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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to <u>www.formed.org</u> to register, go to <u>pelham.formed.org</u>

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 fatheryon@comcast.net.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM

Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday8amFridayNo MassFirst Friday and First Saturday8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am

2:00-8:00pm

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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: www.kofcpelhamnh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 7

4pm **James Gabby Floyd** requested by

his family

John & Marcia Mathson

requested by the Mathson family

Sunday September 8

8am Leon & Louise Bousquet

requested by Patty Kennedy

10:30am Paul Faucher, 3rd Anniversary,

requested by his wife & children

6pm Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday September 9

8am Nicholas Betancur requested by

his family

Tuesday September 10

8am George Yankowskas requested

by Trisha Yankowskas

Wednesday September 11

8am Rev. Robert A. Marchand

Thursday September 12

8am Raymond A. Bernard requested

by his wife Katherine

Friday September 13

8am No Mass

Saturday September 14

4pm Don Sr., & Winifred & Rita

Govette requested by Don &

Liette Goyette

Sunday September 15

8am **Patricia Dube**, 32nd Anniversary,

requested by her family **Barbara Tracy** requested by

Doug & Laura Masson

10:30am **Bob Doucette** requested by

Shirley

Newman Al E. Watson, Jr.,

requested by Shirley

6pm Intentions of all our Parishioners



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

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 9/1/19
Offertory Envelopes \$5,867
Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,016
Total Offertory \$6,883

Total Collected \$6,883

Thank you for your faithful & generous support ~Fr. Von~

Catholic University

collected as of 9/1/19 \$1,280 Thank you for your generosity!

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Franciscan Missions

collected as of 9/1/19 \$1.319

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 15 Utility

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

Sept. 22 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.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Raymond A. Bernard by his wife Katherine & children



Sunday, September 8

Mary Birthday Party, 11:30 AM, in the parish center

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

Rosary & Adoration, 6:30 PM, in the church Parish Mission, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, September 10

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Rosary & Adoration, 6:30 PM, in the church Parish Mission, 7:00 PM, in the church

Wednesday, September 11

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

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-6:00 PM Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school Parish Mission, 7:00 PM, in the parish center

Thursday, September 12

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 13

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

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

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

Visit the sick Bury the Dead

Comfort the imprisoned



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: Charlotte Marie Couillard, Aurora Bridget Dickson, Layla Sophia Lipinski, Trevor Jackson Maguire, Jackson Allen Rosko, Caden Thomas Sands and Colton Edward Tolson. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

VOCATION BLESSING CUP

The Vocation Blessing Cup will be dedicated on September 29, 2019 on Priesthood Sunday and is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Catholic Church parishioners. Thank you for hosting the Vocation Blessing Cup in your home for one week. St. Patrick Catholic Church Vocation Blessing Cup Ministry was created to inspire a greater awareness of God's call within our community. During the time that you host the Vocation Blessing Cup, you are asked to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, as well as for those who are already serving the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.



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

Joseph Rosko and Aleesha Kosik

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Blessed Mother's Birthday! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAMA!

Have you ever noticed that we rarely celebrate birthdays in the Church calendar? Most of the saints' feast days are the day they died. Only with the Blessed Mother, St. John the Baptist, and Jesus do we celebrate birthdays. The Church explains that since their holiness, their becoming saints, are not a foregone conclusion at their births, we don't celebrate their first breath, but, rather, after they have lived that life of holiness – after they have made the *choice* to follow Christ, to be embraced by His mercy – do we celebrate their holiness.

With the three birthdays we celebrate, it is different. With Jesus – obviously He is God, and so He is holy of Himself – in fact, one might say that He is *holiness itself*. With St. John the Baptist, the Church says that when Mary greeted Elizabeth, and John leaped in her womb, the Holy Spirit came upon him, and he was made holy in that moment – so from John's birth, he was holy. With Mary, we believe in the Immaculate Conception (December 8th), that from the first moment of Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, Mary was without any stain of sin – Original Sin or actual sin.

