



Saturday September 5

4pm ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Francis Silva requested by Donna M. Cook

Sunday September 6

8am ~ Corey Lemieux requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
6pm ~ Peace for our nation

Monday September 7

8am ~ For Jesus Christ

Tuesday September 8

8am ~ Leon & Louise Bousquet requested by Patty Kennedy

Wednesday September 9

8am ~ Albert A. Daigle requested by a friend
Ruth Bourke requested by Christine Simmons

Thursday September 10

8am ~ Chase Abreu, 10th Anniversary, requested by his mother

Friday September 11

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday September 12

4pm ~ Jeanne & Raymond Gagne, 2nd & 15th Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family

Sunday September 13

8am ~ Patricia Dube, 33rd Anniversary, requested by her family
Andrew Scarpellino, requested by the Halpin family
10:30am ~ Bob Doucette requested by Shirley
Paul Faucher, 4th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, September 6

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

Monday, September 7

Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 8

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 9

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Faith Life Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the school

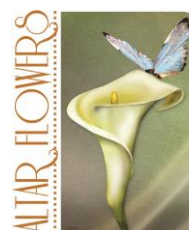
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Jackie Slater by her family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

VOCATION

"Where two or three are gathered in My name ..."
 The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Paul, speaking to the church in Rome, reminds them that love is at the heart of the law.

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

So often, we imagine that law and love are at odds with each other. At the Heart of God, however, is the law of love. St. Paul makes it clear that "love does no evil to the neighbor," and so to love never goes against the law of God.

But what is love? In our culture today, love often means not making someone else upset. This is not love. If a parent were never to say a loving, "No" to their child, the child would get sick on candy, never eat healthy food, and would grow up to be self-centered. Remember that love means self-gift and willing (choosing) the good of the other for his/her own sake. Sometimes love – true love – can sound harsh. What do I mean?

I have heard plenty of stories of people doing interventions. You know what an intervention is, as loved ones gather to tell someone that he is hurting himself and others. Many times, the person does not want to hear it. He may get angry, and even cut himself off from those people who intervened. In those moments, love is hard. The person who is struggling may not "feel" loved because he doesn't want to see the truth about himself... it's too hard without hope of change. And those intervening may struggle and be wounded deeply as their loved one severs their relationship. In those moments, love may not seem worth it. It may seem that it would be more loving to let the person be. Yet, real love wants the other person's good *more*, even if it means severing the relationship.

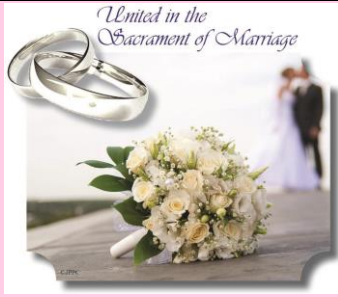
Sometimes love is hard. But loving someone means wanting the best for that person – and the ultimate best is **eternal life**.

Jesus tells us hard truths. And He gave us the Church to continue to speak those truths throughout the centuries. The Church continues to speak the truth about the sacred dignity of each person, created in God's image. She did this, standing up to Nazism – saying every person, Jew or Gentile, has sacred dignity – even when it meant losing property, rights, and the lives of many priests and religious. She stood up to Communism, despite many being killed and imprisoned. The Church still stands up today, saying that each person – from the child in the earliest stages of life (at fertilization), to the oldest and sickest – has sacred dignity.

Many say that the Church is being unloving when she opposes evil. They say the Church is harsh, not understanding when women "need" an abortion. They say the Church is not broadminded when she says using dead babies to make and test new vaccines (embryonic research) is evil. They claim the Church isn't compassionate when she fights against euthanasia and assisted suicide. When the church speaks the truth about marriage and sexuality (that the marriage act is only good within the context of marriage when open to bonding and babies, and marriage is only marriage when it is between one man and one woman), people claim hate speech and bigotry.

Yet, while love sometimes can sound harsh when speaking the truth, love always seeks the good of the other – especially the **eternal good**. Even when God's laws seem hard, God is a Father who loves His children (us) to death... literally, as He died on the Cross. Sometimes love says, "No" to the other, because "Yes" would mean harm.

May we be open to the truth, and how God's love is manifested, even when we don't want to hear it.



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

Mathew Macey
and
Kaley Paullis

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:

Supporting our Neighbors in Crisis 75 years

Whether isolated seniors, homeless and struggling veterans, families facing chronic hardship or individuals searching for ways to cope in the “new norm” of life, Catholic Charities NH remains steadfast in our commitment to be there for those who need us most – especially in times of crisis like these. Our programs remain fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. We prayerfully ask for your support to continue to help your neighbors facing difficulties, we encourage you to make a gift today: cc-nh.org/everything. You may also mail your gift to CCNH, PO Box 9510, Manchester, NH 03108-9510.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

There is a school supplies drive for the children of Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, MA. Cor Unum is a restaurant style soup kitchen that provides meals for all people who are in need of one. It is a welcoming and wonderful place that helps hundreds of people every day.

See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details on how to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Michaela at mniceforo22@windhamsd.org.

RCIA

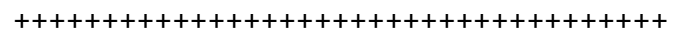
The Rite
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Christian Initiation
of Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Is desiring to live the Catholic faith more fully?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your perspectives and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Ron Turturici at 603-898-1555 or at ronturturici@aol.com



Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their State Council Raffle tickets after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 19th & 20th. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Parish Office starting Monday, August 31st. Please see Kathy or Therese to buy your tickets. Our Council earns 50 cents for each dollar we sell in tickets. We have, in recent years, given our earnings to the Pelham Food Pantry and will continue that for this year. Last year’s amount given to the Pantry from this source was \$247.00 enabling us to contribute a total donation of \$1,000 to the Food Pantry.

The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, at the State Council Ball at Ste. Marie Parish in Manchester, NH. In addition to the 1st prize of \$3,000 there are 2nd prize \$1,000 and 3rd prize \$500 and (5) \$100 4th prizes. Please consider purchasing tickets for yourselves or to sell to family and friends. You will be helping both our Council and the Pelham Food Pantry. Ticket prices are \$1.00 per ticket or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Thank you for your support of this endeavor.

Religious Education



Join Us For Family Faith Life Registration Night!

On Wednesday, September 9th, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the cafeteria of the school we will be holding an informational meeting for all those interested in learning more about the Family Faith Life Program. We welcome old and new families to this event because things will definitely look different this year. We would ask that all parents please wear a mask to this meeting and practice social distancing.

If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend this meeting and would like to learn more please email the Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he would be happy to schedule a one-on-one conversation.

Also, if you are just looking to register your child/children for Faith Life you may drop your paperwork off in the parish office during our regular hours, Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

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

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 8/23/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,730
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,421
Total Offertory	\$6,151
Faith Life	\$1,347
Total Funds Collected	\$7,498

Parish Collections for the week of 8/30/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,366
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,246
Total Offertory	\$6,612
Maintenance	\$1,362
Total Funds Collected	\$7,974

As of 8/30 we have an offertory deficit of \$5,151

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 13 This year due to the pandemic we were not able to have the collection for the **Holy Land**. At the request of the Pope he would like us to have a special collection on the weekend of **September 12th & 13th** for the **Holy Land**. Thank you for Generosity.

Sept. 13 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 20 Utility

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

Sept. 27 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.

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.

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

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.

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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org