

**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,** 33<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Tocco family

**Monday October 24**

**8am ~ Dorothy Feriera** requested by the Martin family

**Helen Surprenant** requested by Priscilla LeBlanc

**Tuesday October 25**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Wednesday October 26**

**8am ~ Leo Miranda** requested by the Martin family

**Health & Blessing for Russell Viveiros** requested by Gary & Debby Anderson

**Thursday October 27**

**8am ~ Harry Brunelle** requested by his niece Connie

**Friday October 28**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday October 29**

**4pm ~ Michael Carroll,** Birthday Remembrance, requested by his sister Rosemary & family

**Sunday October 30**

**8am ~ Anthony & Edith Voto** requested by Lisa Voto & Denise Zolud

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.**



**Sunday, October 23**

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

**Tuesday, October 25**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 26**

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 27**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, October 28**

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

**Saturday, October 29**

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Sean Gallagher** by his family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Josephine Wilson** by Loretta Marino

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for *Fr. Leo Frechette, Lorriane O'Riorden, Traci Betancur, Linda Derby, Jeffrey Langenfeld* and *George & Kay Neskey*. We extend our sympathy to their families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

How many times do we look for short cuts in our lives? Our short cuts too often keep us from becoming the best version of ourselves, and keep us from growing in relationship with God and others. I bring this up because of the chaos of my week, I thought I might take a short-cut in writing my article. I confess that I went back to the previous three articles I wrote for this weekend (2013, 2016, 2019) to see if I could steal those and repost with no one noticing. But as I looked at them, none of them could really be used for where we are today. [Sigh...]

It did get me thinking, though, about external versus internal. We so often try to put on a good front for everyone to see, dreading for anyone to see the "real me," lest the real me be rejected in my brokenness. Yet we need real acceptance. We all want to be loved, but if we aren't known and seen for who we really are, then we won't really be loved... only our façade will be loved. So, we're in this dilemma – If I show my real self and am rejected, I will be devastated, so I show only the good and acceptable sides of myself, my personality, etc., so that I will be accepted... but, then, all acceptance I receive is not really acceptance of me but of my persona I put on. Ugh!

I think this may be at work with the parable in today's Gospel. Both the Pharisee and the tax collector need to be loved and accepted – for they are human; it is a core need built into us. The Pharisee has developed an active external persona in order to be acceptable to others, to God and to himself:

**O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.** (Luke 18:11-12)

He desperately needs to be accepted, and so has assumed external observances to make himself acceptable.

The Tax Collector, on the other hand, is brutally honest with himself. He knows he has betrayed his people. He has most likely betrayed his God in many ways. Who knows what brought him to the Temple that day. Whatever it was, it was something stirring up in his heart showing him how far he had fallen from God. In his brokenness, all the masks came off. He did not try to be someone he was not. He knew that if God did not accept him in his fallenness, there was no hope for being accepted and loved by anyone, anytime.

**The tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'** (Luke 18:13)

And he went home justified – in right relationship with God. God accepted him as he was.

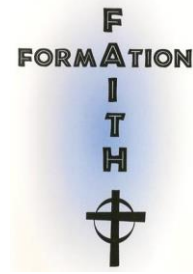
This is the mercy of God. He loves us where we are. He accepts us where we are. We are known to the depths of our souls and He still loves us. What made the tax collector able to receive the love of God was his repentance and contrition – he was sorry for his sin and knew he needed mercy. When we pretend (and isn't there so much pretending today... just look at Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok!), we end up only with fake love, fake intimacy, fake acceptance. But when we allow ourselves to be real with God, really broken, really in need of forgiveness ... we receive real acceptance, real love, real mercy.



## 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!

"All who humble themselves will be exalted." Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



## 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

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**.



### Seminarian Brunch Fundraiser

Come meet our seminarians at the Second Annual Black and White Brunch Fundraiser, which will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Generational Healing Mass**, Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Community Dinner**, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

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

**Confessions**, Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 PM, in the church

**Lighting of the Creche**, Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

**Confessions**, Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM, in the church

### BAKERS WANTED

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Christmas Craft Fair and we are looking for baked goods. If you can bake for us, please call the office to let us know. Then you will bring your baked good to the Parish Center on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or you can drop the baked goods at the Parish Office. Thank you!

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

### 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 10/16/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,117

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,200

**Total Offertory \$7,317**

Faith Life \$1,316

**Total Collected \$8,633**

Thank you for your continue support  
~Fr. Von~

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### Oct. 30 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

#### Nov. 6 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### Nov. 13 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.

### St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair

Save the following date, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

Join us for our Monday Night Teaching on **Catholic Social Teaching** on October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.



## **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).

## **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)