



Saturday December 11

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 10th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Sunday December 12

8am ~ Aldo Larese, 33rd Anniversary, requested by the Raby family

Francisco Silva, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Lucy

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday December 13

8am ~ Alice Martin requested by Carol Martin

Tuesday December 14

8am ~ Francisco Silva & Luis Silva requested by Jason & Lucia Azevedo

Loula Enos requested by Dan & Sue Martin

Wednesday December 15

8am ~ George & Theresa Muldoon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Thomas Straughan requested by Gary & Debby Anderson

Thursday December 16

8am ~ Tina Wurst, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Robert Comeau, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his godchild Linda

Friday December 17

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday December 18

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisselle Families and Rita & Jerry Trottier requested by the Choquette family

Robert Stonis, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his mom

Sunday December 19

8am ~ Robert Hall and Alexander & Alma Boisvert requested by Anita Hall & family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Confessions times in Advent: Saturdays 3:00 PM and Sundays 7:30 and 10:00 AM. Wednesdays, December 15th & 29th at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, December 12

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center

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

Monday, December 13

Advent Retreat, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, December 14

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 15

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 16

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

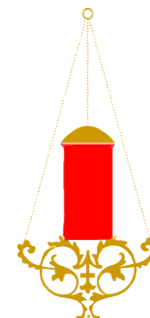
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, December 17

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

Saturday, December 18

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school cafeteria



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **John (Jack) McDonough**, 17th Anniversary by his wife & family

The Deadline for Christmas Memorials is Monday, December 20th.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The Third Sunday in Advent is called Gaudete Sunday – “Rejoice Sunday.” We light the rose candle, and have the option of wearing rose vestments (instead of violet), and the readings call us to *rejoice in the Lord*:

**Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!** (1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14)

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Psalm response: Isaiah 12:6)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (2nd reading: Philippians 4:4)

In the midst of this time of waiting (Advent) – waiting for the Messiah to come – the Church invites us to REJOICE, even while waiting, even when the coming of the Lord has not yet been fully realized. Do you rejoice while you’re waiting? Think about the last time you were waiting in the doctor’s office, at the DMV, in traffic, or in line at the store: did you spend that time rejoicing ... or griping and complaining (at least internally)? Yet the Church invites us to rejoice.

I think about Blessed Solanus Casey, a Capuchin Franciscan from the mid-west. One of his famous sayings is, “Thank God ahead of time.” This is how we can rejoice, even while waiting to see the results – because we trust God’s love for us, that he is working in our lives, and He will not abandon us. We wait for the results, but we trust with total trust that God has taken care of everything, and so can rejoice!

I’ve shared this story before, but when I was only a few years ordained, I was transferred to a new assignment in Keene. I did not want to moved, and I did not want to be moved to this parish in particular. But I went out of obedience to the Bishop. After only a year, I was asked to move again. By this time, I had grown to love the parish, the parishioners, and the priests with whom I worked. My heart broke when I found I had to move. In prayer, the Lord invited me to trust Him, and to rejoice. He showed me that, as much as I had not wanted to go to Keene, now I didn’t want to leave. He asked me, “Will you trust me enough to rejoice in this move, even though you cannot yet see the good that I will do?” As hard as the move was, I knew I had to go into it with joy... because God was doing something so good! He is trustworthy.

The Church invites us on this “Rejoice Sunday” to look to the Lord, even in our struggles, trials, and the evil that surrounds us. He invites us to REJOICE! We rejoice not in evil, of course, but in the *goodness of the Lord!* May we turn to the Lord in our waiting, in our good times and bad, and rejoice in His faithfulness, His love, and His providence.



FAITH FORMATION

A Family of Faith - December

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." - John 1:14

The Season of Advent is a great time of preparation to celebrate this amazing Truth. God took on flesh, became His creation, in order to save it. At the end of November, we paused at our community gathering to talk about Advent and how we can prepare as a family for the Birth of Christ. I thought I might take the time to share some of the ideas and traditions we discussed.

-The Advent Candles and Wreath

Just as we light another Advent Candle at Mass every Sunday of the season it is also tradition to mirror this in our own homes. Do we have our Advent Wreaths out so that we may pause at home in prayer in preparation for the Savior.

-Family Advent Covenant

What is a promise you can make as a family this Advent Season to better prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas?

-Advent Sacrifice Manger

Each family created a simple manger, which starts empty at the beginning of the season. With each act of love, sacrifice or extra prayer prayed the manger is slowly filled with pieces of hay. This is how we can best prepare for Christmas, by serving others.

-Birthday Party for Jesus

On Christmas Day, let us plan a great celebration! This is the Holy Solemnity of Christmas! Let us leap with Joy and sing praises to His name.

A Blessed Advent and Christmas Season to every one of you.



SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS

Christmas Eve – December 24th
 Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
 Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – December 25th
 Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
 Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve – December 31st
 The Solemnity of Mary 5:30 PM

New Year's Day – January 1st
 The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM

ADVENT RETREAT

Join Fr. Von for two mini Advent Retreats on **Monday, December 13th and 20th from 7:00-8:00 PM** in the youth room at the school. You do not need to register. Attend one or both, as your schedule allows.

Vita Nova invites you to join us for:
 Out of the Woods ~ Into the Water
 Men's Retreat on January 7-9, 2022
 Save \$25 if you register before December 13th
 Learn More & Register Today
<https://vitanova.org/catholic-mens-retreat>



"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



The Christmas Pageant will be at the **4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.**

Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be on Sundays after the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:35 AM) on **December 12th and 19th**. To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at garywendy6@comcast.net

SCHLORSHIPS FOR CAMP FATIMA/BERNADETTE

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! This is possible in accordance with the terms of a bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. If interested, please contact the Parish Office for an application.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information, or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Take time for your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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 12/5/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,986
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,146
Total Offertory	\$7,132

Total Collected	\$7,132
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Thank you for your faithful & generous support

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 12/5/21

\$1,215

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Dec. 19 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Dec. 26 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Jan. 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Jan. 9 Utility

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

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

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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.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or Lmurgia_871@comcast.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM

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

For more information, or to sign up for Wednesday Adoration, contact Kathleen Garon at 978-482-5380

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