



**Saturday October 17**

**4pm ~ The Choquette & Loiselle Families & Rita & Gerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family  
**Nicholas Mitchell**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his mother & father

**Sunday October 18**

**8am ~ Mary Gleason**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
**Pauline Tardiff**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
**10:30am ~ Agnes Lawlor**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor  
**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday October 19**

**8am ~ Charles J. Brady**, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by son & daughter-in-law  
**Diana Perruccio** requested by Joan Berard

**Tuesday October 20**

**8am ~ Mary Gleason** requested by her husband  
**Alfred LeBlanc, Jr.**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife

**Wednesday October 21**

**8am ~ Jackie Kane** requested by Pat Lawlor

**Thursday October 22**

**8am ~ Catherine Bisson**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her grandparents  
 Ruth & Paul Bisson

**6pm ~ Feast of JP II**

**Friday October 23**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday October 24**

**4pm ~ Matthew L. Janos**, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos

**Sunday October 25**

**8am ~ Bernardin Raby**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Raby family  
**Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**6pm ~ Health & Blessing for Fr. Von & Msgr. Kelley**



**Sunday, October 18**

Faith Life Classes **For Parents Only**, 11:30 AM, in the school  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Monday, October 19**

Faith Life Classes **For Parents Only**, 6:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, October 20**

Faith Life Classes **For Parents Only**, 6:00 PM, in the school  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 21**

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  
 Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, October 22**

Mass in honored of John Paul II, 6:00 PM  
 "I served a Saint", 6:45 PM  
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Friday, October 23**

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Susie O'Toole, Birthday Remembrance, by her family

**VOCATIONS**

"Give to God what is God's." You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel today, the Pharisees plot against Jesus with the Herodians. While this may not seem like much of a big deal, but these were two opposing groups. The Pharisees were a sect of Judaism that promoted a strict adherence to the Law of Moses, as well as protecting the Law with many other practices. They were very faithful to Israel and did not want the Romans ruling them. The Herodians were people who worked for Herod, a ruler established by the Roman Government. Because of their contact with the *goiim* – the Gentiles (aka—anyone not Jewish) – the Pharisees would have seen the Herodians as unclean. Because the Herodians wanted a ruler other than a Davidic king (the descendants of

Herod), the Pharisees saw them as traitors.

Yet these two groups join together to come against Jesus. Enemies united by a common enemy.

The Pharisees send their disciples to Jesus to place before Him a question that will get Him in trouble: to pay the census tax to Caesar or not. If Jesus says to pay the census tax, they would see Him as betraying the people of Israel and as rejecting the claim as Messiah (since the common belief was that the Messiah would rid the people of Israel of the bondage of other nations). If Jesus says not to pay the tax, then the Herodians will report Him to the Romans as instigating dissidence.

Jesus, as always, answers the unanswerable with ease. First, He recognizes that the flattery they use is merely a guise, and that they are not truly seeking an answer to the question, but testing Him. How often in our world do we come against malice and spite instead of honesty and integrity? There are people (we probably all know them personally) who delight in being able to trick people, dupe them, and take advantage of them. Jesus sees through this and calls them out.

Then He answers the question with a question: "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" (Matthew 22:20). They tell Jesus that it is Caesar's image, and so Jesus points out that the money, then, belongs to him. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" (Mt. 22:21). He says that it is Caesar's, so why, if you're worried about being made ritually unclean, do you have Gentile money on you?

The key point Jesus makes is then to repay "to God what belongs to God" (*ibid.*). What belongs to God? Everything. He made everything that is. What bears the image and inscription of God? We do.

There's a story that anti-theist scientists tell God that they don't need Him, since they can do everything He does. They challenge God to a contest, and God says, "We'll make a human being... but doing it the old fashioned way: out of dirt." The scientists say, "No, problem. We'll just take this dirt..." God interrupts, "Get your own dirt!" Implying that, of course, He made everything out of nothing, something we cannot do.

