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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://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 (603)-635-3525 or [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto: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**

*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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)



**Saturday February 3**  
 4pm **Walter Godosky**, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 requested by Rick, Gail & family

**Sunday February 4**  
 8am **Leon Bousquet** requested by his  
 daughter Patty Kennedy  
 10:30am **Rev. John Sledziona** requested by  
 Donna Smith  
**Clint Updyke** requested by  
 Barbara, Adam & Sean  
 6pm **Intentions for all our  
 Parishioners**

**Monday February 5**  
 8am **The Bernard & Thibault  
 Family** requested by Bernie  
**Bernie Thibault** "Birthday  
 Remembrance" requested by  
 the Jacobs & Haight family

**Tuesday February 6**  
 8am **In Honor of St. Francis  
 Joan Straughan** "Birthday  
 Remembrance" requested by  
 her husband Steve & family

**Wednesday February 7**  
 8am **Rosario Asslin** requested by  
 Maureen & David Groff

**Thursday February 8**  
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by the  
 Bedard family  
**Monica Pitman** requested by  
 Richard & Julie Bernier

**Friday February 9**  
 8am No Mass  
 7pm Healing Mass

**Saturday February 10**  
 4pm **Wesley Smith** requested by  
 Josette Battisti & Michael Gromek

**Sunday February 11**  
 8am **Joseph Dias** requested by the  
 Martin family  
 10:30am **Grace Buscema**, 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,  
**Patricia Cormier**, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Anniversary, requested by their  
 family  
 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 1/28/18	\$7,633
Faith Life	\$1,492

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$9,125**

Thank you for supporting our parish  
 ~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Feb. 11 Capital Improvements**  
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Feb. 18 Utility**  
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

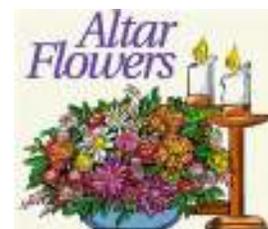
**Feb. 25 Faith Life Formation**  
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Mar. 4 Capital Improvements**  
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

**MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE**

Are you in need of healing? Aren't we all. Come and experience God's healing love at a Mass of Healing and Hope on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Bernie Thibault, "Birthday Remembrance", by the Jacobs & Haight Family

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 4**

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall  
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

**Monday, February 5**

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, in the church  
 The Mass Teaching, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, February 6**

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Women Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 7**

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

**Thursday, February 8**

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall  
 Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

**Friday, February 9**

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

**The Franciscan Mystery Players present:  
 "The Sorrowful Mysteries"**  
 This is a new and UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS, from Ste. Marie Parish Youth Group, Manchester, NH. With the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish's spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for very young children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **Friday, March 9, 2018 at 7:30 PM. DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**

**LDSH RETREAT**

All women of the parish are invited to attend this year's Little Daughters of the Sacred Heart Retreat, which will be held February 16-18, at the Betania II Marian Retreat Center in Medway, MA. Our theme this year is "You Are Mine" and our speakers will be Susan Conroy, renown author, speaker and host of EWTN's popular new show, Coming to Jesus, as well as Fr. David Pignato, professor of systematic theology at St. John's Seminary. For more information, please visit our website [littledaughter.org](http://littledaughter.org) or contact Christine Lemieux at [christine@lemieux-design.net](mailto:christine@lemieux-design.net)

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy of the Church. Application should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

**Former St. Pat's Student  
 Going to the Winter Olympics**  
 Eric Loughran, a former student from St. Patrick School, is a member of the US Freestyle Aerial Ski Team going to the Olympics in PyeongChang, So. Korea. Eric is the child of Brendan & Pannee Loughran and brother of Ashley. The Olympics start on February 5<sup>th</sup> and end on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and Good Luck Eric!

**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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fr. Brian Kennedy, C. S. s. R., is the pastor at St. Matthew Parish in Windham. You remember that he came during the Year of Mercy to speak about the work he and others were doing in the Dominican Republic. Recently, he wrote a bulletin article about the Papal Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* which I found to be quite good. 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this encyclical by Pope Blessed Paul VI. With his permission, I am re-printing his article below.

