

Weekly **MASS** Intentions ©JPPC



**Saturday December 12**

**4pm ~ Tina Wurst** requested by the Parish Staff

**Patricia Ryan** requested by the Fancher family

**Sunday December 13**

**8am ~ Robert Hall and Alexander & Alma**

**Boisvert** requested by Anita Hall & family

**10:30am ~ Janet Montminy**, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Scott & Flora Montminy & family

**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday December 14**

**8am ~ Mario Matos** requested by his wife Rita

**Kevin Mallette** requested by his aunt

Katherine Bernard

**Tuesday December 15**

**8am ~ Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard  
family

**Lucille & Fergus Carmody** requested by the  
Lemieux family

**Wednesday December 16**

**8am ~ Diana Perruccio** requested by Andrea  
Genereux

**Rev. John Sledziona** requested by Katherine  
Bernard

**Thursday December 17**

**8am ~ Nicholas Betancur** requested by his  
family

**Health and Blessing for Alice Haggerty & the  
Albright Family** requested by the Haggerty  
family

**Friday December 18**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday December 19**

**4pm ~ The Choquette & Loiselle Families and**

**Rita & Gerry Trottier** requested Al & Shirley  
Choquette & family

**Raymond Bedard**, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by Martin & Paula  
Socha & family

**Sunday December 20**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ James Buscema**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his family

**6pm ~ Ashley Drolet**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Mom & Dad

**Sunday, December 13**

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

**Tuesday, December 15**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 16**

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, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, December 17**

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

**Friday, December 18**

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of  
Tina Wurst, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by the Jean Family

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at Christmas, please use the envelope that is in your packet to list the names and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick Parish. For those of you who do not have envelopes but wish to have your loved ones remembered, just list the names of your loved ones to be remembered on a piece of paper with the name of the person who is requesting the remembrance. Put the list in an envelope marked Christmas Memorials with your donation and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick Parish, 12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076. The donations for the Christmas Memorials go towards the decorations and flowers in the church. Thank you. **Deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup>.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I had planned to go see the "Tilma" in Mexico City this past November, but with COVID-19 that was cancelled (the pilgrimage has been rescheduled for October of 2021). This incredible and miraculous apparition brought new life to this newly discovered continent, and can be a sign of God's continued love pouring out upon us today.

In 1519, Cortez disembarked in Mexico, leading 500 soldiers. He conquered the country for Spain, but he also wanted to bring the love of Jesus to the Aztecs, who practiced horrible abominations in their religion, such as human sacrifice. In 1524, he was able to get twelve Franciscans to come to Mexico, but while the natives appreciated the gentleness of the missionaries, they were reluctant to accept Baptism. They did not want to embrace the change of life required by Baptism, specifically abandoning the practice of polygamy. Even though the conversion rate was low, there were some natives who converted and were baptized, including a man named Cuauhtlatoazin, and his wife. Cuauhtlatoazin took the name Juan Diego at his baptism.

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego as he was going to Mass. She said, "I am your merciful Mother to you and to all mankind who love me and trust in me and invoke my help." She instructed him to go to the Bishop and ask that he build a church in the place where she appeared. Over the next few days, Juan Diego went back and forth between Our Lady and the Bishop (who was skeptical). The Bishop required a sign.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, in the midst of a frost, St. Juan Diego was beckoned up the hill again and Our Lady placed blooming Castilian roses on his Tilma as the sign for the Bishop. When Juan Diego met with the Bishop, he told him that he had the sign, and opened his Tilma. Not only did these miraculous flowers drop to the floor before the Bishop, but there was an image of Our Lady imprinted on the Tilma!



This is the sign.

Over the years, the Tilma has been subject to many tests (even done by NASA), and on many different levels, it is miraculous... not the least of which is that the Tilma is still in one piece centuries later. I encourage you to look up the many different miracles that are part of the Tilma (the eyes, the coloring, the baby in Mary's womb, etc). Beyond the miraculous nature of the Tilma, it is also deeply symbolic. The symbols spoke the "language" of the native people of the time. After Our Lady's appearance, the natives understood the message from heaven and began converting in droves. Within nine years, 9,000,000 natives had chosen to be Baptized, giving up their pagan ways, human sacrifice, and even the practice of polygamy. Even as Christian Europe was being divided, and millions were leaving the Catholic Church as part of the Reformation, millions were entering the Church in the "new world" because of this act from Heaven.

