



Saturday October 2

4pm ~ Matthew J. Janos requested by Joan Janos

Sunday October 3

8am ~ Susan Santamaria, 30th Anniversary, requested by her family

Bernardin Raby, 11th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday October 4

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday October 5

8am ~ Frank Maglio, Jr., requested by Patty Kennedy

Wednesday October 6

8am ~ In Honor of St. Joseph

Dr. David James Bryan requested by Joyce

Thursday October 7

8am ~ Bob Wakefield requested by Shirley

Friday October 8

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday October 9

4pm ~ Rose Buckley, 35th Anniversary, requested by her daughter Barbara Agrella

Alfred LeBlanc, Jr., 2nd Anniversary, requested by his wife

Sunday October 10

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Emmy Cronin, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her husband & family



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Michael Dowd** and **Martin & Marie Dowd** by their family

Sunday, October 3

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school cafeteria

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center

Laudato Si Prayer Service, 5:30 PM, in the church

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

Monday, October 4

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria

Tuesday, October 5

Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, October 6

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, October 7

Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Holy Hour to Heal Our Land, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, October 8

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Ron Walsh**, 5th Anniversary, by his family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about marriage. He tells the Pharisees that it was not God's plan for divorce, but it was allowed in the law because of the hardness of our hearts. Jesus then appeals to the beginning (Genesis) saying that a husband and wife become one flesh and so must not be separated. We know that Jesus raised marriage from a natural union to a supernatural union called a sacrament. Sacramental Marriage is now a conduit of God's supernatural grace into the world.

In this culture of no-fault divorce, almost half of marriages end in divorce. This is not what God planned. He made marriage to be a joining of life and love. This, of course, doesn't mean it is easy, but it is meant to be the way a husband and wife get to heaven – they help each other get there by growing in selflessness.

Jesus makes it clear that if someone divorces and remarries, that person commits adultery – a grave sin against the heart of God. Because Jesus made marriage a sacrament, the Church places a high importance and weight on the vocation of marriage. The Church has constantly taught that marriage is a life-time commitment of total, faithful, free and fruitful love. Why? Because Jesus has revealed to us that marriage is not just another form of community, but is an image of the very life and love in the Heart of the Trinity – marriage is a revelation of who God is (see Ephesians 5:25-32)! Because God's love (especially seen on the Cross) is total, faithful, free and fruitful, so must marriage then – by its very nature – strive to live out these four aspects of love.

So how does the Church deal pastorally with those who are now divorced and want to enter into a new marriage?

The Church has a process which examines the marriage to see if it is a sacrament. The formal process for this is called an annulment. Contrary to popular belief, an annulment is NOT Catholic divorce. A divorce is the breaking of the bond. The annulment process looks to see whether or not the sacramental bond was created. The Church examines the marriage from the facts presented to see if all of the necessary aspects of marriage were there at its inception. Because the church has such a high regard for marriage, if the sacramental bond is there, she recognizes that only the death of one of the spouses can break that bond. However, there are different circumstances and situations that could keep the bond from forming correctly at the wedding. For instance, because the Church recognizes that the marriage bond is a total gift of self to the other, if one or both parties enter into marriage with a *condition* on the marriage, the sacramental bond is not formed. This condition might sound like, "I'll stay married to you, *unless...*" That "unless" puts a condition on the marriage. There are several other aspects the Church looks at to determine if there are grounds to declare a marriage was invalid.

I invite you, if you are in a marriage that is not blessed by the Church, to seek to have this marriage become the gift of God that is the sacrament. If you have been divorced and are remarried or desire to be remarried, I invite you to explore the possibility of the annulment process. While it may seem like a daunting process, let me help you through this process. While it can be difficult, it can also bring healing.

