



Saturday October 7

4pm ~ Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Chisholm requested by the Chisholm family

Sunday October 8

8am ~ Robert Hall, 27th Anniversary, requested by Anita Hall & family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday October 9

8am ~ Emmy Cronin, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family

Tuesday October 10

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday October 11

8am ~ Don Goyette requested by the Goyette family

Thursday October 12

8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lapointe and Mr. & Mrs. Andre Turgeon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

John Comeau, Sr., 13th Anniversary, requested by his family

Friday October 13

8am ~ No Mass

7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday October 14

4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph requested by Donna Taylor

The Choquette & Loisselle Families and Rita & Jerry Trottier requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family

Sunday October 15

8am ~ Rose Buckley, 37th Anniversary, requested by her granddaughter Barbara

Mary Gleason, 6th Anniversary, requested by her family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day

Parish Office is closed

Jesus and the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, In the youth room at the school

Tuesday, October 10

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 11

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 12

Theology Oh Snap, 6:00-8:00 PM, in the classroom at the school

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, October 13

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

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, October 14

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Janyn Provencal**, 9th Anniversary, by the Provencal family

VOCATION

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Do not be anxious about discerning your vocation. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue looking at the Eucharist as Presence, I want to share some of my own experience of basking in the Eucharistic Presence of Christ.

While I grew up very involved in the Church – I was an altar boy shortly after my First Communion, and even, for a time, served the 7am daily Mass before going to school – my parish did not have set adoration times. I don't remember ever experiencing Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until I was in seminary. However, I was given the gift of love for the Eucharist, especially through the ministry of Bishop Sheen.

When I was in high school, my parents gave me some tapes of a retreat that Bishop Sheen gave in 1973. I listened to them over and over again throughout high school and college (and occasionally go back and listen even now). While he spoke on many things, at the heart of the retreat was a call to all the priests and religious to make a daily, continuous holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. That stirred my imagination and drew my heart. It was not possible while I was in high school, but in college I began this practice. There was a Catholic Student Center on campus that had daily Mass at 12:10pm, in a little chapel. I began going every day (when I didn't have class), and I began to spend extra time with the Lord, leading up to a daily holy hour. When I was home on vacations, I was able to continue this practice by getting to one of the four churches in town (or to the Carmelite Monastery).

I won't say that this practice was always filled with Divine lights. In fact, like the Apostles, I sometimes fell asleep, kneeling at my seat in front of the tabernacle. However, the constant exposure to Christ had its effect. Over time, my prayer deepened. I was able to pour out my heart to God in my brokenness, to rejoice with Him for His gifts, and to cry out to Him for the needs of friends and family. This practice strengthened me in my resolve to become a priest. It also helped me discern becoming a Diocesan priest... which was NOT my plan (I had wanted to be a Vincentian, much like Fr. John and Fr. Anthony).

When I went to seminary in the Fall of 1998, I was determined to make a daily holy hour. With four chapels around campus and a set schedule, it was easy to schedule time with Jesus into my day. It was in seminary that I experienced Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. A few seminarians arranged for two hours of this adoration time on Sunday night, and asked me to sign up for some time. And so, I was there before the Lord in all His humble glory, visible in His hidden form, shown to us in the monstrance. I found it exhilarating ... even though I didn't know the Latin hymns! Over time, the newness wore off, but I still found myself drawn to this special time with our Lord, exposed for us to adore.

I found out in my first few weeks as a priest that I could not count on my schedule being stable: a call to anoint at the hospital or nursing home, a parishioner needing to talk, or any number of little duties that would arise would throw off my planned time for a holy hour. I realized I needed to spend that time with the Lord first thing in the morning. With that, I began getting up earlier (certainly, earlier than I would have liked) to spend time with the Lord. This consistent decision to enter the Presence of the Lord, to sacrifice my time (and my sleep) to be with Him, has molded me over the years. When I become tepid in my Christian walk, the fidelity to the Holy Hour has allowed me to reignite the fire of love for the Lord (though not always as quickly as I should!).

I encourage you to set aside regular time to be with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Maybe you can only give a few minutes a week right now. Okay – begin. Make it an appointment. Choose to give something up so that you can spend a little time with the Lord. I promise you... I PROMISE you: it will bear fruit! The Lord will welcome that little sacrifice and draw you to Himself. You will find over time that while the world sees this as wasted time, it is, rather, the most precious time you have, and the Lord will not let it go unrewarded.



**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.

**Monday Night Teachings
Jesus and the Eucharist**
During the National Eucharistic Revival
Strengthen your
Faith
Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
in the youth room
October 8th – October 30th.
(No class on October 23rd)
**Teaching Mass in the Church on
November 6th, at 7:00 PM**

Light of the World
Join us October 20-23, 2023
For a life-changing retreat!
Light of the World
held at St. Patrick School
sign up by contacting
the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
The retreat is free,
and you sleep at home.
Please indicate dietary restrictions.
**If you need rides to and from the Retreat,
and this is stopping you from signing up,
we do have the ability to provide rides
for a number of participants. Let us
know when you sign up.**



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

St. Gianna's Place: A Catholic Home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, will be holding a baby bottle campaign until October 8th. Our doors have been open for 4 years and we've been able to offer a loving, formative and supportive home to over 20 women and their 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 at the entrance of the church. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!


SEMINARIAN BRUNCH FUNDRAISER
Saturday, November 4, 2023
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
LaBelle Winery, Amherst
\$100 ticket to brunch
For more information, please visit
www.liveinblackandwhite.com

The Cathedral Gift Shop is now open! Located in the rectory building at St. Joseph Cathedral (145 Lowell St, Manchester), the Gift Shop carries greeting cards, rosaries, crucifixes, sacramental gifts, home goods, children's items, and books – all faithful to the Catholic teaching. Store hours are: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9-2, Wed 9-5:30 and Sat 9-3:30. Anyone interested in becoming a gift shop volunteer may complete an application at: stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop. Please support our diocesan parishes!




Healing Mass, Friday, October 13th, at 7:00 PM, in the Church
Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, October 14th, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the Parish Center

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



**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
 HARVEST CRAFT FAIR
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
 9:00am - 3:00pm**



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry would like to invite you to join us for our Harvest Craft Fair. The Fair will be held in the Aquinas Center. There will be raffle baskets, bake sale tables, along with over 40 different kinds of crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11:00 AM.



The Parish Office will be closed on this Monday, October 9th, and will reopen on Tuesday, October 10th, at 8:30 AM.

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 10/1/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,831
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,834
Total Offertory	\$7,665
Total Collected	\$7,665

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement
 collected as of 10/1/23
 \$1,547
 Thank you for your generosity!



**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Oct. 15 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Oct. 22 World Mission Sunday
 On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to “go out to all the world.” The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis throughout the world.

Oct. 29 Maintenance
 This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

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.

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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