



Saturday September 4
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday September 5
8am ~ Jacqueline Slater, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Jeanne Pappathan
Stephen F. Wasylak, 6th Anniversary, requested by his family
10:30am ~ Lorraine Noviello & Fr. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith

Monday September 6
8am ~ Francisco Silva & Luis Silva requested by Jason & Lucia Azevedo
Diana Perruccio requested by Patty Kennedy

Tuesday September 7
8am ~ In Honor of St. Joseph

Wednesday September 8
8am ~ Leon & Louise Bousquet requested by their daughter Patty Kennedy

Thursday September 9
8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Friday September 10
8am ~ No Mass

Saturday September 11
4pm ~ John & Marcia Mathson requested by the Mathson family
Kevin Godosky, 1st Anniversary, Walter Godosky, 12th Anniversary, requested by Rick & Gail Gagne & family

Sunday September 12
8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Bob Doucette requested by Shirley Chipper & Clint St. Onge requested by Harriet, Chad & Curt St. Onge

Sunday, September 5
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, September 6
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7
Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 8
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
Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, September 9
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, September 10
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Stephen F. Wasylak, 6th Anniversary, by his family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Stephen F. Wasylak, 6th Anniversary, by his family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we read about the power of our Lord Jesus – power to make the deaf hear and the mute speak – it is a call and reminder to us that He has power over our every ailment and problem. However, He will not take authority over our free will. Jesus, as God, can do anything, but the one thing He refuses to do is to enter into relationship with us without our consent.

It puts me in awe of how vulnerable God makes Himself. I think about how, when I was in high school, I was so incredibly nervous when asking a girl out on a date – my hands were trembling, my knees knocking, and there was sweat pouring out of me! Putting myself out there was an invitation to relationship – or to rejection. And no one likes rejection (by the way, she said “yes” to the date).

God makes Himself even more vulnerable to us – to you and to me. He is constantly calling out to us, telling us of His love, opening His Heart to us... even giving us His very flesh and blood to eat and drink. As I’ve said before, the summary of the Bible is “God wants to marry us.” Yet, He will not force us. When we reject Him, when we choose other things than to love Him first, His Heart is broken. We pierce His Heart, as it were, with a lance. This is part of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – that we console the Heart which loves so much but is so little loved, the Heart broken by the offenses of the world, the Heart spurned by mediocrity and indifference – which hurt His Heart even more than the offenses of the world. Think about it, which hurts more: the stinging words of a bully, or being ignored by that someone with whom we’re in love?

Too often, we can be deaf to the love of God; we don’t respond to His invitation of love with love. We close off our ears to His call, because we would rather take the more comfortable way, the wide and smooth road, instead of risking love, instead of climbing the hard and narrow road to the Heart of God. This road requires renunciation of self. God does not delight in suffering, but He does delight in our love for Him. Love that is focused on self is not love at all, but only when we turn away from ourselves and turn to the beloved that we truly love.

Jesus speaks the word, “*Ephphatha*” – “be opened” – to the deaf-mute man, and he was able to hear and speak. This word *Ephphatha* is used to describe one of the rites just after baptism. The priest or deacon touches the ears and mouth of the newly baptized and asks God to open the person’s ears to receive the word of God, and to open the lips that s/he may proclaim His word. This is so important – we must be open to the call of God, we need to hear of His love for us. Without this love, our souls are dead! But then we need to share that love He has with others. He calls us to tell others about how loved we are, about how much God wants to share His life with us. This is why I am constantly saying such strange things as:

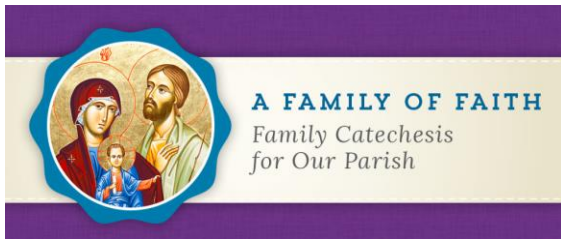
“God wants to marry us”

“God is head-over-heels in love with you”

“God loves you so intimately, so tenderly, so passionately”

We need to learn the truth that God loves us. We need to know this truth in the depths of our being. We need to be reminded of this constantly.

And we need to know that God will not force His love on us. We must choose to be open to it and to respond with love. May we be open to the Heart of love, and respond fully to God with love.



A Family of Faith – September

“The ministry of evangelization carried out by Christian parents is original and irreplaceable. It assumes the characteristics typical of family life itself, which should be interwoven with love, simplicity, practicality and daily witness.” – *Familiaris Consorto*

And so we begin another wonderful Faith life year. This month parents are reminded of their essential role as primary catechist to their children. So often I find myself questioning myself and my own abilities as a parent. Me, Lord?

This is why we begin in this way, empowering parents to step into this role which they are called to by Almighty God. Your children do not need you perfect, they need you just as you are. They need your presence and they need to hear your journey of faith.

Registration for our 2021-2022 Faith Life is still open. It is not too late if you have not yet registered. You can find registration materials on our parish website or by stopping in at the Parish Office, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

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 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 12th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

Join us for a **Holy Hour to Heal Our Land** on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Linda Merrill at lj.merrill.5@gmail.com



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **September 22, 2021**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

SAVE THE DATE!!! UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Child in the Womb, September 12th, in the church

Community Dinner, September 17th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Healing Mass, September 17th, at 7:00 PM in the church

Parish Picnic, September 26th, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Blessing of the Pets, October 2nd, at 1:00 PM

Parish Mission, October 17th – 19th, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the church

Generational Healing Mass, November 12th, 7:00 PM, in the Church



“Be strong, do not fear!” With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **September 7th, 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.

THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

In the encyclical, *Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis reminds us that the Gospel of Creation illustrates that we are children of God, made in his image and likeness, given the task to “till and keep” the earth (Gen 2:15). This refers to cultivating, protecting and preserving Creation. It is not a role of domination and does not give us the right to exploit and cause harm. This relationship means that we are stewards and are in kinship not only with God and the human family but with other creatures and resources of the natural world. All of Creation is God’s great gift of love to us. Celebrate the **Season of Creation, September 1st - October 4th**.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org. They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to pelham.formed.org

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 8/22/21

Offertory Envelopes \$6,930
 Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,280

Parish Collections for the week of 8/29/21

Offertory Envelopes \$5,753
 Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,020

Total Offertory \$15,983

Faith Life \$1,721
 Maintenance \$1,927

Total Collected \$27,404

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Mission Coop

collected as of 8/29/21
 \$4,422

Thank you for your generosity!

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

SECOND ENVELOPES

FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 12 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 19 Utility

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

Sept. 26 NH Diocesan Priests 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.

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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
2:00-8:00pm

1st 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.

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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