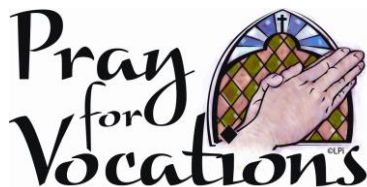
CONVERSION OF THE HEART

In *Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis writes, "Saint Francis of Assisi in the *Canticle of Creatures* refers to the earth as, "... a sister with whom we share our life ..." (LSi'1). "However, this sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her ... (LSi'2). He admits that the work is complex. He calls all people worldwide to be involved and to seek support in community. Underscoring that he writes of a need for "ecological conversion". That conversion of the heart where our souls have their "aha moment" and motivates us to act. That is, "... the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them." (LSi' 217).

MEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Men of New England is hosting a Men's retreat at St. Patrick Parish on **Saturday, October 9th**. The Friars of the Primitive Observance will run the retreat and the theme will be St. Joseph and Masculine Spirituality. We will start at 8:00 AM with Mass in the school chapel.

There will be opportunities for Confession, Adoration and discussions. The cost is \$10. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/4708148152530034> for more information.



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them." Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

ROOMBA RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off an iRobot i7 Roomba to fund their donations to various charities. They will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on the weekend of and **October 2nd & 3rd**. The drawing will be held on November 7th. Individual tickets will be sold for **\$5 each, or a book of 5 can be purchased for \$20**, which saves \$5 over buying the ticket individually.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **October 5th, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence.

Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



A Family of Faith - October

What a joy it has been to hear from families already about the quality of the materials and how excited their children are to sit down with mom and dad to discuss our beautiful Catholic faith. At the end of September, we came together as a community and enjoyed the parish picnic, connecting to the greater parish community.

During our first year of this program, we will be learning about the Profession of Faith. In the month of October, specifically families will be discussing the beauty of God's Creation. Remembering that God is Creator should immediately humble us. We think of beautiful sunsets, the majestic view from atop a mountain and we are left in awe of our Lord who truly is the Divine Artist.

What is even more important to remember is that you, yes you, are His master work. God has made you in His image and likeness and that is far more beautiful than any sunset.

The families will celebrate God's Creation at the end of the month by creating nature art and going on a nature scavenger hunt around the grounds of the parish.

Registration for our 2021-2022 Faith Life is still open. It is not too late if you have not yet registered. You can find registration materials on our parish website or by stopping in at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.



Holy Baptism

Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Isaac Vaughn Beloritsky, Declan James Dickson, Nolan Patrick Dumais, James Richard Gleavy, Faith Allison Horne, Gabriel Francis Mariano, Peter James Orlep, Bentley Ryan Richardson, Lyla Norma Thomas and Davina Shae Thompson.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**DISCIPLES ON A MISSION
PARISH MISSION - OCTOBER 17-19**

Casting Nets, a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization will be at St. Patrick Parish **October 17-19.** The mission will be led in the **Church from 7-8:30 PM** each evening.

Casting Nets will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in presentations that are humorous and entertaining. Speakers Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart have a combined 34 years of experience in almost every level and form of ministry, from youth to college and from RCIA to adult formation.

The focus of the mission: **The Challenge of Discipleship, The Complete Gift of Self, The Seven Pillars of Effective Evangelization.**

Before the Mission on **Sunday, October 17,** there will be a **free dinner in the Parish Center at 6:00 PM.** There will be a light reception after the Mission on Tuesday. All are welcome and **childcare for the Mission will be provided. To sign up for the Dinner and/or childcare, contact the parish office: 603-635-3525.**

MARCH FOR LIFE

Registration is now open for our 2022 pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the Annual March for Life. For more information, or to register, visit www.catholicnh.org/m41 and contact Fr. Von.

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 9/26/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,795
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$ 2,156
Total Offertory	\$ 6,951

Total Collected \$ 6,951

As of 9/26 we have an offertory deficit of \$ 1,986

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

NH Diocesan Priests Retirement

collected as of 9/26/21
\$ 2,144

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Oct. 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Oct. 10 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Parish Mission, October 17th – 19th, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the church

Generational Healing Mass, November 12th, 7:00 PM, in the Church

Craft Fair, December 4th, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Advent Penance Service, December 5th, 2:00 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem

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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
2:00-8:00pm

1st 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 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