



**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**

**Monday September 27**  
8am ~ **Frank Maglio, Jr.**, requested by Cathy Proveaux

**Tuesday September 28**  
8am ~ **Fr. Fidelis Viel** requested by Fr. Von **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family

**Wednesday September 29**  
8am ~ **Lori Ingram** requested by David & Maureen Groff  
**Frank Gautreau** requested by Connie

**Thursday September 30**  
8am ~ **Frank Maglio, Jr.**, requested by Judy & Roger Turgeon

**Friday October 1**  
8am ~ **Fernand, Evelyn & Mary Dallaire** and **Jackie Kane** requested by their family  
**The McKenzie & Wisnewski Families** requested by their family

**Saturday October 2**  
8am ~ Women of Mary  
4pm ~ **Matthew J. Janos** requested by Joan Janos

**Sunday October 3**  
8am ~ **Susan Santamaria**, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
**Bernardin Raby**, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Raby family  
10:30am ~ **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday, September 26**

Faith Life Community Gathering, 11:30 AM, in the children's room under the church  
Parish Picnic, 11:30 AM, Parish Center  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, September 28**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, September 29**

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 30**

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

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

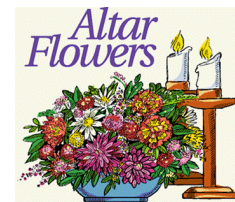
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, October 1**

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

**Saturday, October 2**

Blessing of the Pets, 1:00 PM, church parking lot



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Mary Glaude** by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Fox



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Priscilla Found**, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by Ken & Marc



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. James has some harrowing words for us in the second reading today. He reminds us that all of the riches of this world are fleeting. So often we seek to have lots of money and lots of things so that we can be secure... or at least feel secure. Yet, no matter how much money we have, we will never escape suffering, we will never overcome death. We can try to create a sense of security by padding our lives with comfort, but, in the end, all will disappear.

St. James also warns us that if we deprive others in order to make our lives easier (withholding wages from workers, etc.), *we will be judged for that*. It should make us stop and think about what is most important.

I think of St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast we celebrate next week). He grew up in the merchant class, which today would be upper-middle class. He had *plenty*. After some hardship and suffering in his life, and as he grew closer to God, he came to realize that his riches were not making him happy. In response to this, he embraced "Lady Poverty," letting go of ownership of everything. While he continued to have many, many hardships, he found a great freedom and joy in this poverty! Below is one of my favorite quotes of St. Francis, which reveals from where true joy comes.

**Suppose a messenger comes and tells me that all the Masters in the University of Paris have come to join the order: that is not true happiness. Suppose that all the prelates beyond the Alps, all the archbishops and bishops have come to join the order, suppose that the kings of France and England have come too: that is not true happiness. Suppose that my brethren have gone to the unbelievers and converted them all to the faith; suppose that I have such grace from God that I heal the sick and work many miracles: I tell you that in all of these true happiness does not reside. So what is true happiness? I am on my way back from Perugia and I arrive here later at night, and it is the muddy time of winter and so cold that there are icicles hanging from the bottom of my tunic, which keep striking my legs so that they are wounded and bleeding. All muddy and cold and covered in ice, I arrive at the door and when I have knocked at the door and shouted for a long time, at last the brother comes and asks, "Who is it?" I reply, "It's brother Francis." He says, "Go away, this is no time for traveling. You can't come in." I plead with him, but he repeats, "Go away; you're an ignorant simpleton. You are certainly not going to come in here with us; we have quite enough people here and they are quite good enough, we do not need you." Once more I stand at the door, saying "For the love of God, take me in just for this night." But he says, "I won't. Go to the Crutched Friars and ask there." I tell you, if I have patience and am not upset, this is where true happiness lies, and true virtue and the salvation of my soul.**

It is not in hoarding up wealth in this life in which lies true happiness, but in building up virtue, for the *habit* of goodness (which is the definition of virtue) is what allows true happiness to reign in our souls. How do we get this? By begging God for the grace to grow in virtue, and then... practice, practice, practice. Since virtue is a habit, it is only gained by repetition, and trying again when we fail (and we will).

May we truly seek the heart of God, looking beyond the comforts of this world for the true joy we can experience here and now, and in the here-after.

## WE ARE ALL CONNECTED

The encyclical, *Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home*, was developed to enrich our understanding of our interconnected relationship with God, Creation, and our neighbor. Pope Francis calls this, "integral ecology". "We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: (LSi' 49) He reminds us that Creation is a gift of God's great love. "Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another" (LSi' 42). We therefore praise God when we care for each other, for all creatures, and the resources of our common home. It is complex, but not without the hope of God's presence.

### DISCIPLES ON A MISSION PARISH MISSION - OCTOBER 17-19

Casting Nets, a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization will be at St. Patrick Parish October 17-19. The mission will be led in the Church from 7-8:30 PM. each evening.

Casting Nets will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in presentations that are humorous and entertaining. Speakers Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart have a combined 34 years of experience in almost every level and form of ministry, from youth to college and from RCIA to adult formation.

The focus of the mission: **The Challenge of Discipleship, The Complete Gift of Self, The Seven Pillars of Effective Evangelization.**

Before the Mission on Sunday, October 17, there will be a free dinner in the Parish Center at 6:00 PM. There will be a light reception after the Mission on Tuesday. All are welcome and childcare for the Mission will be provided. To sign up for the Dinner and/or childcare, contact the parish office: 603-635-3525.

### SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS

**Parish Picnic**, September 26<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**Blessing of the Pets**, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00 PM

**Parish Mission**, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the church

**Generational Healing Mass**, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Church

### VOCATION

"Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit on them." All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663- 0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### MEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Men of New England is hosting a Men's retreat at St. Patrick Parish on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### ROOMBA RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off an iRobot i7 Roomba to fund their donations to various charities.

They will be selling raffle tickets after Mass on the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> (including during the Parish Picnic) and October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The drawing will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Individual tickets will be sold for \$5 each, or a book of 5 can be purchased for \$20, which saves \$5 over buying the ticket individually.



### 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.

### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Catholic parishes throughout New Hampshire and the United States will show support for their priests with prayers on this **Sunday**. 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.



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Fr. Von will have a Blessing of Pet on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

### 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 9/19/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,160
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,916
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,076</b>
Utility	\$1,416
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$7,492</b>

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

### Haiti

collected as of 9/19/21  
\$1,179

Thank you for your generosity!

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### 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.

### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



Come join us for Annual Parish Picnic on this **Sunday, 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!

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)