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FORMED

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

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

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

for the Week

- Saturday November 30**
 4pm **Andrew & Marietta Genereux**
 requested by their daughters
 Georgette & Andrea
Matthew J. Janos, 14th
 Anniversary, requested by
 Joan Janos
- Sunday December 1**
 8am **William Sandall, 1st Anniversary,**
 requested by his family
 10:30am **Joyce Fredette** requested by
 Jacob & Beata
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday December 2**
 8am **Phillip John Cieszynski, 20th**
 Anniversary, requested by
 his family
- Tuesday December 3**
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by
 his wife Rita
Fr. Donald F. Gauthier, Jr.
- Wednesday December 4**
 8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**
- Thursday December 5**
 8am **Linda Bousquet, Birthday**
 Remembrance, requested by
 Patty Kennedy
- Friday December 6**
 8am **Elizabeth Ann Goldsmith, 4th**
 Anniversary, requested by Mary
 Morgan & family
 6pm Holy Hour
- Saturday December 7**
 8am Women of Mary
 4pm **Charles Hudson** requested by
 his wife & family
- Sunday December 8**
 8am **Germaine Lafortune, 16th**
 Anniversary, requested by her
 family
 10:30am **Julia Lawlor, Birthday**
 Remembrance, requested by
 Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Thanksgiving. The money will be in next weekend's bulletin.



**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Dec. 8 Retirement Fund for the Religious

This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.

Dec. 15 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Dec 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Dec. 29 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

First Friday Mass is this Friday, December 6th, at 8:00 AM

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, December 7th, at 8:00 AM

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on December 7th. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
 Cluster Penance Service, 1:30 PM, St. Matthew Parish

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

Monday, December 2

Lighting of the Crèche, 6:30 PM, followed by refreshments in the Parish Center

Tuesday, December 3

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 4

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
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school
 Knights of Columbus meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Saturday, December 7

Craft Fair, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

The Blessing Cup is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. If you are interested in hosting the Blessing Cup please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

ADVENT CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE
 The Advent Cluster Penance Service will be held at St. Matthew's in Windham this Sunday, December 1st at 1:30 PM.

Confessions times in Advent: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM and Sundays 7:30-7:45 AM, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM. Wednesday, December 11th & 18th at 7:00 PM and Monday, December 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Catholic Charities New Hampshire Acquires Program Serving At-Risk Veterans: Building on our commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable across New Hampshire, Catholic Charities NH acquired Manchester-based Liberty House. Liberty House, which is now an official program of Catholic Charities, serves homeless and at-risk veterans through sober transitional housing, clothing and food distribution and various mental and physical wellness programs. Many of these veterans face immense challenges and invisible wounds, such as trauma, addiction and a lack of secure housing. It is our goal to expand on the work Liberty House has done for more than 15 years – and through your support – create more hope, independence and self-sufficiency for this extremely vulnerable and underserved population.

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

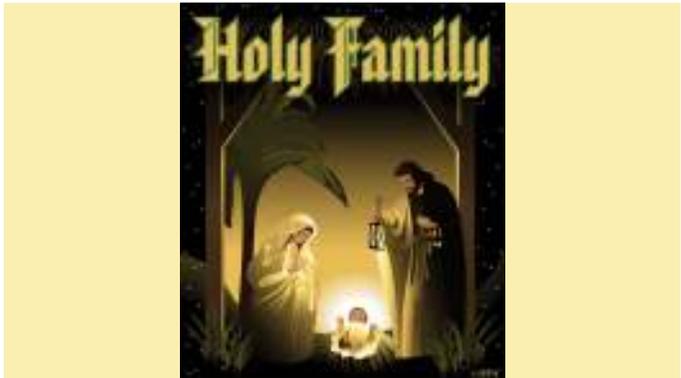
___ Give drink to the thirsty

___ Shelter the homeless

___ Comfort the imprisoned

___ Visit the sick

___ Bury the Dead



Join us in our Tradition of the Lighting of the Crèche this Monday, December 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Immediately followed by Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Crafts in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Pastor's Corner



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We begin Advent. We begin a new liturgical year. Advent has a specific motion – seen in the readings and prayers – moving from preparing for the second coming of Christ to a remembrance of the Incarnation of Christ (His first coming, coming in the flesh). One of the constant cries throughout the centuries has been “*Marana tha*, come Lord Jesus” (*marana tha* literally means “Come, our Lord”). He is coming! In Advent, we prepare for that coming. Throughout Advent this year, I will use this space to enter into prayer about the coming of Jesus and what He asks of us in this season. I invite you to enter into prayer with me.

