



Saturday September 11

4pm ~ John & Marcia Mathson requested by the Mathson family
Kevin Godosky, 1st Anniversary, **Walter Godosky**, 12th Anniversary, requested by Rick & Gail Gagne & family

Sunday September 12

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Bob Doucette requested by Shirley Chipper & **Clint St. Onge** requested by Harriet, Chad & Curt St. Onge

Monday September 13

8am ~ Helen Belanger, Birthday Remembrance, requested by James & Doreen Dolan

Tuesday September 14

8am ~ Stephanie Wisniewski, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

Wednesday September 15

8am ~ Jean McLaughlin requested by Diana Shinnick

Thursday September 16

8am ~ Joyce Hamel requested by the Berard family

Friday September 17

8am ~ No Mass
7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday September 18

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loiselle Families and **Rita & Jerry Trotter** requested by the Choquette family
Patricia Mary O'Rawe requested by her family

Sunday September 19

8am ~ Robert Hall, 25th Anniversary, **Corey Lemieux** requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, September 12

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

Monday, September 13

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

Tuesday, September 14

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

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, September 17

Community Dinner, 5:30 PM, in the parish center

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

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Terry Wallace**, 3rd Anniversary, by her family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Terry Wallace**, 3rd Anniversary, by her family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. James speaks to us in the second reading today that faith and works must be united. Over the course of the centuries, there has been a debate about whether we believe we are saved by faith or works. Do our works mean anything? Are they the way we get to heaven? Or is it our faith and faith alone that saves us?

If you were to ask many Catholics, you might believe that it is our works that save us. We often hear of the image of the scale: looking to see if our good works out balance our sin. We hear this when we talk about someone being in heaven because of all the good things they did in this life. Even Scripture seems to point to this view, as we read about the Last Judgment in the Gospel of Matthew:

Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food... Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food... (Matthew 25:34-35, 41-42)

Even today's second reading seems to point to this, as James says,

What good is it ... if someone says he has faith but does not have works? (James 2:14)

Many of our Protestant brothers and sisters would reject this belief and say that it is by faith alone that we are saved. They look at the letter to the Hebrews where we read,

But without faith it is impossible to please him, for anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

(Hebrews 11:6)

They claim that our works, which are filled with such selfishness and sin, could never please God, but only saving faith.

What does the Church teach? The Church teaches that **we are saved by grace, working in love**. Did you catch all that? The Church recognizes that we cannot earn heaven. I'll say that again: *We CANNOT earn heaven!* No matter how much we work, no matter how much good we do, we cannot earn heaven. Why not? Because even one small sin is such an offense an infinitely good God, that it is enough to separate us from Him forever. But

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

We are saved by *grace*. It is God's work in us. He came into our humanity to take on our sin, and He broke the power of sin and death by His cross and resurrection. So, we cannot earn heaven... it is a free gift to us from God.

However, the Church recognizes that God has given us free will, and so we must *accept* that gift. We accept that gift by faith working in love (see Galatians 5:6). *Both* faith and works of love. So, our works do mean something for our eternity, but they don't *earn* eternal life. Our good works – done in love (see I Corinthians 13)– allow us to be open to the gift of God's grace. United to the grace of God, our works mold us and form us into Christ – but it is first and foremost from the grace of God.

May we truly be open to the gift of God's saving grace in our lives, and accept that gift by faith working in love.

HEARING THE CRY OF THE EARTH, THE CRY OF THE POOR

In Chapter 1 of the encyclical *Laudato Si' Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis tells us that our planet is facing many challenges – pollution, waste, a throwaway culture, climate change, water quality and quantity, decline of the quality of human dignity and life, and global inequality. He says that while all of us are affected – the poor and vulnerable are much more at risk. For many, especially in the global south, these communities may have consumed the least of earth's resources but suffer the most. He adds, "...a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the *cry of the earth*, the *cry of the poor*. (LSi'49). Celebrate the *Season of Creation*.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 22, 2021**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Dinner, September 17th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Healing Mass, September 17th, at 7:00 PM in the church

Parish Picnic, September 26th, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Blessing of the Pets, October 2nd, at 1:00 PM

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

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



Join us for a **Holy Hour to Heal Our Land** on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Linda Merrill at lj.merrill.5@gmail.com

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the Womb*. After the 10:30 AM Mass on this Sunday, September 12th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.



"Who do you say that I am?" The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Will you follow Him as a priest, brother or sister? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

A Family of Faith – September

“The ministry of evangelization carried out by Christian parents is original and irreplaceable. It assumes the characteristics typical of family life itself, which should be interwoven with love, simplicity, practicality and daily witness.” – *Familiaris Consortio*

And so we begin another wonderful Faith life year. This month parents are reminded of their essential role as primary catechist to their children. So often I find myself questioning myself and my own abilities as a parent. Me, Lord?

This is why we begin in this way, empowering parents to step into this role which they are called to by Almighty God. Your children do not need you perfect, they need you just as you are. They need your presence and they need to hear your journey of faith.

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.

St. Gianna's Place a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson will be holding a baby bottle campaign beginning on **September 11th**. Our doors have now been open for two years and we've been able to offer a loving, supportive home to 15 women and many babies and 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 entrances of the Church by **October 3rd**.

St. Gianna's Place is in need of prayer warrior volunteers! From the comfort of your home, we need folks to pray for our moms and babies. Please fill out the tag attached to the baby bottle and return it to the bin. Someone will then contact you to be part of our new prayer warrior ministry. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

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 9/5/21

Offertory Envelopes \$6,119

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,446

Total Offertory \$8,565

Total Collected \$8,565

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

Catholic University

collected as of 9/5/21

\$2,075

Thank you for your generosity!

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©PPC

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 19 Utility

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

Sept. 26 NH Diocesan Priests Retirement

This collection supports the NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund. This fund provides retirement benefits to retired NH diocesan priests.

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.

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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