



Saturday September 16

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loiselle 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

Monday September 18

8am ~ Ruth E. Coughlin requested by a friend
Jim Narragon requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Tuesday September 19

8am ~ Clint St. Onge, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Mom, Chad & Curt
Dick Dube requested by Joan Berard

Wednesday September 20

8am ~ Romeo DiGiantommaso requested by his sisters

Thursday September 21

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Ruth McKenzie requested by her family
Leo Rochon requested by Roland & Therese Soucy

Friday September 22

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday September 23

4pm ~ The DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family
James Rowe, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family

Sunday September 24

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Michael, Victoria & Anthony Sarno requested by Carmine & Annette Sarno

Sunday, September 17

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Holy Hour for Creation, 6:00 PM, in the church

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, September 20

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, September 21

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

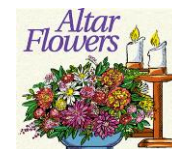
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

Christ Be Our Light Adoration Procession, 7:00 PM, in the church



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Patricia Dube**, 36th Anniversary, by Cyndee



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Clint St. Onge**, 3rd Anniversary, by Mom, Chad & Curt

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
 We pray for Frank Croteau. We extend our sympathy to his family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I mentioned last week, in this time of Eucharistic Revival, I will be writing about the Eucharist. In the early 2000s, St. John Paul II declared a year of the Eucharist. The plan was for people to rekindle “Eucharistic amazement” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia* 6). We are called constantly to rekindle this amazement in our lives. We can do this by prayer (spending quality time with our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence), in study (like the study I began on Monday, or reading good books on the Eucharist), and by telling stories. Telling stories helps to engage our whole selves. I recently read a book with thirteen different authors telling their stories about the Eucharist, and I would like to share a few of these (stories and quotes come from *Beautiful Eucharist*, Dynamic Catholic).

Fr. Mike Schmitz recounts a story that affected how he looked at Eucharistic devotion: When the Communists came to power in China, they sought to get rid of Christianity. In one small village, they put the priest under house arrest, and destroyed the Church, including throwing the tabernacle out the window. The Eucharist – the Body of Christ – was scattered over the ground. The priest could do nothing, except watch from a window. That night, he saw a 12-year-old girl sneaking through the shadows to the site. She had been taught that she could not touch the Eucharist with her hands and that she could only receive the Eucharist once a day, so she put her head to the ground and picked up the Eucharist with her tongue, and snuck away. She came night after night, to receive the Eucharist this way, one host at a time. The priest knew how many hosts were in the Tabernacle, and so when the last night came, he was relieved, for she would be safe after this night. But after the girl received, she made a noise, and two soldiers rushed to her and beat her to death. She gave her life in care and love for the Eucharist.

Do we have the same longing for the Eucharist as this young girl? Do we have the same care and devotion? “One crumb of the body of Jesus is enough to save the world” (p. 20).

Peter Kreeft shares what he learned about the Eucharist from a Muslim: A Muslim man questioned the Catholic belief in Jesus’ presence: “*He is really present there, yes? That what’s there is the man who was God?*” (p. 33). He continues, “I don’t think you really do believe that.... If I believed that that thing that looks like a little round piece of bread was really Allah Himself, I think I would just faint. I would fall at His feet like a dead man” (p. 34).

Do we really believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist – that it is not a symbol, but really and truly God Most High in that tiny Eucharist? Would that change our reverence and respect for the Tabernacle, the Mass and the Sacred Species?

Jenna Griewe shares the story of how she learned to adore the Lord: As a teen her youth minister brought her to Adoration. Not knowing how to enter in to this, and struggling with the silence, her youth minister said to her, “Just picture Jesus as if He’s sitting up there on the altar—because He is. He’s just talking to you and you’re talking to Him. What does He want to tell you? What do you want to say to Him?” (p. 42). With that, everything changed for Jenna. Time with Jesus became increasingly more personal; fruits flooded her life, fruits of stillness, calm, prayer and joy. The next time she went to Communion, it had radically more meaning and filled in all the gaps she felt were missing in Mass. Even as a wife and mother, she continues to go to Adoration in order to get through the confusion, anxiety and lack of peace.

In our chaotic lives, do we turn to Jesus to bring order to the chaos, to bring peace to the confusion. All it takes is for us to go in front of the Lord and have a real heart to Heart conversation with Him, trusting in faith that He is truly there.



"Mom, Dad, Can you take us to church with you?"

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Fr. Von will have a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 30th, at 1:00 PM. You can come with your pets (appropriately leashed, tethered, or in carriers, as needed) to the lower lot parking behind the Church.



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.

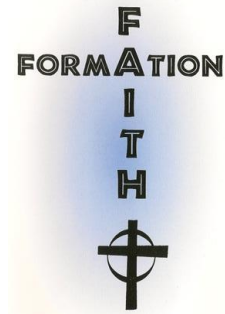
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BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



St. Gianna's Place: A Catholic Home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, will be holding a baby bottle campaign beginning September 16th 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!



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



Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM

in the youth room

September 18th - October 30th.

Vocations A Partnership



With God!

"...therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 24, 2023

After the 10:30 AM Mass

Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us". We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-9:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.



Holy Hour for Creation, Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:00 PM, in the Church

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

Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 24th, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, September 30th, at 1:00 PM

Blood Drive, Thursday, October 5th, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the Parish Center

Mass for Creation, Thursday, October 5th, at 7:00 PM, in the Church

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

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 9/10/23

Offertory Envelopes \$ 5,416

Offertory Electronic Giving \$ 1,967

Total Offertory \$ 7,383

Utilities \$ 1,468

Total Collected \$ 8,851

Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

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.

**Christ Be Our Light
A Vigil and Eucharistic Procession
Saturday, September 23rd, 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"

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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