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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4PM
Sunday	8AM, 10:30AM
Sunday	6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9am
Tuesday through Thursday	8am
Friday	No Mass
First Friday	8am
First Saturday	8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day	8am & 7pm
When school is in session	10am

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 erick.wright@myfairpoint.net. More information online: http://www.nhknights.org/

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday **March 28**
4pm Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their family

Sunday **March 29**
8am Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois
10:30am Harry Peters requested by Gerry & Rosemarie Martin
6pm George "Joe" Puddister requested by his family

Monday **March 30**
9am Rose Toubia & Kamil Karam requested by their family

Tuesday **March 31**
8am Maria Garabedian "95th Birthday Remembrance" requested by her brothers

Wednesday **April 1**
8am Ruth Foster Lavigne, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Thursday **April 2**
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday **April 3**
3pm Veneration of the Cross
7pm Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday **April 4**
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday **April 5**
8am Rena Cayer requested by her family
9:30am Intentions for all our parishioners
11:30am Chase Gosselin, 10th Anniversary, requested by his family

Deadline for the Easter Memorials is this Monday, March 30th.

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 3/22/15	$7,847
Groundskeeping	$1,567

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses $9,414

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 5 **Capital Improvements**
This collection helps with projects around the parish.
Apr. 12 **St. Patrick Catholic School**
This collection helps with the school assessment from the Diocese.
Apr. 19 **Fuel**
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory and Parish Center.
Apr. 26 **Faith Life Formation**
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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

Please return your Rice Bowls by Sunday, April 12th.

NH CATHOLIC YOUTHFEST

All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join hundreds of other NH youth at St. Anselm College on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Cost is $30.00 per person. Please contact Cindy Turco at cturco970@comcast.net.

Sunday, March 29
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, March 30
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church
Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Tuesday, March 31
Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 1
Men's Morning Group, 6:00 AM, in the meeting room
Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 1:00 PM
RCIA, 6:30 PM, in the church

Thursday, April 2
AA, 7:00 PM, in the School

ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE

St. Patrick Men's Club is selling raffle tickets for Renovation to the Parish Center Bathrooms. The drawing for the prizes will take place on Saturday, May 9th after the 4:00 PM Mass. The raffle tickets are available at the parish office. Tickets are $10.00 each.

1st Prize: 150 Mass $5 Scratch Tickets ($750 value)
2nd Prize: $500 Cash
3rd Prize: 2 tickets to a Red Sox Game
4th Prize: 2 Tickets to a Patriots Game
5th Prize: $100 Cyr Lumber Gift Card

Need not to be present to win; if present, winner can choose any remaining prize.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2nd
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM
Adoration following Mass until Midnight
Good Friday, April 3rd
Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM
Veneration of the Cross: 3:00 PM
Living Stations: 7:00 PM
Holy Saturday, April 4th
Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS
Easter Sunday, April 5th
Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS
Divine Mercy Novena:
April 3rd at 4:30 PM
April 4th at 3:00 PM
April 5th at 12:45 PM
April 6th to April 10th at 6:30 PM
April 11th at 2:00 PM
April 12th at 3:00 PM **Divine Mercy Celebration**

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 30th
Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 3rd
Time: 12:00-2:45 PM

Easter Baskets Due By March 30th

Please share the joy of Easter and join in this fun, heart-warming project as we once again help the Easter Bunny deliver baskets to children whose families have fallen on hard times. We plan to supply baskets to our Food Pantry families and children from near-by shelters as well. If you'd like more information regarding specific needs, please contact Cheryl at cdbrunelle@comcast.net or 603 635 3610. Baskets can be dropped off in the chapel and are due no later than Monday March 30th.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Passion Sunday and Good Friday recall the events of the Lord's greatest suffering – His greatest *Love*. Jesus is arrested and goes through trial after trial. He is condemned to death by the very people He has come to save. He is scourged, and as His Flesh is torn away, we can see Satan's hand trying to strip Jesus of His humanity. He is crowned with thorns: the King of kings being mocked as a false king and a fool. He is rejected and made to carry His cross to His execution, with the help of an unwilling Simon of Cyrene.

He is stripped naked – stripped of all His dignity – and nailed to a cross in aguish and pain, as He suffocates to death. His agony here is also that of existential loneliness – rejected, abandoned, denied, betrayed, by all the ones He loves, and even some who love Him. In a moment of desperation, He even feels abandoned by His *Abba* – His Father – as He cries out, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me**?" (Mark 15:34). Despite all of this, He cries out for the forgiveness of those killing and mocking Him ("**Father, forgive them, they know not what they do,**" Luke 23:34).

In the midst of this, we see that He is *not* alone. There are some who have dared to console Him. Dismas, the "good thief," defends Him, and recognizes His Kingship ("Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," Luke 23:42), and Jesus responds with words of such reward, "**Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise**" (Luke 23:43).

