

**CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

**St. Patrick Parish**

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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

**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 [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or (603)-635-3525.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

*Saturday*

4PM

*Sunday*

8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

**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**

*Wednesday*

8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

**FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY**

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

**RECONCILIATION**

*Saturday*

3pm to 3:30pm

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.

**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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday September 17**  
4pm **The Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families** requested by their family

**Sunday September 18**  
8am **Patricia Dube**, 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
10:30am **Pearl & Joseph Bergeron**, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by their children  
6pm **Intentions for all our Parishioners**

**Monday September 19**  
8am **Nancy McLaughlin** requested by the Bible Study Group  
**Martin Hebert** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon  
7pm Mass for Reparation

**Tuesday September 20**  
8am **Intentions for the Blessed Mother**

**Wednesday September 21**  
8am **Nancy McLaughlin** requested by Patty Kennedy  
7pm Confessions

**Thursday September 22**  
8am **Bill Costa** "Birthday Remembrance" requested by his cousin Linda

**Friday September 23**  
8am No Mass

**Saturday September 24**  
4pm **Rick Minton**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, **Beverly Trainor** requested by Andrea Genereux

**Sunday September 25**  
8am **Pat "Honey" Kosik & Lori Ann Croteau** requested by husband & father Walter Kosik, Sr.  
10:30am **Roland Gonsalves**, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Helen Gonsalves & family  
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

## 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 following week:  
Offertory 9/11/16 \$7,437

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$9,094

Thank you for your continued support  
~Fr. Von~

## Capital Improvement

collected as of 9/11/16  
\$1,673

Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

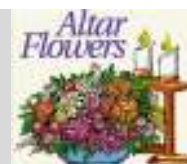
**Sept. 25 NH Diocesan Priest Retirement**  
This collection supports the NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund. This fund provides retirement benefits to retired NH diocesan priests.

**Oct. 2 Capital Improvements**  
This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Oct. 9 Utility**  
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

**Oct. 16 Maintenance**  
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Patricia Dube, 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by Norman & Cyndee Tourville



### **Sunday, September 18**

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall  
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room  
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

### **Monday, September 19**

Mass of Reparation, 7:00 PM

### **Tuesday, September 20**

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

### **Wednesday, September 21**

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the meeting room

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Confession, 7:00 PM

### **Thursday, September 22**

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

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### **CONSECRATION TO MERCIFUL LOVE**

In this Year of Mercy, are you interested in Consecrating yourself to the Merciful Love of God? We will begin a 33-day period of preparation beginning on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> (the Feast of St. John Paul II). You can do the preparation and Consecration at home. If you are interested in assisting in payment of the books, please let Fr. Von know, as well.

### **UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE**

October 29, 2016

Registration at 8:00 AM

St. Andre Bessette Parish

291 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246

For more information, call Jude at 603-524-9609

or email: [AbbaHealingCenter1@gmail.com](mailto:AbbaHealingCenter1@gmail.com)

**The Parish Picnic is next Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 AM Mass. Please come and join us for delicious food and Fellowship.**



The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in September:

**Joshua Beauregard**

and

**Rebecca Lamarre**

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

### **Welcome All!**

### **New Scripture Study Began**

**September 14, 2016**

Welcome to an upcoming year of studying the scriptures. If you are new to scripture study or well-seasoned, you are invited to attend. Come and learn with other curious people who are want to learn more about the scriptures. Classes meet weekly on Wednesday mornings throughout the school year from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM in the meeting room. The class format includes an opening prayer, discussion questions and answers and a biweekly video. This coming school year, we will study the Bible Timeline beginning in the new testament and follow with a detailed study of Matthew. The Bible Timeline will be about 12 sessions, beginning in September. The study of Matthew will begin in January. The cost for books is \$28.

To register, please email Donna Beals at [dbeals1@comcast.net](mailto:dbeals1@comcast.net) or call at 603-898-0308. Please join us in the meeting room below the church.

### **MASS OF REPARATION**

Because of the violence and evil in our country and our world, on this Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Mass of Reparation at 7:00 PM. Join us as we pray for God's merciful love to penetrate hearts, and end the excessive violence and evil in our world.



My dear brothers and sisters,

This past Tuesday we had the primaries for New Hampshire. Sometimes we question whether or not our Faith has any importance in the political sphere. There are certainly plenty of people out there that say we need to keep our religion to ourselves and that it has no place in public life. The problem with this view is that we have a God who made everything and everyone. He has a loving plan for each person, for society and culture, and for the planet. God created each person and knows what will be best for him or her. To relegate God to the periphery is idolatry – it is to say that I am my own God, and, like Adam and Eve believed, I can determine all that is right and wrong, good and evil. Everything belongs to God; we are stewards of His Creation.

In the second reading today, St. Paul in writing to Timothy speaks of how we offer “**supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings**” for everyone, and then he specifically calls out “**kings and for all in authority**”. Political authority was not good to the early Christian Church, and it got worse for the next couple hundred years after St. Paul. Yet, St. Paul directed Timothy to pray for those in authority. Why?

