



Saturday September 18
4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisel Families and Rita & Jerry Trottier requested by the Choquette family
Patricia Mary O'Rawe requested by her family

Sunday September 19
8am ~ Robert Hall, 25th Anniversary, and Corey Lemieux requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday September 20
8am ~ Andrew Ogiba requested by Donna Smith

Tuesday September 21
8am ~ Dominec DiGiantommaso requested by his daughter
Patricia Dube, 34th Anniversary, requested by her family

Wednesday September 22
8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Ruth McKenzie requested by her family

Thursday September 23
8am ~ Rick Minton, 7th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea
William Costa, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his cousin Linda

Friday September 24
8am ~ No Mass

Saturday September 25
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday September 26
8am ~ The DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family
Francisco Silva requested by Lucy
10:30am ~ For Priestly Vocations

Sunday, September 19
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, September 21

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 22

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 23

Holy Hour to Heal Our Land, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

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

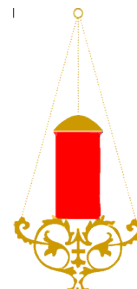
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 24

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Jackie Slater by her family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Raymond Bernard, Birthday Remembrance, by his wife Katherine



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend, we had Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart of "Casting Nets Ministries" come and speak to a group in the parish. Their humor, authenticity and moving stories had us rapt for the hours we spent with them. They were preparing us for the Parish Mission they will be leading here October 17, 18 and 19 (7-8:30pm each evening).

Tony and Chris will be giving three talks this October: *The Gift*, *Change Yourself*, and *Change the World*. Hmm... change the world! That seems like a rather high expectation, doesn't it? Yet, when we look at the history of the Church, that's exactly what God does. Jesus took twelve men – most of whom did not have very much learning or influence – and used them to change the world. The world has been *radically* changed, because of the witness of these men.

So how did it happen? The disciples received *The Gift* of God: Jesus. They encountered Him. They encountered *HIM!* They came to *know* the God of the universe who took on flesh (not just know *about* Him), and in this relationship, they were transformed. They received The Gift, and *He* then changed them. Too often we try to change ourselves and have no success. If we really knew who we are to God – what it really means to be His beloved sons and daughters, what it means that He loves us enough to die for us – that knowledge would open us to all the graces we need to change, to pull us out of our brokenness. If we knew how much we are loved, that love would change us.

This transformative love, this intimate love, this tender love, this passionate love has inspired generations of saints to work to change the world. It was this encounter with love that led the Apostles to go to the ends of the earth proclaiming that God took on flesh (various traditions hold that the Apostles travelled from Spain and Great Britain in the west, to southeastern Africa in the south, and as far as India in the east... not bad for twelve guys who lived before public transportation!). It was this love that inspired St. Benedict to be alone with The Alone. It was this love that called St. Francis to give up everything. If God could inspire them to spend their lives in love of Him, and so transform the world, what can He do with us?

It's interesting to think that some two-thousand years later, God has not changed. He can still inspire humanity by His love. When we look at a St. Teresa of Calcutta or St. John Paul II – two great saints of our times – we know how they inspired us, and how they can continue to inspire. How does God want to use you, me? It takes a "yes" to God, and He can work.

Last week, I asked you to ponder the question Jesus asks,

Who do you say that I am? (Mark 8:29)

Jesus is inviting us to enter into the mystery of who He is. An encounter with Him, allowing ourselves to receive The Gift, will Change Yourself, and give us the courage to let God Change the World through us.

I ask you to mark the Parish Mission on your calendar. Set those days aside for a time of renewal for yourself, your family, our parish, our Church.

Sunday, October 17 7:00-8:30pm

Monday, October 18 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday, October 19 7:00-8:30pm

Be there, and encounter the living God!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Catholic parishes throughout New Hampshire and the United States will show support for their priests with prayers on **Sunday, September 26th**. The lay faithful of each parish are asked to show appreciation honoring both priesthood and their own Priests. Please acknowledge **Fr. Von and Msgr. Kelley** in your own way on this special Priesthood Sunday.



PRAYER FOR PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr. Von and Msgr. Kelley. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

MEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Men of New England is hosting a Men's retreat at St. Patrick Parish on Saturday, October 9th. The Friars of the Primitive Observance will run the retreat and the theme will be St. Joseph and Masculine Spirituality. We will start at 8:00 AM with Mass in the school chapel.

There will be opportunities for Confession, Adoration and discussions. The cost is \$10. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/4708148152530034> for more information.

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF CREATION?

The liturgical *Season of Creation* (September 1 – October 4) is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation. During the *Season of Creation*, we join our sisters the ecumenical family to celebrate through instruction, prayer, reflection, and action for our common home. Pope Francis welcomed the *Season of Creation* officially into the calendar of the Catholic Church in 2015. The *Season of Creation* begins on September 1st with a World Day of Prayer for the Environment and continues until October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. **Sunday, October 3rd, there will be a prayer service to close the Season of Creation. The service will be at 5:30 PM in the Church.**

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling to cope with the loss? Catholic Charities NH will be starting its next online support group, **"Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again,"** a six-week program helping participants discover new ways to cope with loss, while creating opportunities to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays (September 29 – November 3) from 1:30-2:30 PM.

To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/beravement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.



Come join us for Annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 26th, after the 10:30 AM Mass.** Come and share a meal and fellowship with other Parishioners. We will also have activities for the kids. Hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

VOCATION

“Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ’s choice of you, should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood.

If you are discerning your vocation, 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 Consorto*

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.

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 9/12/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,196
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,786
Total Offertory	\$6,982

Total Collected	\$6,982
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Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 9/12/21

\$1,765

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

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.



“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 Pets on Saturday, October 2nd, 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.

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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