



Saturday September 24

4pm ~ John & Marcia Mathson requested by the Mathson family
The DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family

Sunday September 25

8am ~ Priscilla Found, 9th Anniversary, requested by Ken & Marc
William Costa, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his cousin Linda

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday September 26

8am ~ Rick Minton, 8th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Andrea & Georgette
Birthday Blessings for Ruth McKenzie requested by her family

Tuesday September 27

8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith

Wednesday September 28

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Mary J. Brown requested by Martin Rembis

Thursday September 29

8am ~ Evelyn, Fernand & Mary Dallaire and **Jackie Kane** requested by their family
Thomas Prendergast requested by the Shovlin family

Friday September 30

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday October 1

8am ~ Marge Potvin and **Norman & E. Mavis Rockwood** requested by Linda
4pm ~ Ron Walsh, 6th Anniversary, requested by his family
Philip LaBranch, 1st Anniversary, requested by Glenn & Barbara Campbell

Sunday October 2

8am ~ Susan Santamaria, 31st Anniversary, requested by her family
Lynn Kulesza requested by John Kulesza
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, September 25

Faith Life Community Gathering, 10:30 AM Mass
Parish Picnic, 11:30 AM

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

Monday, September 26

Catholic Social Teaching, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, September 27

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 28

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

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 29

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 30

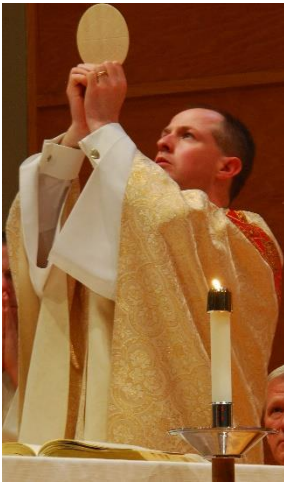
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



"Fight the good fight of the faith." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, October 1st, at 8:00 AM.

Join us for our Monday Night Teachings on **Catholic Social Teaching** at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school. The dates are September 26th and October 10th, 17th & 31st.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I mentioned in last weekend's article, this weekend (9/24), the Diocese had a Eucharistic Revival Event as part of the Eucharistic Revival happening over these next few years in the United States.

There are so many aspects of the Eucharist, but this weekend, I'm going to focus on the title "Medicine for Immortality." This is a title given by St. Ignatius of Antioch, who was martyred in the second century. He said that the Eucharist is "the medicine of immortality, the antidote we take in order not to die but to live forever in Jesus Christ" (*Letter to the Ephesians 20.2*). In this, he echoes Christ's own words in the Bread of Life Discourse:

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

(John 6: 48-51, 54, NABRE)

As much as we talk about death being a part of life – just part of the circle of life – there is something within us that rebels against this fact. We desperately try not to think about death, and when we do, we might try to candy-coat it. It's true that we should celebrate people's lives, but we have come to call funerals a "celebration of life" – instead of allowing us to go through the very healthy and necessary process of mourning and grieving, we try to hide from it. The grieving process recognizes the reality that we have lost someone and it *hurts*. We strive in so many ways to stay young, to reverse – or at least stave off – the effects of aging. As Bishop Christian likes to say, "In the end, gravity wins." We feel in our heart of hearts that we were meant for more. We recognize *this isn't the way it is supposed to be!* Our faith points this out when we read the story of the Garden of Eden – we were meant to live forever... but the world is now broken.


Jesus entered our humanity in order to break the power of death and to give us the eternal life for which we know we were meant. He gives us His Body and Blood as medicine in this life so that we could live forever! What do we try to do to stave off death? Yet, no matter how hard we try, it will come. So, Jesus tells us, "Don't look out there, look to Me!" He has the answer; He has the medicine for immortality! When we go to Communion in a state of grace, our bodies (not just our souls) are prepared for immortality. Even when we die in this world, we were made to live forever! Do we believe this?

This is our faith, that Jesus didn't want us to die either. Death entered so that we would not immortalize our evil. Jesus then came to break the power of that evil and the power of death so that we could live in joy and love forever. If we still choose to immortalize our evil and rebellion from God, as the loving God that He is, He allows us to do so (hence, Hell). But this is not His desire – He is so in-love with us, He wants to be with us forever!

May we enter into true Communion with Our Lord, letting Him give us the Medicine of Immortality, the Bread of Life, the Cup of Eternal Salvation, so that we may live – body and soul – with Him forever!

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month, **October 4th, from 6-7 PM**, for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



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, October 1st, at 1:00 PM. You can come with your Animals (appropriately leashed, tethered, or in carriers, as needed) to the lower lot parking behind the Church.

OCTOBER ROSARY CHALLENGE

With the morning chill in the air we are reminded that autumn is here! Along with autumn comes October - the month of the Rosary - and we want to invite you and your family to join us for a **Rosary Challenge**. This past Lent, St. Pat's had our first Rosary Challenge and as a parish we prayed over 5,000 Rosaries during that time! Here are the details: Look for the insert in our bulletin. In the back of the church you will find (first come, first serve!) bookmarks with the 15 Promises of the Rosary, pamphlets for both adults and kids on how to pray the rosary and links of videos to listen to the rosary. For each rosary a member of your family prays, you can add a star to Mary's mantle which will be hung in the back of the church. We'd love for you to take a picture of your family praying the rosary together and bring it to Mass to add to our collage! If you knew that praying the Rosary daily almost guarantees your entrance into heaven, converts even the evilest of hearts and can win wars that have the most impossible odds wouldn't you pray it? It may seem long and repetitive, but it's only an opportunity to tell your mother, "I love you," fifty times over, and the graces that flow from this daily prayer are more than we can begin to imagine!



Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 1st, at 1:00 PM, lower parking lot behind the church

Mass for the Conclusion of the Season of Creation, Monday, October 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the church

Holy Hour for Life, Tuesday, October 4th, from 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Blood Drive, Thursday, October 6th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, October 8th, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Healing Mass, Friday, October 14th, at 7:00 PM, in the church

Anchor of Hope, Sunday, October 16th, at 7:00 PM

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Generational Healing Mass, Friday, November 4th, 7:00 PM, in the church

Community Dinner, Friday, November 4th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, November 12th, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Lighting of the Creche, Tuesday, November 29th, 6:30 PM



Join us October 21-24, 2022

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.



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 is 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

ANCHOR OF HOPE

**An Evening of Music, Prayer, and Reflection
Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM
at St. Patrick Parish**

Please join us for an evening of music and prayer with a focus on trusting in the Lord, even in times of trouble. Take this time to be drawn into the heart of our loving Father – He has never abandoned us and He never will; His love and mercy surpass all understanding!

The evening will include acoustic music, times of prayer and reflection, and a time of adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist.

We hope you will join us!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2023, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2023, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

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 9/18/22	
Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,424
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$ 2,098
Total Offertory	\$ 6,522
Faith Life	\$ 1,508
Total Collected	\$ 8,030
Thank you for supporting our parish ~Fr. Von~	



**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Oct. 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Oct. 9 Utility

This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Oct. 16 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Oct. 23 World Mission Sunday

On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to “go out to all the world.” The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis throughout the world.

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.

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