Dear Jesus, You love us so much, so tenderly. You want what is best for each of us. You have gone to prepare a place for us in the Father’s house. Your one desire is that we love You in return. O Jesus, this is the gift of freedom You have given to us – the ability to love You... and the ability to choose NOT to love You, for love is not love if it is not free.

Jesus, we so often break Your Heart by choosing not to love You. You tell us that You respect our freedom so much that we can choose to be away from You for all eternity in Hell. You warn us over and over again that the end is coming – that we must prepare to see you face to face, that we know not the day, nor the hour.

Dearest Jesus, please give us the courage to throw off the works of darkness. Jesus, for all of our anger, rivalry and jealousy, please forgive. Give us the courage to look to You, how You are meek, forgiving, grateful and desire the best for each person. Give these graces to us. Jesus, for all the times when we dehumanize others, making of them objects for our pleasure and use, instead of the precious sons and daughters of God that they are, for all the times that we disrespect the incredible gift of human sexuality which points to the very Heart of the Trinity, please forgive. Transform our hearts, soften our hearts so that we may truly love each person made in Your image and likeness. Jesus for all the ways that we abuse the gifts of this world – especially food and drink – Lord, forgive. Help us to look to you as the only final satisfaction for our desires and longings. Jesus, for all the ways that we waste the incredible gifts You have given us, especially the gift of *time*, forgive, and help us to use each gift, each moment in ways that draw us to You. Help us to throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light!

We know, Jesus, that there will come a day when everything in this world will end. May we not be so focused on the chaos of the here and now, on getting only the most for *me* in this world, but to invest in that which will last for eternity. We know that we may not get warning, but that the “thief” will come for a reckoning of our lives on an unknown day and at an unknown hour. Help us always to be prepared.

Jesus, we love You; we trust in You! We know that Your coming will be joyous, if only we are on watch for You, placing our lives at Your service. *Marana tha*, come Lord Jesus.



St. Gianna's is accepting toy donations for its annual toy sale to be held on December 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave in Derry. Please consider donating your gently used toys at St. Patrick's. Toys can be placed in the bin located outside the K of C Hall downstairs. If you have a large donation, it may be brought to Jen Harrington at 67 Susan Drive, Pelham. Simply leave your bagged donation on the driveway. Proceeds from this sale go to help the needy in our community through St. Thomas' outreach programs and to St. Gianna's Place. Donations will be accepted through December 5th. Thank you in advance! For any questions, please call Jen at 603-327-7894.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. St. Patrick Parish will begin a weekly Scripture study, Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come on January 8th at 9:00 AM in the school classroom. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation or a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, contact Donna Beals at 603-898-0308 or dbeals1@comcast.net. Cost for the workbook and online video access is \$27 per person. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.



The Christmas Craft Fair is December 7th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM in the Parish Center. We will have crafts from many local artisans, delicious food, a bake table with delicious goods from our parishioners, and raffles. It is a fun day for the family and ideas for your Christmas shopping.

FUNDRAISER

Ken Dunne, a long-term member of the Sons of the American Legion and past commander as well as a member of St. Patrick Parish, is very sick with cancer. The Sal's are having a special fundraiser to help defray medical bills as well as raise funds for his wife and children. The event will be held at the American Legion function hall on Saturday, December 7th, from 2:00-6:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 each and 2 for \$20. There will be plenty of food, fun, music, and raffles. Please see any of the bartenders at the American Legion or Bill Scanzani for tickets. Bill can be reached at 508-878-8165 or by email at bscanzani@earthlink.net



The Food Pantry is in need of **Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Juice & Sports Drinks**. Thank you for your Generosity!

The Bereavement Center of Saints Mary and Joseph Parish is running a three-night session on "Bereavement and the Holidays."

Place: St. Julie Hall (behind St. Joseph Church)
40 Main Street, Salem, NH

Dates: Thursdays, December 5th, 12th & 19th.

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

For more information, please call 603-893-6061.