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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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

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.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>



Saturday September 2
 4pm **Doris Boule** requested by the Parish Staff
Thomas Doran requested by his sister Helen Munson

Sunday September 3
 8am **Fr. John Sledziona** requested by Deacon Tom & Kathy Lavallee
 10:30am **Bob Doucette**, 4th Anniversary, requested by Shirley
 6pm **George & Theresa Muldoon** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Monday September 4
 8am **Carol Kleinotas** requested by Roger & Georgette Aubrey
Neil Kater requested by Patty Kennedy

Tuesday September 5
 8am **Bernadette Thibault** requested by Sue Berard & family

Wednesday September 6
 8am **For all Saints**

Thursday September 7
 8am **Leon & Louise Bousquet** "Wedding Anniversary" requested by their daughter Patty Kennedy

Friday September 8
 8am No Mass

Saturday September 9
 4pm **Herman G. Max** requested by Phil & Jackie Blanchette
Bernie Thibault requested by Susan Hogan

Sunday September 10
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by her family
Leo Blanchette requested by Blanche Godak
 10:30am **Joseph Dias** requested by Karen & Kevin Martin
 6pm **Intentions for all our Parishioners**

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 8/27/17 \$6,940

Faith Life \$1,508

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$8,448

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 10 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 17 Utility

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

Sept. 24 NH Diocesan Priest Retirement

This collection supports the NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund. This fund provides retirement benefits to retired NH Diocesan priests. Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



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



The Following Couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in September:

Andrew Monaco & Jayna Stakoe

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God



Tuesday, September 5

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, in the church

Wednesday, September 6

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

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

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, September 7

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

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, September 9

Youth Group, 7:00 PM, in the youth room in the school

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the Womb*. After the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses on September 10th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers and families gathered.

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



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a ***Special Anniversary Mass***. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office **by September 22, 2017**. We will need your ***last names, first names and mailing address***. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. ***There is no need for the couple to RSVP.***

RCIA

Are you interested in learning how to become Catholic? Curious about the process? Know someone who is interested? Please email Deacon Tom at TL3450@gmail.com or call at 603-845-3450.

MEN'S MORNING GROUP

The Wednesday AM Men's Group will restart for our third year on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 AM. Be on watch for the current members inviting you to join us! We meet for one hour, once a week to discuss a book we are reading. This year we will start with "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" Don't let the start time or the topic deter you – try something new, there's free coffee on at 6:00 AM each Wednesday! If you are interested call or email Deacon Tom at 603-845-3450 or tl3450@gmail.com

REBOOT LIVE!

A life-changing event for parish and family

October 11, 2017

7:00-9:30 PM

St. Joseph Cathedral
Manchester, NH

Tickets can be purchased at:

https://reallifecatholic-hfzq.formstack.com/forms/manchester_nh



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the first anniversary of our **1,000,000 Acts of Mercy** Campaign. You remember that we started this campaign last year in the midst of the Year of Mercy, the day Mother Teresa was canonized (declared a saint), the day before her feast day (September 5). As we celebrate our “Paper Anniversary,” it is good to look back and reflect on why we are doing this.

Remember that that Year of Mercy was all about recognizing in a greater way the mercy of Almighty God, and how we become “Merciful Like the Father.” God’s great mercy is such that no matter what we have done to offend God (which, let’s be honest, we do much to offend Him... case in point, see my article from last week as I wrote about my hedonistic tendencies – seeking my own comfort as opposed to God’s will for my life), He willingly forgives, if we but turn to Him in repentance. Looking at the love of the Father manifested in the person of Jesus, we see over and over how He heals and forgives, welcoming the outcast, but always calling to conversion: He always encouraged them to “go and sin no more.” God’s mercy pours out superabundantly on each of us; but we have to *want* to receive that mercy.

The challenge of Pope Francis was that once we receive the mercy of Almighty God, we are to go out and BE MERCY to the world. This is manifested most clearly in the Acts of Mercy – specifically the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy.

