



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

Monday October 23

8am ~ Ruth Murray, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family
Dr. Anthony Caruso, 1st Anniversary, requested by Steve & Annie Caruso

Tuesday October 24

8am ~ No Mass

Wednesday October 25

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Tammy Dallaire, 1st Anniversary, **George Dallaire**, 20th Anniversary, requested by their families

Thursday October 26

8am ~ Doris Gariepy requested by a friend
Jim Narragon requested by Michelle Webster

Friday October 27

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday October 28

4pm ~ Leo Miranda requested by the Martin family
Dr. Anthony Caruso, 1st Anniversary, requested by St. Patrick Parish

Sunday October 29

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Mark Mulch, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Stephen & Lori Ann Nelson
Harry Brunelle requested by his niece Connie

Sunday, October 22

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

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 25

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 26

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

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school

“...for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.” 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?
 Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, I began looking at ways to prepare for Mass: praying through the readings ahead of time, and doing an examination of conscience. Today, I am going to look at more immediate preparations for Mass.

I mentioned the that transitioning from the chaos of our lives into eternal realities takes some time. I remember one person referring to it as transitioning from *chronos* to *kairos*. Both are Greek words that mean "time." *Chronos* means measured time, clock time. This is the type of time you're hyper-focused on when you have a timed test – every second is measured out. *Kairos* means something akin to Matthew Kelly's "care-free timelessness." This is when we spend time with friends and the hours slip by without us noticing – it is "eternal-time" spent with God. So, we have to transition into the eternal moment of the Mass.

This can be done in many different ways, but should begin on the way to the Church (if not earlier). This could be done by listening to holy music in the car (like Gregorian chant, praise and worship, or some other music that lifts your soul to God), by praying alone or as a family, listening to a podcast of the readings for the weekend (as found on bible.usccb.org), or some other thing that is *different* from your normal car ride.

You should plan your time to get to the Church a few minutes early so that you can spend time praying in the Church before Mass (I get that there are things that sometimes hinder this – a diaper blowout, kids not being able to find their shoes, etc. – but if you plan to be at church at 10:25, but consistently get there at 10:35, you might want to change your plans to get there at 10:15... just saying). It is hard to run into Church and enter the eternal moment. It's good to have some time to change gears, to spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving before Mass begins.

The whole set up of the Church is geared to help us transition. We walk in and have holy water at our fingertips. We dip our fingers in and make the sign of the Cross saying, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This does at least two things: 1) We remind ourselves of who we are – in baptism, we are adopted sons and daughters of Almighty God, made full heirs to the Kingdom! The holy water is a tactile way of remembering this. 2) We consecrate this time to God, saying all that we do here is being done in the name of the God who is Trinity: I'm entering into this time of relationship with Him (not that we're not always in relationship with Him, but to be mindful of it).

In the Church are images to help us remember that we are entering into eternity – statues, pictures and stain glass windows of God and the saints, a different type of furniture from a home, school or work, a central focus on the mysteries of salvation (the Crucifix). Many churches even have a distinct smell from burning candles and incense. These are ways to help us, through our senses, to focus more on God and His love in this moment.

We then go to our pews. We may make a profound bow to the altar, or genuflect to the tabernacle (which houses the sacramental, real presence of Christ our God). Then we can spend a few minutes praying. What is this prayer? It can be many things, such as the intercessions and petitions we want to bring to God in this Mass, doing a quick examination of conscience and asking God for forgiveness, offering some act of praise or thanksgiving to God, or just being with Him in this moment, offering yourself to Him, asking Him to help you to focus in prayer during this Mass.

Whatever you do, I encourage you to prepare for Mass. This will help you enter into the sacrifice of Jesus with an open heart to give worship to God and to receive His grace.



SEMINARIAN BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 4, 2023

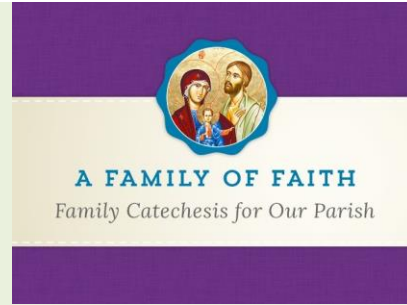
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LaBelle Winery, Amherst

\$100 ticket to brunch

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**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.

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.

**Monday Night Teachings
Jesus and the Eucharist**
During the National Eucharistic Revival
Strengthen your
Faith
Join us Monday Night at 7:00 PM
in the youth room
October 30th.
(No class on October 23rd)
**Teaching Mass in the Church on
November 6th, at 7:00 PM**



Save the following date, **Saturday, December 2nd**, from **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** 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.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
We pray for Barbara Dickson. We extend our sympathy to her family.



Generational Healing Mass, Friday, November 3rd, 7:00 PM, in the Church

Community Dinner, Friday, November 10th, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the Parish Center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, November 11th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the Parish Center

Turkey Cheer, Saturday, November 18th, at 6:00 PM, in the Parish Center

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00 PM, at the Congregational Church

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Christmas Craft Fair, Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the Parish Center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, December 9th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the Parish Center

Penance Service, Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace, Salem, NH

Blessing of the Creche, Monday, December 11th, 6:30 PM

Healing Mass, Friday, December 15th, at 7:00 PM, in the Church

CRAFT FAIR

The St. Jude Parish Country Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Join us to purchase hand-made items for your home, family, and pets, gift baskets, cookies, dozens of raffle items... and much more! NEW this year, we will also have vendors selling hand-crafted or other goods. For more information, please email: crafters@stjudenh.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.

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 10/15/23

Offertory Envelopes \$5,751

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,789

Total Offertory \$7,540

Faith Life \$1,444

Total Collected \$8,984

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

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

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 **Thursday, November 16th**.

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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