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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**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 &amp; 7pm

**ADORATION**

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

**FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY**

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday

3pm to 3:30pm  
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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 26</b>
4pm	Raymond Gagne, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 27</b>
8am	Priscilla Found requested by Ken & family
10:30am	Richard Kinnal requested by Armand & Joan Berard
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 28</b>
8am	In Honor of St. Thomas of Aquinas
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 29</b>
8am	Karen Krawczyk Perry requested by the Fitzgerald family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 30</b>
8am	Intentions of the Blessed Mother
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 1</b>
8am	Leon Bousquet requested by Mike & Ann Kater
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 2</b>
8am	Frankie Polizzotti requested by his family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 3</b>
8am	Women of Mary
4pm	Matthew J. Janos requested by Joan Janos
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 4</b>
8am	Susan Santamaria, 24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family
10:30am	Richard Krawczyk requested by his wife & family
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Paul Prud'homme, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & children

## 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 following week:

Offertory 9/20/15	\$6,748
Fuel	\$864

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$7,612**

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Oct. 4 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### Oct. 11 Fuel

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

### Oct. 18 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.

### Oct. 25 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.

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

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 27

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

### Monday, September 28

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Tuesday, September 29

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 30

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

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

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

### Thursday, October 1

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Pope John Paul II devoted the first major teaching of his pontificate to what he called the Theology of the Body - a study of what God has revealed about Himself in and through the human body. This profound and beautiful teaching, which shows us the way to live our lives in a way that brings happiness and fulfillment, calls everyone - regardless of age or vocation - to an authentic understanding and living out of what it means to be created male and female in the image and likeness of God.

Please join us for an amazing 4 session series on **Theology of the Body for Adults** Monday evenings from 7-8:30 PM starting October 26<sup>th</sup>. The classes are facilitated by Jane Richard she attended Theology Of the Body Institute, studying under Christopher West and is a trained and certified facilitator of Theology of the Body Study Groups by "Women Affirming Life" in Brighton Ma. Jane currently teaches Christology, morality, and Theology of the Body to junior and senior high school students at Presentation of Mary in Methuen, MA.

Registration is required by October 15<sup>th</sup> for the study workbook and the cost is \$10.00.

For more information or to register, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-434-1385 or [jacquelinehynes@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinehynes@gmail.com).

**Starting next Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass we will be having Children of Mary and Coffee & Donuts.**

## REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Fall **Men's weekends** are October 1-4, October 15-18 and December 3-6. The Fall **Women's weekend** is November 5-8. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (635-3525).

## WASHINGTON, DC

### MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

Please join Fr. Von, hundreds of pilgrims from NH, and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from around the country on the March for Life: A Pilgrimage of Faith. Pilgrims leave Thursday morning, January 21, 2016, and return early morning, Saturday, January 23, 2016.

For more information, contact Fr. Von at [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net), or 603-635-3525.

## QUO VADIS VOCATION CAMP

An invitation for young men between the ages 15-30! Who are interested, in serving the Church. The camp is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Litchfield, NH. For more information or questions, please contact Jason Jalbert at [jjalbert@rcbm.org](mailto:jjalbert@rcbm.org). or to register at [www.catholicnh.org/quovadis](http://www.catholicnh.org/quovadis).

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

If so please email: Deacon Tom at [tl3450@gmail.com](mailto:tl3450@gmail.com) or call him at 603-845-3450.

## WOMEN OF MARY

All Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on **OCT 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by the Rosary (we will sing the Rosary) at 8:30 AM. Following the rosary we will have a Deacon Tom Lavallee speak to us about "Jesus talks about worry". We will also have our Potluck breakfast to share during his talk. For more information email: [WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com](mailto:WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com) or call Linda at 603-930-6436. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy chaplet will be available before mass at 7:30 AM in the chapel.



My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend's Gospel is very strong. If anyone thinks that Jesus is a "nice guy" they will quickly find this is not the case. Rather, **Jesus loves**. Jesus loves us so much He wants us to get to Heaven to be with Him forever. This means that He will speak the Truth even if it means hurting our feelings or sensibilities, as long as it helps us to get to Heaven.

Today, we hear Jesus say that we need to cut off all that leads us away from God. No pulling of punches here – He says that if anything keeps you from eternal life, cut it off, pluck it out, get rid of it. This should make us **gasp!** And then, it should make us step back and ask ourselves what keeps us from God? Think about this... I mean, really think about your life. What habits keep you from getting close to God? What patterns? What relationships? Sometimes, especially when we find ourselves in addictions or a downward spiral, we may think that there is no way out. The truth is that God will give us the grace if we, first, ask for it, and second, grab a hold of that grace with both hands.

