



Saturday September 23

4pm ~ **The DiGiantomaso 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

Monday September 25

8am ~ **Rick Minton**, 9th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea
Chad Lindsay, 2nd Anniversary, **Gary Frechette**, 28th Anniversary, requested by their family

Tuesday September 26

8am ~ **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family
William Costa, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his cousin Linda

Wednesday September 27

8am ~ **Judith Fennell** requested by a friend
Stephanie Ayotte requested by Paddy Culbert

Thursday September 28

8am ~ **Raymond & Barbara Stauble** requested by the Lemieux family
Jim Narragon requested by Andrea

Friday September 29

8am ~ **No Mass**

Saturday September 30

4pm ~ **Matthew J. Janos** requested by Joan Janos
Lynn Kulesza requested by her husband John

Sunday October 1

8am ~ **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 10:30am ~ **Antonette D'Alessio**, 34th Anniversary, **Charles D'Alessio**, 18th Anniversary, requested by the Tocco family

Sunday, September 24

Faith life Community Gathering, 10:30 AM, in the church/parish picnic

Parish Picnic, 11:30 AM

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

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

Blessings of the Animals, 1:00 PM



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Romeo DiGiantomaso** by his sisters



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Wanda Allen**, Birthday Remembrance, by her daughter Ellie



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this parish focused year of the national Eucharistic Revival, I have committed myself to writing a series on the Eucharist. I said that I would look at the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice and Communion, examining and explaining parts of the Mass as part of all of this. Today, I'll begin with the Eucharist as Presence.

The Second Vatican Council said that Christ was present in the Mass in four different ways: 1) in the proclamation of the Word of God (the Sacred Scriptures); 2) in the person of the minister (the priest acting *in persona Christi capatis* – in the person of Christ the head); 3) in the assembly (everyone at Mass... including the angels and saints – “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” [Matthew 18:20]); 4) and in the Eucharist (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 7).

The Church says that the Eucharist is the presence of Christ *par excellence* – in some way the highest, best presence of Christ, for the Eucharist is Jesus Christ Himself, in sacramental form.

The Church's theological language says that in the Eucharistic prayer at the Mass, the bread and wine are *transubstantiated* into the true Body and Blood of Jesus our God. This means that the very essence of what and who Jesus is, is present in the Eucharist: no longer bread or wine. His whole self, resurrected in glory, is there – His whole humanity and His divinity. At the Last Supper, Jesus revealed to His apostles how He was to remain present to them even after His ascension into heaven – that He would be present in the Eucharist. And so, when we come into the presence of Christ in the Eucharist (either in the Tabernacle, in the Monstrance at Adoration, or as part of the Mass) it is Jesus our God really there. God, who humbled Himself to become man, humbles Himself even more by becoming the Eucharist. As one author puts it:

The Eucharist takes the divine condescension that culminates in the Incarnation [God becoming flesh] one step further. The love that leads the Word to take on flesh is what leads Him to wish to remain with us forever during our earthly pilgrimage, present with us wherever there is a priest and tabernacle. He completely veils His majesty, hiding behind the appearances of bread and wine, so that we may not be afraid to approach Him, whenever we wish. (*The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice and Communion* by Lawrence Feingold, p. 13)

When we come into the presence of Christ, we are changed. Just as we get a suntan when we sit out in the sun (unless you're like me and you burn), so we get Son-tanned by sitting in the presence of the Son. He changes us into Him. It's like when we spend time with friends, we begin to be like them – we share the same “lingo,” we take an interest in the other's interests. If our friends are virtuous, we are challenged to grow in virtue; if they are full of vice, we often take on their vices. So too with Jesus: as we spend time with Him, we become more like Him.

Jesus allows us to come to Him any time we need, to pour out our hearts, to receive the strength for the battle of life, to give praise and thanks for His gifts, to enter into a deeper intimacy. He signals to us by His humble silent presence, that He will always be there waiting for us (like the merciful father to the prodigal son). He is there, in the Tabernacle, in the Monstrance, on the Altar at Mass, waiting for you, for me, to come and entrust our hearts to Him, waiting for us to tell Him about our days, our struggles, our joys.

I invite you to take some time to ponder the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and consider spending some quality time with Him.



“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, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

Monday Night Teachings
Jesus and the Eucharist
 During the National Eucharistic Revival
 Strengthen your

Faith

Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
 in the youth room
 September 25th – October 30th.



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!

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.



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

Light of the World.

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.
 Please indicate dietary restrictions.



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

THE GIFT OF THE ROSARY

As many of you know, October is the month of the Rosary. To celebrate, we will be featuring a series titled The Gift of the Rosary. Each week of October, we will provide parishioners personal accounts of how Mother Mary and the Rosary have been a gift to them. You'll also notice the familiar mantle of Mary hung in the church. Please feel free to adorn her mantle with star stickers for each Rosary you pray throughout October. We're excited to share this new series with you all and deepen our devotion to Our Lady.



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: Gemma Therese Beauchesne, Andie Lyn Brassard, Julian Remedios Casipe, Charles Edward Cassidy, Penelope Thomas Chipman, Layla Rayne Cummings, Kiernan Edward Dumais, Callie Rose Ferguson, Holly Clare Ferguson, Benjamin Philip Jasset, Kinsleigh Marie Keegan, Emersyn Rose Ludka, Jack Myles Mansfield, Benjamin Reilly Casipe McCarthy and Noah John Webster. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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 9/17/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,177
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,072
Total Offertory	\$8,249

Faith Life	\$1,384
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Total Collected	\$9,633
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Thank you for your continue support
 ~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Stanley Rasimowicz, Sr. and Concetta Celeste We extend our sympathy to their families.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$39,855** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$13,425**

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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