<u>SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY</u>	<u>CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY</u>
1. Teach the ignorant	1. Feed the hungry
2. Pray for the living and the dead	2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Correct sinners	3. Clothe the naked
4. Counsel those in doubt	4. Shelter the homeless
5. Console the sorrowful	5. Comfort the prisoners
6. Bear wrongs patiently	6. Visit the sick
7. Forgive wrongs willingly	7. Bury the dead

So how are we doing with these? These are the measure of our likeness to God the Father.

Obviously, we have a long way to go. None of us does these perfectly. But, then again, the name of the game on this earth is not getting it perfect, but continually, gradually improving. The grace of God helps us to do this better each day. Maybe you’ve found that you are able to bear wrongs patiently, but struggle with feeding the hungry. Today may be the day you make the commitment to volunteer at the Community Dinners, or to add a few items for the Food Pantry as part of your regular grocery shopping routine. Maybe you’ve found that you visit the sick well, but struggle in bearing wrongs patiently. Today may be the day that you make the commitment to smile at the person who gets most on your nerves.

As of the writing of this article (before I went on vacation!), as a parish, we have reported over 162,000 Acts of Mercy in one year! I think that that is incredible!!!! I am incredibly proud of St. Patrick Parish! Remember, it is not pride to share the good things God does through us. We are actually commanded to so this. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus says, “

your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father”

Contrast this with Matthew 6 which speaks about not performing righteous deeds *in order that others may see them...* don’t do it so people look at **ME**, but so that people look at **GOD**. The point of the **1,000,000 Acts of Mercy** campaign is to stir up in us the desire to be more merciful that we may *be the Face of God* in our community – we point to God’s love and mercy.

I pray that this first anniversary of the Acts of Mercy Campaign will remind you of God’s great mercy for you, and help you to grow in mercy to others. God bless!

VET-PACKS

A Boy Scout Eagle Project

Vet-Packs is a way to give to homeless veterans in New Hampshire a more comfortable way to live. The items we need for this project are: Backpacks, Pen and Pad of Paper, Toilet Paper, Refillable Water Bottle, Socks, Tarps (10x20), Emergency Poncho, Hand Warmers, baby Wipes, Deodorant, Sunscreen, Face Cloth, Hand Sanitizer and Personal First-Aid Kit. If you or anyone will be willing to donate the items above, donations will be collected in a box in the Chapel at St. Patrick's. All donations are welcome. As for monetary donations, please contact George Michaud at jerry101018@gmail.com or at 603-508-8938. Your support is greatly appreciated by myself, and more importantly, the homeless veterans in New Hampshire.

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to our Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester, MA on Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family! The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima." Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu and Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Bishop Robert McManus of the Diocese of Worcester, MA, will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Holy Mass. Admission is free, no tickets required! Log onto ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information.



SHH...Don't Tell Her...IT'S A SURPRISE! MARY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Sunday, September 10th after the 10:30 AM Mass. There will be a Birthday Celebration for our Blessed Mother's birthday in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Coffee, Donuts, and Children of Mary will be starting up again on Sunday, September 17th.



When you are out shopping for your back to school supplies keep the Faith Life Program here at St. Patrick Parish in mind. This year we will have a need for: **Construction Paper, Poster Board, Stickers, Tissues, napkins, Paper Plates, Glue, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Pens, Pencils, Name Tags and Tape.** If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to Mass and leave them in the Chapel. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and your support of the Faith Life Program. Please get the supplies to us by Sunday, September 10th.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

If you feel called to be the voice that passes along the Catholic faith we need your help. We are looking for Catechists to teach once a month on Monday or Tuesday night from 6:00-7:30 PM. If you are able to help please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net



Faith Life Registrations went out in the mail if you have not received a registration. You can pick one up at the parish office or on the parish website. If you have any questions, please call the office at 603-635-3525.

DIVINE MERCY/STUDY FAITH FORMATION

Please join us on Monday at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school. Facilitated by Roberta Wilson.

The next session:

Monday, September 11th