So if you struggle with gluttony, cry out to Jesus, and ask for help. Then get yourself an accountability partner (or group) to help you to live this grace day to day (and stop buying Twinkies!). If you struggle with pornography, beg Jesus for freedom from this addiction. Then put safeties into place – internet filters on computers and wireless devices, put computers in public places in the house, and get someone whom you trust (a spouse?) to keep you honest. If you struggle with impulsive buying, ask Jesus to give you moderation. Then cancel the credit cards, and make a budget strive to work by it. If recreation or entertainment is keeping you from experiencing the full life of God and the Church through the Mass, ask God for the grace to know His love coming to us in the Mass, in Word and Sacrament. Then find someone with whom you can go to Mass, and change your schedule so that the God of the universe can be at the center of your life.

Amid all of these, avail yourself of the Sacraments (Confession for all of the times you fail and fall – it will heal your wounds to you can get up and fight again – and Eucharist to strengthen your will), spend more time in prayer re-forming your mind and habits.

Does it mean the temptations will disappear immediately? No. But it means God will help you, little by little to change your habits and desires. You see, we can't do it on our own. Our shame (which comes from the evil one) will tell us we need to do it ourselves, that we need to keep it secret. Rather, our salvation comes from flying to God, and then doing the necessary work – and often enlisting the help of the people who love us and want our good.

Jesus loves us more than anyone else in the universe, and He will give us the help we need. Sometimes, though, the hardest part is recognizing our attachment to sin and then taking the first step to cut it off. Jesus will give us courage, if we ask. I have seen it over and over again in my own life, how God is faithful! Jesus longs for us to be with Him forever: loving Him and being loved by Him. This world is here to try us, to teach us to let go of that which is passing and hold on to He who lasts forever. May we not be afraid to cut off all that keeps us from growing deeper in love with God.

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#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Fr. Von will have a Blessing of Animals next Saturday, at 12:30 PM. You can come with your animals (appropriately leashed, tethered, or in carriers, as needed) to the parking lot behind the Church.

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

We are still looking for crafters for St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair to be held on December 5, 2015. Cost is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 to get an application for that weekend.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

We are looking for crafters for St. Patrick's Christmas Fair to be held on December 5, 2015. Cost is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.

*St. Patrick*



Tryouts for the CYO 2015-2016 Basketball season will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The season runs from October through early March. Practices are once a week with a game on the weekend – generally on Sunday afternoon. All interested children of parishioners are encouraged to tryout.

Time slots and gym locations for the tryouts are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at New England Pentecostal Gym (Rte 38 – St Margaret's Drive)

Boys, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Boys, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade at 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pelham Memorial School (59 Marsh Road)

Girls, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Girls, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade at 7:30 – 9:00 PM

For more information, please contact Jennifer Nale ([jennifernale@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifernale@yahoo.com))



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Cereal** and **Juice** (no juice boxes).

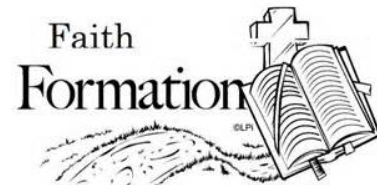
### ST. PATRICK PARISH PRESENTS: AN EVENING OF FUN & LAUGHTER



Friday, October 23, 2015 from 6pm to 10pm  
Four Oaks Country Club - Dracut, MA

- \* Buffet Dinner served at 7pm
  - \* Cash Bar \* Raffles \* Silent Auction
  - \* Music provided by Muldoon Park Band
- Tickets \$40.00 Each

Contact: Kathy Jean 603-635-3525  
[kathy7421@comcast.net](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)



### Upcoming Important Dates for Faith Life in our Parish:

- Confirmation I Meeting is Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- First Reconciliation Retreat for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 AM or 1:00-3:00 PM in the school cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend this retreat.
- Faith Life October classes are the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria.
- Youth Group Meetings will start in October!! The meetings will be held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM. They will take place in the meeting room downstairs in the Church.

### YOU ARE INVITED!

To the First Annual All Saints Day Party!  
Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM  
In the Parish Center

As an alternative to Halloween, St. Patrick Parish is offering a get together for families to celebrate this beautiful feast day in the Church. We encourage children and adults to come dressed as their favorite saint. All families are also asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Games for the kids, fellowship for the adults! Fun will be had by all!