There are also some women – including Mary, His mother, accompanied by the Beloved Disciple, John – at the foot of the Cross. John was the one who rested on the Heart of Jesus at the Last Supper (John 13:25), and it was because of his great love for the Lord, that he came to be at the Cross. Amidst all of the loneliness and anguish of Jesus, what a blessing that there was someone, in fact "someones" who would dare to be with Jesus in His loneliest hour! And we, too, have the opportunity to be present. Each of us is the "beloved disciple," each of us has the opportunity to console our Lord in His agony and death. To the words of the old song, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" we can reply with an overwhelming, "Yes! Yes, I was there!" In every Mass, we are present there; every time we go to Adoration, the sacrifice of Calvary is present; every time we choose to spend time consoling the Lord in His suffering, He brings us to the foot of the Cross.

Jesus looks to His mother, and to the beloved disciple (us, too, remember), and He gives His mother to us, and us to her, "**Woman, behold, your son**… **Behold your mother**" (John 19:26-27). As John took Mary into His home, so we too are called to take her into our homes, our hearts.

Then, in a beautiful moment, we get to hear what has truly motivated Jesus: "**I thirst**" (John 19:28). He is thirsting for love and for souls. This anguish is what has kept Him on the Cross – not the nails, but His love for you and me, *His thirst for our love*. He pines for our love. The greatest pain He endures is not the nails, or the crown of thorns, but the stark **indifference** of the ones He loves! When He is longing for us, for our love, and all we give is a post-modern, "meh," we do more damage to the Heart of Jesus than the spear. He longs for you and me. He aches for us. One tiny act of love we offer to Him is a sweet balm to His aching Heart!

With this cry for our love, His love is finally consummated, "**It is finished**" (John 19:30), and He gives Himself over into the Hands of His Father ("**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit**" Luke 23:46). His Heart is pierced, broken for us, and we see the blood and water flow out (John 19:34), the signs of the Eucharist (remember, God's way of being ever present to us), and Baptism (when God makes us His beloved and precious sons and daughters).

This week, may we be mindful of Christ's great love and His thirst for our love – your love. It is what drove Him – as a zealous lover – to give EVERYTHING, so that we could be with Him forever.

Join us in this Holy Week, as we celebrate the Triduum (the three Holy Days), remembering His great love. **Holy Thursday's Mass is at 7pm**, followed by Adoration in the Parish Center. **Good Friday** has the **reading of the Passion**, **Adoration of the Cross**, and receiving **Communion at 3:00pm**, with the **Living Stations at 7pm**. Holy Saturday has our **Easter Vigil** celebration beginning at **7:30pm**.

First Eucharist Sessions for students who participated in the First Reconciliation sessions and received the Sacrament in November:

March 28th 9:00 AM-10:30 AM at St. Patrick Catholic School

If inclement weather, please check parish website or WMUR TV

First Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, April 18th

Jr. Youth Program:

- Palm Sunday, March 29th **Note the change of time & location:** 5:00-7:00 PM in the K of C Hall followed by the 6:00 PM Mass in church
- April 5th & 12th no Classes
- April 19th in the K of C Hall from 4:00-5:45 PM
- May 17th **Note change of time**: 9:45AM in the K of C Hall followed by the 10:30 AM Mass with May Crowning this is the **last class of the year.**

Teen/Confirmation Ministry:

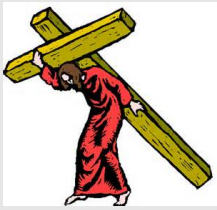
- Palm Sunday, March 29th Living Stations rehearsal 2:00-5:00 **note change of time.** Teens not participating in Living Stations **note change of time & location:** 5:00-7:00 PM in the K of C Hall followed by 6:00 PM Mass in church
- April 5th No class
- April 12th class in the school cafeteria from 4:00-5:45 PM l**ast class of the year**.

Grades 1, 3-6

- March 30th & 31st No classes
- April 6th or 7th 6:00-7:15 PM in the school
- April 13th & 14th with parents in the church from 6:00-7:15 PM. **Note: this is the last class**

A message to Parents who do Home Instruction for Faith Formation:

Your last Gospel Weekly packets of the year are available in the parish office. Please come for them any day Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.



Please join us on Good Friday when the youth of St. Patrick Parish will present a moving representation of Jesus' passion and crucifixion.
This Friday, April 3rd, at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

THE PENNY SALE IS COMING!!

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 19th Penny Sale on April 11th & 12th. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, Projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate new items to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office in the rectory basement or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on April 11th & 12th.

SAVE THE DATE!
The Auction is back!

The date is Friday, October 23, 2015. The theme for this year is Whodunnit Mystery. This year the Auction is held at a **new location** Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA go to www.fouroakscountryclub.com to check it out. More information to follow or clues to the Mystery!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild will be awarding three $500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan on going to college. Applications are available in the **Parish Office**, the **Sacristy**, and the **Guidance Office** at **Pelham High School.** The completed application should be returned to the Parish Office or the Guidance Office at Pelham High School by Friday, April 24th.