



Saturday September 19

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loïselle Families & Rita & Gerry Trottier requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
The DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family

Sunday September 20

8am ~ Patricia "Honey" Kosik, Lori Ann Croteau & Joey Kosik requested by husband & father, Walter Kosik, Sr.

10:30am ~ Rev. John Sledziona & Robert J. Ducharme requested by Donna Smith

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday September 21

8am ~ Paul Soucy requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Tuesday September 22

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday September 23

8am ~ Rick Minton, 6th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea
Danielle Carragher requested by Monica Bedard

Thursday September 24

8am ~ William Costa, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his cousin Linda
Faith Neofotistos requested by the Lemieux family

Friday September 25

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday September 26

4pm ~ John & Marcia Mathson requested by the Mathson family
Raymond Bedard, 1st Anniversary, requested by Martin & Paula Socha & family

Sunday September 27

8am ~ Priscilla Found, 7th Anniversary, requested by Ken & Marc
Jean-Pierre Bonenfant requested by his wife
10:30am ~ Paul Pelletier, 5th Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, September 20

Faith Life Classes **for Parents Only**, 11:30 AM, in the school

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

Monday, September 21

Faith Life Classes **for Parents Only**, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, September 22

Faith Life Classes **for Parents Only**, 6:00 PM, in the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 23

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, September 24

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

Friday, September 25

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Patricia "Honey" Kosik, Lori Ann Croteau & Joey Kosik by husband & father, Walter Kosik, Sr.

VOCATIONS

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..." While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, religious sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I was looking through the readings this week, the Responsorial Psalm struck me.

Before I reflect on this weekend's Psalm, I want to explore a little more about the Psalms in general. Many times, we forget that the Psalm *is* Scripture, and so God inspired it. Maybe it is because we almost never hear preaching on the Psalms (I'm guilty of this), or because they are sung and not proclaimed, like the other readings. Whatever the reason, the Psalms really are part of Sacred Scripture and we are to approach them as the word of God.

The Psalms are a collection of 150 different songs written by King David and other composers. They encompass the whole range of emotions – joy, praise, exaltation, sadness, despair, anger, hope, etc.. The Psalms may even shock at times, as they beg God for vengeance on their enemies. They are very real and very human, while still being the word of God. For centuries before Christ, they were the prayer book of the Israelite people. As such, Jesus would have been steeped in the Psalms growing up, and they both formed Him (even from the Cross He prayed Psalm 22), and prophesied about who He is.

Since they were the prayer book of Jesus, the Church has taken up the Psalms as our prayer book. In fact, all clergy and religious make a promise to pray the Psalms every day as part of the Liturgy of the Hours. As we pray through the Psalms, they can draw us closer to Jesus. We can ponder what was going on in Jesus' life on earth as He prayed each of the Psalms. We can also find comfort and consolation in our down times, knowing that millennia of saints and sinners – as well as Jesus Himself – experienced each of the emotions expressed in the Psalms.

This weekend we hear Psalm 145. The response is "**The Lord is near to all who call upon him**" (145:18). This Psalm speaks of the greatness of God, but, even with His incredible greatness, He is close to us. It reminds us that He "**is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness**" (145:8).

As I ponder this, I think about myself and how frail and broken I am. The natural tendency within me is to react to the greatness of God like Simon Peter: "**Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man**" (Luke 5:8). Yet, we are reminded today how merciful God is. He longs to be close to us. He will not step on our free will, though; He waits to be invited. When we **call upon him**, He is near to us. He can't help but draw near in His great love!

Why, then, do we often feel His absence, even when we call upon Him?! That's the great mystery! The greatest saints experienced this emptiness, this feeling of distance from God, or even the feeling of abandonment by God. St. Thérèse of Lisieux felt this distance from God for the last year and a half of her life. In a stunningly extreme example, St. Mother Teresa experienced this feeling of distance from God for the last fifty years of her life. Yes, FIFTY YEARS! Yet, in the midst of this incredible sense of abandonment, the saints trusted in God's loving presence. It doesn't mean they didn't struggle or doubt at times, but they persevered in their faith and trusted that God was indeed close, even when He seemed far away.

