



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

Monday October 31

8am ~ Christian Gualtieri requested by the
Shaw family

Tuesday November 1 All Saints

8am ~ Blanche Turcotte Day, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Patty Kennedy

10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

7pm ~ Christian Gualtieri, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by his family

Wednesday November 2

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday November 3

8am ~ Bob Wakefield requested by Shirley
Bob Ducharme, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by his wife Rosalie

Friday November 4

8am ~ Wilfrid Martin requested by Carol
Martin

Saturday November 5

8am ~ Regina Bourque requested by Lorraine
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday November 6

8am ~ George & Theresa Straughan requested
by Doug & Laura Masson

10:30am ~ Una Harrington, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by her family

Helen E. Taylor, 13th Anniversary, **In Honor
of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family

**Tuesday, November 1st, is a Holy Day of
Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 &
10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

Sunday, October 30

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the youth
room at the school

Wednesday, November 2

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the
parish center

Thursday, November 3

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, November 4

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school
Generational Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the
church



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
William & Irene Toupin by Norm & Terri
Clermont

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for *Mathew Gosselin, Sr., Richard
Kozowyk, John Donovan* and *Dr. Anthony
Caruso*. We extend our sympathy to their
families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was reading a commentary about today's Gospel. The author warned against sentimentalizing Zacchaeus, the diminutive tax collector. We can often imagine him as being short, cute and appealing. But this commentator says:

"He was a wealthy tax collector, a social oppressor, and a collaborator with an oppressive and dictatorial foreign government. How do we feel about drug dealers riding by in luxury SUVs and pulling out rolls of fifty-dollar bills? How do we feel about former Enron executives now comfortably retired in Aspen? How do we feel about shady political campaign operatives taking millions in donations from foreign governments while manipulating a domestic election?"

"The emotions would be similar for the Jews with respect to Zacchaeus." (*The Word of the Lord: Reflections on the Sunday Mass Readings for Year C* by John Bergsma, pp 422-423, Nook edition)

As I alluded to in my homily last weekend, we can miss the power of the story because we have been far removed from the context. If we have a better sense of Zacchaeus and his sin, we get a better sense of the incredible mercy and love of God. It then gives this story more power – Jesus wants to "eat" with *me*, even despite my incredible sinfulness!

Do we understand the mercy of God? We talk about it a lot, but I think we see it more as God "excusing" us. It's as if He just ignores our sin or "poo-poo's" it. But the sins we can't excuse: we can't see God excusing either, and so we might spiral into discouragement and depression. The truth, though, is that **God never excuses our sins**: He **forgives** them. He knows (better than we) the deep betrayal and rejection of His love that each of our sins does to Him; and He forgives them – He is merciful!

Notice the reaction of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus knows his sin, he knows how he has rejected God and country. When Jesus invites Himself over to Zacchaeus' house – when He accepts him, when He reaches out to him – Zacchaeus is completely changed. He's experienced mercy. He's experienced love in the midst of his betrayal. This mercy and love inspires in him a heroic repentance – he will now give away half of his wealth to those in need, and repay all his extortion not two times over (as the law would have it) but four times over.

It makes me think – if we have not experienced the self-denying repentance of Zacchaeus, is it because we have not experienced the mercy and love of God? The only reason this could be (that I can think of) is that instead of being open and honest with God about the real treachery of our sin, we candy-coat it, ignore it, hide it or excuse it. When we dare to come face to face with the putrid and horrendous reality of our sin, when we surrender it into God's hands, when we plead for mercy – like the tax collector of last week's Gospel – we will experience such love, such mercy that it will change our lives!

I pray for the grace and strength to be honest with God about our sins, and allow His mercy to pour out upon us. I pray that this will lead to such repentance as to desire never to harm our relationship with God again!

St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair

Save the following date, **December 3rd**, 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.

GENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

On Friday, November 4th, at 7:00 PM, Fr. Von will have a Generational Healing Mass. This Mass focusses on praying for the darkness and brokenness in our families throughout the generations. To prepare for this, you will need to fill out a family tree. Forms to help you with this can be found at the main entrance of the Church, the parish office, and on our parish website (**under "Sacraments & Prayer" click "Healing Mass"**)



"The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Will you share in Christ's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

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**.

THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of St. Gianna's Place, I would like to say how grateful I am for the generosity of the St. Patrick Community. The baby bottle drive that was recently held raised over \$5,700 to support our moms and their babies! Thank you for supporting life especially during these uncertain economic times.

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.

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!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Our next series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. This begins November 14th.

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 10/23/22

Offertory Envelopes \$4,549

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,845

Total Offertory \$6,394

Total Collected \$6,394

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

World Mission Sunday

collected as of 10/23/22

\$1,503

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, November 4th, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, November 5th, at 8:00 AM.

BAKERS WANTED

Saturday, December 3rd, 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 2nd**, between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or you can drop the baked goods at the Parish Office. Thank you!

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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