



**Saturday September 9**

**4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by Donna Taylor  
**Don Goyette** requested by the Goyette family

**Sunday September 10**

**8am ~ Patricia Dube**, 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Cyndee  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday September 11**

**8am ~ Laura Manning** requested by the Lemieux family  
**Nathan David Levesque**

**Tuesday September 12**

**8am ~ Brenda Gabriel** requested by Joyce Ricciardone  
**Bernadette Dionne** requested by the Michaud family

**Wednesday September 13**

**8am ~ May Hart** requested by David & Maureen Groff  
**For Health & Blessings in Thanksgiving of 25 years of Diaconate for Deacon John Hunt**

**Thursday September 14**

**8am ~ Stephanie Wisniewski**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family  
**Donald Martin** requested by a friend

**Friday September 15**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday September 16**

**4pm ~ The Choquette & Loiselles Families** and **Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family  
**Paul Pelletier** requested by his family

**Sunday September 17**

**8am ~ Corey Lemieux** and **Anita Hall**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by their family  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday, September 10**

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

**Monday, September 11**

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school  
 Jesus and the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, September 12**

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

**Wednesday, September 13**

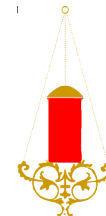
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM  
 Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM  
 Women’s AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, September 14**

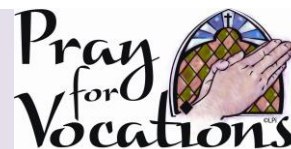
Men’s AA, 7:00 PM, in the school  
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, September 15**

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Terry Wallace**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by her family



“Where two or three are gathered in My name ...”  
 The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few years ago, the Pew Research Center did a survey of religions, and in the survey they found that only about 30% of self-identifying Catholics in the U.S. believe that at Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus. Of those surveyed, one-third of *weekly Mass attendees* don't believe in this substantial change. (In case you are unsure, it has been the constant teaching of the Catholic Church from the very beginning that when Jesus said, "This is my body," He was not speaking of a symbol but that the bread and wine truly became His Body and Blood.)

In reaction to this survey, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) knew that something needed to be done to reinvigorate the faith. They came up with a plan: to have several years dedicated to the Eucharist (they knew that one year would not be enough), and to hold a national Eucharistic Congress. As such, we are now in the middle of the three years of Eucharistic Revival. This second year is dedicated to parish renewal.

Here at St. Patrick Parish, we are working on several ways to strengthen Eucharistic faith. This week, my Monday night teachings will begin, using FORMED programs to strengthen faith in Jesus and the Eucharist. On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having a candlelight Eucharistic Procession ("Christ Be Our Light") in order to pray for those who have fallen away from the practice of the Faith (keep an eye out for further "Encounter Nights" in the area to help people encounter Christ in the Eucharist). We are also putting a stronger emphasis on activities we already have in place in the parish – Sunday and daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Light of the World Retreats. And I am committing myself to writing a series of bulletin articles teaching about the Eucharist and the Mass – this being the first one.

The Second Vatican Council said that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium* 11, qtd. in Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324). This is a reminder to us that the Eucharist is everything: that from which our life flows (the source), and that toward which our life is directed (the summit). How can that be? Because the Eucharist is Jesus, not a what, but a *who!*

Over the course of the next several articles, I'll examine (hopefully in an understandable way) how the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion. In the midst of this, I'll break down the different parts of the Mass and explain what it means and why we do what we do, as well as giving practical tips for getting more out of Mass.

Does that seem like a daunting task? It does to me, but as I write this, I am committing myself to put in the time and effort to do this well.

In the meantime, I have homework for you. I encourage you to go onto YouTube and watch two videos about the importance of the Eucharist. The first is about what mystically is happening at Mass. You can find it by searching "**The Veil Removed**" (or going here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTgIaM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTgIaM)). The second is about what happens at Eucharistic Adoration. This video is done by Fr. Mike Schmitz (of "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" fame). You can find it by searching "**What Really Happens in Eucharistic Adoration**" (or by going here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6hXG43Fflw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6hXG43Fflw)). Watching both videos will only take about 15 minutes out of your life, but may very well change how experience the graces God pours out in the Eucharist.

I have such hopes for these years of Eucharistic Revival, that they will bring about a renewal of faith and greater Eucharistic amazement (to quote St. John Paul II). I encourage you to enter in to these mysteries, asking God to give you a greater faith and openness to the grace He pours out in the Eucharist.



**OUR FAITH LIFE PROGRAM HAS BEGUN!**

What a blessing and pleasure it is to begin another Faith Life year. The first month of the Family of Faith books we use are always committed to an orientation of sorts to the program. This program brings the family together to learn together about their faith and grow closer to Jesus! We will also take time to remember how important we are as Parents. We truly are the first teachers of the faith in our children's lives and the Church is here to support us in this great endeavor.

God Bless you all and I will see you soon!

Adam Castor  
Director of Faith Life  
St. Patrick Parish  
Pelham, NH

**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  
September 11<sup>th</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING**

Our Women's Bible Sharing group will resume weekly meetings starting in September and we'd love to have you join us! Our goal is to grow deeper in our faith while also building faith-filled friendships. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 9-10AM and continuing weekly throughout the year. Each week, we focus on reading and discussing the readings for that week. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." -Matthew 18:20 Please contact Jennah Costa with any questions [jennahcosta@yahoo.com](mailto:jennahcosta@yahoo.com) or (207) 431-4546.

*Light of the World*  
The Light of the World Retreat is coming to Saint Patrick's. **Surrendering Your Life to The Holy Spirit.** October 20-23, 2023.



**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 beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> until October 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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**PICNIC**  
*hope to see you!*  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Annual Parish Picnic  
Sunday, September 24, 2023  
After the 10:30 AM Mass  
Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We pray for Stephen Craig and Jackie Picken. We extend our sympathy to their families.

## Christ Be Our Light

### A Vigil and Eucharistic Procession Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM

“Join us for an evening of prayer, music, and adoration as we bear witness to the Eucharist in a candle lit procession and pray for the homecoming of those who are away from the Church. We will assemble in the Church and (weather permitting) have an outdoor Eucharistic Procession ending at the Grotto”

**Troop 25** is conducting a collection drive in collaboration with the International Veterans Care Services (IVCS). The IVCS is a veterans charity located in Methuen, MA that provides food, toiletries, clothing, and transportation to veterans in the Merrimack River Valley. The troop is collecting personal needs items for this charity. A collection box is located in the front of the church. Collection dates will go from September 1 to September 30. Some items we are looking for include soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toilet paper, and toothpaste. For any further questions or inquiries, please email David Kupcho at [davidkupcho@outlook.com](mailto:davidkupcho@outlook.com).

## 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 9/3/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,397
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,087
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,484</b>

<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$7,484</b>
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Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

## Capital Improvement

collected as of 9/3/23

\$1,277

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every penny counts!*



*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Sept. 17 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### Sept. 24 Evangelization

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

### Oct. 1 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### Oct. 8 Utility

This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

### Oct. 15 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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



**Community Dinner**, Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the Parish Center

**Old Home Day**, Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Hour for Creation**, Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, in the Church

**Christ Be Our Light Adoration Procession**, Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Church.

**Parish Picnic**, Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**Blessing of the Animals**, Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM

## FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels, Ramen Noodle (packets), Jello** and **Pudding**. Thank you for your generosity!



## **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)