This is a great reminder to us that our feelings don't necessarily point to the reality of God's "proximity". As we struggle with asking, "Where is God now?" may we be reminded that, even if we can't feel Him, if we **call upon him** then **the Lord is near**.



May the faith you confirm today be your key to open the doors... HOPE, when all seems lost, JOY, when despair consumes you, LOVE, when hatred afflicts you, and PEACE, when turmoil surrounds you. Guard it well and keep it close, this precious key, for when it is lost all is lost. But when it is found, it will set you free and always guide you HOME.

Congratulations to our Students who received Confirmation and First Eucharist on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

Derek Andrew Boulanger, Luke Jude Contis, Grace Elizabeth DeSousa, Camryn Renee Donlan, Ciara Ruth Donlan, Kelci Ann Eason, Michael Robert Eason, Ryan Joseph Eason, Christian Manuel Figueroa, Adrianna Nicolina Gentile, Anthony William Gentile, Madison Leigh Gillis, Corinne Louise Kelly, Abigail Pauline King, Jacob Christopher King, Madison Elizabeth King, Paul Henry Howard Kirkpatrick, Brayden Scott Montminy, Derek Reggie Muise, Matthew Alfred Muise, Nicholas Ralph Muise, Patrick James Muise, Ellie Jolee Pace, Alexis Taylor Pilcher, Jackson Bradley Pilcher, Matthew John James Thompson, Braylen Morgan Wade, Jaiden Andre Wade and Mia Min Wilkins.

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Join us for our 2020-2021 Family Faith Life year. Although this year will be different we are still called together as a church community to grow in our faith. Homeschool options are available to families, this is the time to establish and build up the Domestic Church in your homes.

Classes start in September so now is the time to register. Registration materials can be found on the parish website or picked up at the parish office Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
 If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2020-2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Masses with the Bishop to mark significant wedding anniversaries of the faithful of the Diocese of Manchester have occurred for nearly 40 years. These important celebrations remind us all of the beauty and dignity of marriage in Christ. While it is fitting that such celebrations look differently during these unprecedented times, invoking God’s blessing on those who continue to offer Christian witness by their marital union continues nonetheless!

Bishop Libasci invites couples **celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries** to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, October 18th, at 2:00 PM.** In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Any questions may be directed to dmcdonald@rcbm.org. To register for the virtual celebration, please direct couples to <https://fallanniversary2020.eventbrite.com>.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:

Supporting our Neighbors in Crisis 75 years

Whether isolated seniors, homeless and struggling veterans, families facing chronic hardship or individuals searching for ways to cope in the “new norm” of life, Catholic Charities NH remains steadfast in our commitment to be there for those who need us most – especially in times of crisis like these. Our programs remain fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. We prayerfully ask for your support to continue to help your neighbors facing difficulties, we encourage you to make a gift today: cc-nh.org/everything. You may also mail your gift to CCNH, PO Box 9510, Manchester, NH 03108-9510.

TALK ABOUT ST. JOHN PAUL II

Mark your calendars: Thursday, October 22nd, former Swiss Guard, Mario Enzler, Ph.D., will speak to us about St. John Paul II. The evening begins with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by his talk. Mario recently published a book I Served a Saint: Reflections of a Swiss Guard in honor of the centenary of the birth of St. John Paul II.

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 9/13/20

Offertory Envelopes \$5,058

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,690

Total Offertory \$6,748

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As of 9/13 we have an offertory deficit of \$5,298

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 9/13/20

\$937

Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Land

collected as of 9/13/20

\$543

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SECOND ENVELOPES

FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 27 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. 4 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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.

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

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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org