What love Our Lord has for us, that He would send His own Mother to us to show us that we are beloved to Him! In our own day, as the world is such a mess, we can look to Our Lady of Guadalupe as a sign that we are loved. No matter what is going on in our world, God has a plan to draw good out of evil, and to draw us to His Heart.

I'll close by letting Our Lady's words to St. Juan Diego speak to each of us:

**Hear me and understand well, ... nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.**

## NEW APP

Our Bulletin Company, John Patrick Publishing Company, Inc., has come up with an App for promoting the businesses on the back of our Church Bulletin. You can find the App called **Finding FABER** at the Apple Store or Google Play. Search sponsors by category or zip code with pin-point location. Parishioners can “Like” a business so every time a promotion is posted, a push notification is sent to the advertiser’s device. Please help us support the businesses who sponsor our church bulletins.



Please help us spread the word about a new **Seminarian Pin/Sticker Fundraiser**. As you know, the cost of educating and forming our seminarians is over \$500,000 a year, or about \$100 per seminarian per day. For more information, on the fundraiser or to provide a donation, visit [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org) and click on the “Support Seminarians” link on the lower part of the home page. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all young people of our diocese that they be open to their vocation!



## JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

As many of our fellow parishioners are once again joining us at Mass, it is so helpful to have people there to welcome them back and make them feel comfortable with some of our current changes. We are inviting members of our Parish who would like to help us in our mission to join the Hospitality Ministry. If you enjoy helping others and have felt called to become part of a Parish Ministry, please consider joining us. For more information, please contact Stuart Robertson at [stuart@robertsoneducational.com](mailto:stuart@robertsoneducational.com).



## FAITH LIFE CORNER

“The Lord himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still.”

~ Exodus 14:14

Through the month of November, as Faith Life Community families have been taking a closer look at the Sacrament of Confirmation, we recall that day of Pentecost at the beginning of the Book of Acts when the Holy Spirit moved in a profound way and was born in the hearts and minds of the first disciples. The Sacrament of Confirmation brings this moment alive for us as well, not just on the day of reception but, for the remainder of our lives.

As we prepare for the birth of the Savior on Christmas, may we also ask the Holy Spirit to be birthed more fully into our daily lives. Daily we are called to stir up the graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation by more fully relying on God the Father.

Pray for me and know that I continue to pray for all of you.

~ Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

## SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

### Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

### Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM

Christmas Day Mass 11:00 AM

**Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office.**

## VOCATION

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or consecrated religious, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**St. Joseph Regional Catholic School** is moving to an online registration system for the 2021/22 school year.

If you are seeking a traditional curriculum, rooted in the Catholic faith, in a supportive environment with comfortable class sizes, contact us today for more information. Enjoy our virtual tour online, [www.stjosepheagles.org](http://www.stjosepheagles.org). Contact Mrs. Latino: 893-6811 x19, [latino@sjrcs.com](mailto:latino@sjrcs.com).

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

We welcome Mary Hammar and Danielle Troy to the Pastoral Council. Linda Beauchesne and Brian Lamoureux have both been selected for a second term.

They are joining Obiora Okoye, Beth Loell, Cyndee Tourville, Linda Merrill and Roberta Wilson who continue their work with the Council.

### 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

## 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 12/6/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,777
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,808
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,585</b>

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**As of 12/6 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,338**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

## Capital Improvements

collected as of 12/6/20

\$935

Thank you for your generosity!



Helping Our Parish Grow  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### **Dec. 20 Maintenance**

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

### **Dec. 27 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

## NEW YEAR'S MASS

### New Year's Eve - December 31<sup>st</sup>

The Solemnity of Mary 5:30 PM

### New Year's Day - January 1<sup>st</sup>

The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

12 Main St.  
Pelham, NH 03076  
603-635-3525 (office)  
603-635-3919 (fax number)  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Website: [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

### **Pastor**

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### **Deacon**

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

## **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**

*Monday-Thursday* 6:30-7:40am  
*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am  
2:00-8:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations  
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

## **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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)