**, Birthday Remembrance, by Roland & Therese Soucy and Ronnie & Kathy Jean



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Mary Gleason**, 5th Anniversary, by her family

Join us for our Monday Night Teachings on **Catholic Social Teaching** at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school. The dates are October 17th & 31st.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
We pray for **Elizabeth Desmarais** and **Celyne Casey**. We extend our sympathy to their families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel today speaks of the unjust judge and the widow. It is interesting that Jesus makes it clear that this judge cared about no one but himself, yet it was this selfishness that eventually led him to render a just decision for the widow – because she was persistent in hounding him.

Last year, I brought an item for repair. It wasn't something I needed immediately, so there was no rush in getting it done. However, when I hadn't heard back from them for a few months, I followed up. Excuses were given, and so I waited some more time. Follow-up after follow-up, I kept getting promises, "It will be done by next month... by next week." I would give them a little extra time and then follow up... but nothing. Finally, in September (more than a year after dropping it off), I followed up again, and told him I would be calling every week to check on it. I brought it home last Friday.

I thought of this with this Gospel: my own experience of being the persistent widow. I learned from this that I'm not as persistent as I should be. I'm sure if I had become more of a pain to him, he would have gotten it done sooner!

Jesus is telling us to be persistent in crying out to God.

Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. (Luke 18: 6-8)

But are we persistent? Do we cry out to God "day and night"? I think we ask God a few times and then, when no answer is given, we give up on God. That being said, sometimes, we get a "No" from God, and there can also be a true sense of handing it to God and, in trust, saying, "You take care of it," but more often than not, when we stop asking, it is because we have stopped believing God can or will do it. God invites us to persist in trust.

Why does God delay at times? I'm sure there are many reasons, each unique for any circumstance. I would say, though, that God delays because He wants us to trust Him more. The last line of today's Gospel is telling, "**However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?**" (Luke 18:8). Faith, again, is that trust in God. Do we really believe that He loves us, that He wants to do good for us? Our culture has trained us to see God as either a figment of our imagination (which is then "proved" when He doesn't answer us), or as a god who either doesn't know what's going on in our lives, doesn't have the power to do anything about it or doesn't care about us. Yet the God revealed to us, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, is a God who is more real than you or me, and is omniscient, omnipotent and omni-benevolent. Often, we end up not trusting God's love for us – not having faith in Him.

By pouring out our prayer in trust of Almighty God, we train ourselves, we open ourselves to His love. Maybe He delays because if He gave us everything immediately, we would stop focusing on the Giver and only see the gift – and more than anything, He wants relationship with us. I wonder, though, if we cultivate that trusting love in God, would God "see to it that justice is done... speedily"?



October Faith Life Happenings

Saint of the Month: St. Therese of Lisieux

"We must abandon the future into the hands of God." - St. Therese of Lisieux

This month families are learning together and remembering that God is the source of all life. Being God, He is the only one that can create something out of nothing. This is wonderful news for us because we know that He creates out of love and that He created all things good.

Families also are exploring this major question: What is a Sacrament?

To understand fully the precious gift we have in our Seven Sacraments we first must understand their major purpose. The Seven Sacraments are very special signs that confer God's grace upon us. Grace is the free, undeserved gift of God's life. Grace is necessary for us to persevere on the path of holiness, to avoid sin, and ultimately attain Heaven.

What a wonderful reminder for all of this month. That the God of the universe loves us so dearly that He would make a way to share His very life with us!

God loves you and you are precious to Him despite the sin you have committed.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

ANCHOR OF HOPE

An Evening of Music, Prayer, and Reflection Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Please join us for an evening of music and prayer with a focus on trusting in the Lord, even in times of trouble. Take this time to be drawn into the heart of our loving Father – He has never abandoned us and He never will; His love and mercy surpass all understanding!

The evening will include acoustic music, times of prayer and reflection, and a time of adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist.

We hope you will join us!



OCTOBER ROSARY CHALLENGE

With the morning chill in the air we are reminded that autumn is here! Along with autumn comes October - the month of the Rosary - and we want to invite you and your family to join us for a **Rosary Challenge**. This past Lent, St. Pat's had our first Rosary Challenge and as a parish we prayed over 5,000 Rosaries during that time! Here are the details: In the back of the church you will find (first come, first serve!) bookmarks with the 15 Promises of the Rosary, pamphlets for both adults and kids on how to pray the rosary and links of videos to listen to the rosary. For each rosary a member of your family prays, you can add a star to Mary's mantle which will be hung in the back of the church. **We'd love for you to take a picture of your family praying the rosary together and bring it to Mass to add to our collage!** If you knew that praying the Rosary daily almost guarantees your entrance into heaven, converts even the evilest of hearts and can win wars that have the most impossible odds wouldn't you pray it? It may seem long and repetitive, but it's only an opportunity to tell your mother, "I love you," fifty times over, and the graces that flow from this daily prayer are more than we can begin to imagine!



Join us October 21-24, 2022

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anchor of Hope, Sunday, October 16th, at 7:00 PM

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Generational Healing Mass, Friday, November 4th, 7:00 PM, in the church

Community Dinner, Friday, November 11th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, November 12th, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Confessions, Wednesday, November 23rd, 8:00 PM, in the church

Lighting of the Creche, Tuesday, November 29th, 6:30 PM

Confessions, Wednesday, November 30th, 8:00 PM, in the church

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 10/09/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,083

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,020

Total Offertory \$7,103

Utility \$2,610

Total Collected \$9,713

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~



“Pray always and do not to lose heart.” If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Oct. 23 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. 30 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

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

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. Nominations 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 Tuesday, November 15th.



Seminarian Brunch Fundraiser

Come meet our seminarians at the Second Annual Black and White Brunch Fundraiser, which will be held on November 5th, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Manchester Country Club. Brunch with Bishop Peter Libasci + Video Presentation + Music + Silent Auction + and lots more!

Each year, the diocese spends nearly \$500,000 on tuition and room and board for our seminarians a little more than \$100 a day for each young man studying to be a priest. Please show your support for these fine young men by making an investment in the future of our diocese and our parishes.

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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