The most ridiculed and then forgotten Papal Encyclical of the last century was: *Humanae Vitae*. Priests who usually backed the Pope were embarrassed to talk about it; fearing to be branded as old fogeys. Universities with the name "Catholic" hastened to agree with other academic institutions that the document went backwards rather than forwards. If you tried to envision a bigger public relations snafu with the Pope's magisterium, you'd be hard pressed to find anything "worse" than the teaching in *Humanae Vitae*. Pope Paul VI delivered his gift to the world from St. Peter's Rome on July 25th, the feast of St. James the Apostle, in the year 1968. "No member of the faithful could possibly deny that the Church is competent in her magisterium to interpret the natural moral law" wrote Paul VI. Did he know that this competency would not be challenged... so much as the very existence of a "natural moral law"? *Humanae Vitae*... is it a jewel or a piece of junk?

The history of God's People in the Bible is full of references to both "false" and "true" prophets. The false ones get good press. They march in step to the national aspirations of their people and are quick to say that things are moving along just as they should be. For the false prophets, God is blessing everything just as it is. The true prophets, by contrast, live in an unsafe environment. They get booed a hundred times more than they get praised. Judge *Humanae Vitae* not by what the media and the academy said about it during the sexual revolution, but on its own merits... especially in the light of all the "me too" revelations in 2017 of degrading treatment and humiliation... in the light of entire cultures on the way to extinction from low birth numbers.

17. "Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection."

We are 50 years out from the teaching of *Humanae Vitae*. Most countries have instituted policies and judicial frameworks opposed to its teaching. Is family life better off? Are marriages stronger and happier? Are children safer because their world is populated with contraceptive rather than chaste couples? Paul VI was told to his face a thousand times that he was "hurting people with his teaching." He simply replied: "it comes as no surprise to the Church that she, no less than her divine Founder, is destined to be a 'sign of contradiction.' She does not, because of this, evade the duty imposed on her of proclaiming humbly but firmly the entire moral law, both natural and evangelical."

- Father Brian Kennedy



This year for Lent  
do something that will  
**Change Your Life**  
Join our Retreat,  
March 2-5, 2018,  
held at St. Patrick School.  
Sign up by contacting  
Fr. Von at 603-635-3525 or  
[fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)  
The retreat is free,  
and you sleep at home.  
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

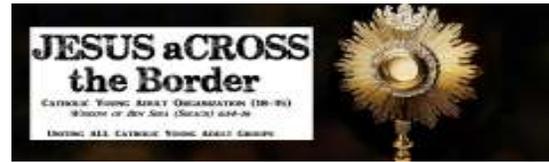
**FISH BAKE**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving fish dinners every Friday through Lent, February 16<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-6:45 PM, in the Parish Center. The dinner is a freshly baked piece of haddock with green beans, mashed potato and a roll. Prices are \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors. Take-out orders, please call 635-3829 any time after 4:00 PM.



**July 9-13, 2018**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Registration Cost: \$45.00**

Last year, over 140 children, teens and adult volunteers from all over the diocese attended our summer camp fondly called VBS. If your child hasn't yet experienced this themed week of games, music, skits, crafts and food – then what are you waiting for?! Early registration is now open and forms are at the back of the church. Volunteer opportunities are also available for 20 teen service hours and they fill up fast! If interested or for more information, please contact Christine Lemieux at [christine@lemieux-design.net](mailto:christine@lemieux-design.net)



**“A Multicultural Celebration!”**  
**JESUS aCROSS the Border**  
Friday, February 16, 2018  
St. Mary of the Assumption  
Lawrence, MA  
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization that unites over 20 different young adult Catholic groups, for this prime time event beginning at 8:00 PM with a bilingual young adult Mass celebrated by Fr. Carlos D. Suarez. Eucharistic Adoration and Praise & Worship will be follow and led by Mike Valle McDuffee of Delmore Worship and Cry out Boston. Hermanos Queliz, local Praise & Worship band sensation, will accompany Mike for an evening of acoustic worship. Following Adoration please join us for our networking pizza social and an evening of Latin Dance Party – Salsa, etc. (lessons & dancing). Free: parking lot. Please email Billy Beauchesne at [JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page for more information.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP  
FATIMA AND BERNADETTE**

Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. Please note that due to increased camping costs, the number of scholarships awarded this year will be limited to twenty-one (21). If you are interested in attending Camp Fatima or Bernadette, please contact the Parish Office no later than Monday, March 12, 2018.

**STEUBENVILLE EAST  
REGISTRATION IS COMING!**

All teens currently in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend this life-changing weekend. Steubenville East takes place on UMASS Lowell Campus and the dates this year are July 13-15. To learn more about what happens at a Steubenville East Conference you can visit this site: <https://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/> If you are interested, please contact Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor via email at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net)