Now that we know why we celebrate Mary's birthday and so few of the other saints' birthdays, now we ask how we celebrate it. I invite you today to spend some time with Mary, our Mother. She is truly Queen of the Angels and Saints, Queen of the whole Universe, but she is more *mother* than queen. She longs to be with her children – you and me. The greatest gift Jesus gives her is ... us, as her children.

I encourage you to get to know Mary – the greatest of Saints. As I mentioned on the Assumption (August 15th), everything that is not from my own will, comes to me *through* Mary's loving and merciful hands. In other words, Mary's got your back – she's got my back. We have but to say "yes" to her. As we look at her life, we can learn how we are to follow Christ more closely. Here are a few examples from her life:

- At the Annunciation, when the Angel says, "Rejoice, most exalted one/one who has been and is now filled with divine life" (Luke 1:28), Mary's troubled response is to **ponder** what this might mean. So, too, are we to ponder and look to God when life doesn't make sense.
- When the angel allays her fears, and asks her to be God's mother, her response is, "**Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word**" (Luke 1:38). In humility and obedience, Mary says "Yes" to God, not knowing the future, but trusting His loving Providence. With Mary's help, we can say a trusting "*Yes*" to God when He calls us beyond ourselves.
- Immediately, Mary "in haste" (Luke 1:39) travels to help her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth. May we, too, reach out in service to others, swiftly!
- At the confirmation of Mary's vocation by Elizabeth, Mary cries out the glory of God in the *Magnificat* (see Luke 1:46-55). We, too are to recognize how God works in our lives, and give Him thanks and praise for all His goodness.
- When the shepherds come with the tale of the Angels' song, and when they find the child Jesus in the Temple (see Luke 2: 15-20, 41-52), she keeps all these in her heart, pondering on what God is doing. So are we to continue to ponder how God works mysteriously and wondrously.
- The one time we see Mary distressed is when she is *not with Jesus* because she and Joseph had lost Him (Luke 41-52). Mary teaches us to stay close to Jesus, and, if we do, there will never be need to worry or be distressed.
- At the Wedding at Cana, Mary shows us that she is attentive to the needs of those around her, and then gives it all to Jesus ("They have no wine" John 2:3). Instructing the servants to "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5), we see miracles happen. We learn from Mary to be attentive to the needs of others, to entrust (and teach others to entrust) everything to Jesus, and He will take care of everything.
- At the foot of the Cross, we find Mary (see John 19). From Mary, we learn that loving others means that we will suffer suffer as they suffer, suffer with them in a true "compassion" ("to suffer with"). She can strengthen us to undergo any trial, for even in the midst of the most profound suffering in the world, there can be purpose and meaning if there is love.

I encourage you to take some time today to spend time with Mary; it is her birthday, after all! Ponder over how she can lead us closer to Jesus, and ask her to help us be with Jesus as she was.



COME TO THE ALTAR Friday, September 20th 7:00 PM

Join us for a night of Praise and Worship Adoration. Adoration begins at 7:00 PM in the Church. Food and Fellowship downstairs at 8:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Worship led by Sammie Moore of Here on Earth Worship Band.

VOCATIONS

"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship as priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org

Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com



BABY BOTTLES

St. Gianna's Place-a new home for women in crisis pregnancies-has recently opened its doors in Hudson, NH. Money is being raised to help defray the costs of day-to-day operations and maintenance. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with loose change or bills, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by October 13th. With your support, we can change mothers' lives and save unborn babies. If you would like to assist us with passing out or collecting the bottles, please contact Lydia Sobocinski at 603-216-7320. Thank you!

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2019 and 2020, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.





ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of 5, 25 or 50 years, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 P.M., at St. Joseph **Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by September 20, 2019. 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. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



Please join us for our annual **Parish Picnic** on Sunday, September 29th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Can't wait to see you there!