We hear in the Gospel today how Jesus tells a parable of a steward who has squandered the property of his master... and he is finally caught. This temptation is there for everyone in power. Some are more tempted than others, but the temptation is there. Those in authority, especially political authority, are in constant need of our prayers and sacrifices offered to God. Without the strength of God, God’s grace and mercy, it is so easy for our leaders to focus more on their own personal or political gain than on the service to the people for which they were elected. While this would be bad enough for one soul (after all, what good is it to gain the whole world and to lose your soul?!), when one has political authority, this affects the constituents. The selfish decisions of leaders without regard for morality or the common good can lead to the destruction or collapse of a town, a state, a nation, or a whole society. This has happened plenty of times throughout the course of history (for instance, ancient Rome). Marxist philosophy rejected God. It rejected the inherent dignity of each person saying that if you were going to make an omelet, you had to break some eggs. They used this philosophy to exterminate millions. To put it lightly, when we take God out of our decisions, it leads to a big, big mess.

This then becomes the question for each of us: Is God central in all our decisions? Do the truths of our Faith form how we act, think, interact with each other? Are there areas of our lives that we say we should keep God out of: our recreation, our politics, our work, our bedrooms? The truth is, any place from which we decide to eject God, He *will* step away from. Do we really want God NOT to bless our homes, family, work and country? My personal opinion on this is that rejecting God and His Word is a big part of the reason why we are in the mess we are in today – God has said, “I have a tremendous blessing for you, but you have rejected it. I will not force it on you.” Don’t we so need His blessing and protection in our country, in our lives today?!

I invite you to do as St. Paul has directed us to do: to pray and sacrifice for our political leaders. It doesn’t matter on which part of the political spectrum you fall, all our leaders need our prayers. And remember this, whether you like them or not, they are NOT the enemy. Our true enemy is much more insidious: he is “**prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour**” (I Peter 5:8). Our politicians need our prayers and sacrifices so that they can be the men and women of honor and integrity that we *need* them to be.

I also invite you to take a close look at your political views: are they in conformity with what we know our God has revealed to us of how He has created the universe and the dignity of each person? It is true that there is not a particular candidate or party stands for all we believe in as a people of Faith. We have a duty and obligation, therefore, to examine what our Faith teaches so that we can form our consciences to act politically in ways that work for the common good, respecting the dignity of each human person, and to contact our politicians to vote in ways that will build up the Kingdom of God, not tear it down.



## Jesus and Mary want to Live in your Family's Home!

On October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Church a Sister from the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love will be at our parish to do a two-part Catechesis on the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please mark these nights on your calendar and join us to learn more about this beautiful family devotion. To prepare our hearts and homes for this consecration the Sisters have asked that we all begin to pray the Rosary while venerating a statue or image of Mary. Please join our parish family in preparing for this special devotion.

### MENS' CLUB RAFFLE

St. Patrick Men's Club is selling raffle tickets in Honor of Fr. John Sledziona and for Parish Projects. The drawing will take place at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The raffle tickets are available at the parish office. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: iRobot Roomba 980 Vacuuming Robot (\$900 Value)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 100 Massachusetts \$5.00 Scratch Tickets (\$500 Value)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 2 Tickets to a 2017 Red Sox Game**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 2 Tickets to a 2016 Patriots Game**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$100.00 Cyr Lumber Gift Card**

Need not to be present to win; if present, winner can choose any remaining prize.



### DON'T MISS OUT

Friday, October 21, 2016

St. Patrick Parish Fall Fundraiser

Auction, Raffles, Dinner and featuring the game,  
"Price It Right"

Special appearance by our own "Vanna White". Tickets for all this fun are \$40.00 each and are available now in the Parish Office. For more information please contact Kathy Jean at 603-635-3525 or [kathy7421@comcast.net](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)

**NH CURSILLO STATEWIDE MASS and ULTREYA,** Saturday, September 24, 2016. St. Joseph Cathedral, 145 Lowell Street, Manchester, NH. Please join the NH Cursillo community for a wonderful evening, starting with 4:00 PM Mass with Bishop Peter Libasci followed by a Pot Luck Dinner and ending with Ultreya at 7:00 PM. Music, fellowship, and sharing our faith and love – For Christ, with Christ, and in Christ. Come for Mass, or come for dinner and/or the Ultreya, but just come! Come if you are interested in learning more about Cursillo. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. For additional information, contact Jim Forin (603)953-3843 or [jmfortin87@gmail.com](mailto:jmfortin87@gmail.com)

### New Hampshire Knights of Columbus

**PTV Channel 22**

#### **Decision point with Matthew Kelly Part 3**

Baby Safe Haven with

Meredith Elb & Phyllis Woods

**Airing 9/19 to 9/25**

Beneath the Surface with Paul Murano

**Airing 9/26 to 10/2**

#### The Daily Schedule

Sunday 2:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00 PM

Wednesday 1:00 PM

Thursday 3:00 PM

Friday 2:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Saturday 1:00 AM & 8:00 PM

### Acts of Mercy

#### How many **Spiritual**

- \_\_\_ Instruct the uninformed
- \_\_\_ Counsel the doubtful
- \_\_\_ Admonish sinners
- \_\_\_ Comfort the sorrowful
- \_\_\_ Bear wrongs patiently
- \_\_\_ Forgive offenses
- \_\_\_ Pray for the living and the dead

#### How many **Corporal**

- \_\_\_ Feed the hungry
- \_\_\_ Clothe the naked
- \_\_\_ Give drink to the thirsty
- \_\_\_ Shelter the homeless
- \_\_\_ Comfort the imprisoned
- \_\_\_ Visit the sick
- \_\_\_ Bury the dead