Everything we have comes from God. Even our ability to earn money, our intelligence, our talents, all come from God (though we may have cultivated them). Everything we have belongs to God. We are but stewards. Even our very selves are gift... since none of us wills ourselves into being.

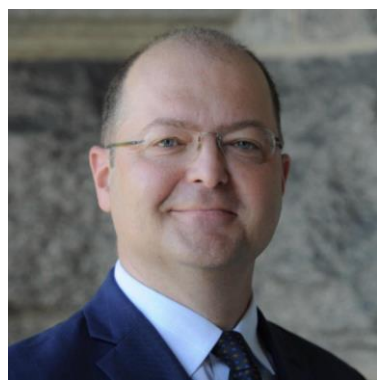
As I said a couple weeks ago, God made us in His image and likeness, and so we must respect the sacred dignity of each person. In how we treat even ourselves, we must remember that we are not our own, but we belong to Him (in love). May we always remember this stewardship and care for ourselves – not as our own masters that can do anything we want – but as stewards of a gift that will return to God for an accounting.

# FOOD PANTRY

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 others 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 **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**.



### **I Served A Saint: Talk About St. John Paul II**

Mark your calendars: **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, former Swiss Guard, Mario Enzler, Ph.D., will speak to us about St. John Paul II. The evening begins with **Mass at 6:00 PM**, followed by his talk. Mario recently published a book **I Served a Saint: Reflections of a Swiss Guard in honor of the centenary of the birth of St. John Paul II.**

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Virtual Miriam Dinner with women of all ages: Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

For more information, and to register, please visit the diocesan vocations website at [liveinblackandwhite.com](http://liveinblackandwhite.com)

## FAITH LIFE CORNER

"This is the will of God, your holiness."

1 Thessalonians 4:3

The Faith Life Program at St. Patrick Parish is off to a great start. It has been a joy seeing and interacting with families once again. Although things look a bit different, we are all making the best of it and seeing the silver lining in it all. God desires our holiness; if we take a moment to ponder such a Truth, it may cause us to drop our jaws to the floor in disbelief. The God of the Universe sees you and calls you by name today. This is the amazing reality families are talking about this month. The fact that we are all called to Sainthood! What a great adventure it is to be a Saint. Let us always have hope as our anchor and rise up amidst the noise of life to share Christ with the world. **At this time, we are still taking Faith Life Registrations.** God Bless you all. Pray for me, and know that I am praying for you.

~Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

### 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/](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/healing-masses/).

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Patrick Parish invites you to consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. In addition, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Call the office and the parish staff will help you through the process.

### Hurricane Laura and California Wildfires

We will be taking up a special collection the weekend of **October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** for the devastation caused by Hurricane Laura and the wildfires in the Western part of the United States. In anticipation of more calamities awaiting us this year, this collection will also be used to provide relief from possible future disasters. Thank you for your generosity and keep all of these people affected by these disasters in your prayers.

**St. Gianna's Place** a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson- will be holding a baby bottle campaign beginning on **October 17/18**. Our doors have now been open for one year and we've been able to offer a loving, supportive home to 8 women and 2 children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer to our moms. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by **November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

#### Acts of Mercy

##### How many      Spiritual

- \_\_\_ Instruct the Uninformed
- \_\_\_ Counsel the doubtful
- \_\_\_ Admonish sinners
- \_\_\_ Comfort the sorrowful
- \_\_\_ Bear wrongs patiently
- \_\_\_ Forgive Offenses
- \_\_\_ Pray for the living and the dead

##### How many      Corporal

- \_\_\_ 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 10/11/20

Offertory Envelopes      \$6,839

Offertory Electronic Giving      \$1,430

**Total Offertory      \$8,269**

Utilities      \$1,394

**Total Offertory      \$9,663**

**As of 10/11 we have an offertory deficit of \$6,647**

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

~Fr. Von~



### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### **Oct. 25      Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

#### **Nov. 1      Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### **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.

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



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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).

## **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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](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)