



Saturday December 19
4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisselle Families and **Rita & Gerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
Raymond Bedard, 100th Birthday Remembrance, requested by Martin & Paula Socha & family

Sunday December 20
8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ James Buscema, 20th Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm ~ Ashley Drolet, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Mom & Dad

Monday December 21
8am ~ Norman Coombs requested by his family
Ervene & Fergus Carmody requested by the Lemieux family

Tuesday December 22
8am ~ For the Holy Spirit

Wednesday December 23
8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Donna Smith

Thursday December 24 Christmas Eve
8am ~ Bishop Emeritus Odore J. Gendron
4pm ~ Christmas Memorials
7pm ~ Christmas Memorials

Friday December 25 Christmas Day
Midnight ~ Christmas Memorials
9am ~ Christmas Memorials
11am ~ Christmas Memorials

Saturday December 26
4pm ~ Norman Vincent, 10th Anniversary, requested by his family
Jean-Pierre Bonenfant requested by his wife

Sunday December 27
8am ~ Aldo Larese, 32nd Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
Dorothy Paicos requested by the Lemieux family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



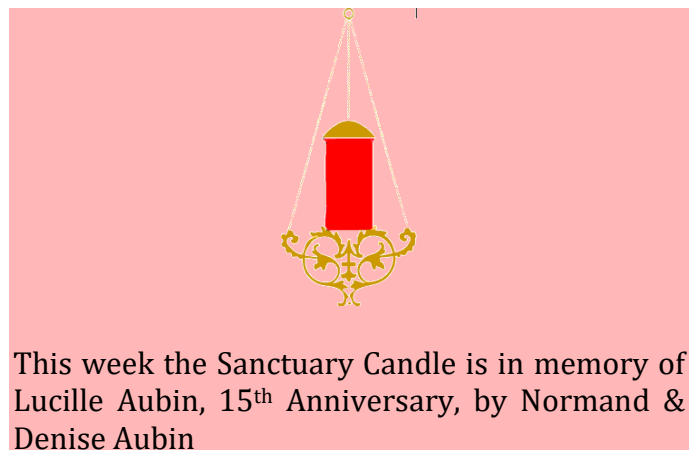
Sunday, December 20
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, December 22
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 23
 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 24
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Friday, December 25
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Lucille Aubin, 15th Anniversary, by Normand & Denise Aubin

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the **Altar Flowers** for 2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the **Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for 2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have reached the Fourth Sunday in Advent, and Christmas will be upon us at the end of this week. As we look to this great celebration, I know we will all celebrate it differently this year than in other years. With the pandemic, there will be fewer people allowed into the Christmas Masses, many will not gather with extended family groups, and some have even lost loved ones throughout this year.

The Good News, though, is that the love of God is NO LESS for you and for me this year! He continues to pour out His love upon us. The Good News is that Jesus – our God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity – entered into our humanity! He took on our flesh, and He walked our walk, talked our talk, lived our life, died our death, and then rose to new and everlasting life with the Father, drawing our humanity into the Eternal Heart of the Eternal God.

This weekend’s Gospel speaks of that moment of Incarnation (enfleshment) – as the Archangel Gabriel tells Mary that God has chosen her. After asking if she will have to give up her vow to God of virginity (Gabriel answers in the negative), she gives her whole and complete “YES” to God: **“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word”** (Luke 1:38)... **“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us”** (John 1:14). This is the beginning of our salvation! *God becomes one of us so that we can become one with God!*

During this time, we have to cover our faces ... but God covered His Divinity in human flesh.

During this time, we have to social distance ... but God made Himself distant from God on the Cross.

During this time, we might be afraid of sickness and death ... but God took on all sickness and death and took away its sting (see I Corinthians 15:55).

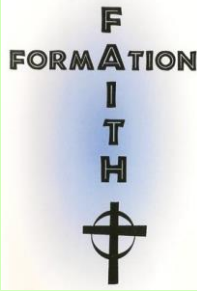
God has been through all of the worst of the worst and He has overcome it... for love of you and me. During this time of sickness, separation and trial, God invites us to turn our gaze upon Him. He is our HOPE! Trust in Him!

As we move through the end of the Advent Season into the Christmas Season, let us lift up our hearts to the Lord with great rejoicing! He loves you so much, and will never abandon you!

God’s peace be with you.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Recently St. Gianna’s Place held a baby bottle campaign at your parish. Your generosity was overwhelming as **\$5,437** was collected in total! On behalf of St. Gianna’s Place, I would like to thank you for your donations, and your commitment to helping mothers in crisis and their babies. We depend on contributions to fund this home so that the most vulnerable among us can find a safe haven. Thank you!



**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



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!

**VOCATIONS**

“Be it done unto me according to your word.” Docile obedience to the Lord’s will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, brother or sister, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



**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).

**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

**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.**

**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

**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 pinpoint 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.

**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, [clatino@sjrcs.com](mailto:clatino@sjrcs.com).

**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

**MONEY**

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Christmas. The offertory collection will be in next weekend's bulletin.

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Dec. 27 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Jan. 3 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Jan. 10 Utility**

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

**Jan. 17 Seminarian Fund**

This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood.

**Jan. 24 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE**

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website [www.stpatrick-pelham.com](http://www.stpatrick-pelham.com) and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link [ptv.viebit.com](http://ptv.viebit.com). If you would like to hear Fr. Von's past homilies, please visit our Parish Website, under "quick links."

**PTV - SCHEDULE - CHANNEL 22**

**For St. Patrick Mass Schedule**

- Sunday - 8:00 PM
  - Monday - 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM
  - Tuesday - 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM
  - Wednesday - 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM
  - Thursday - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
  - Friday - 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
  - Saturday - 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM - **4:00 PM "LIVE"**
- Subject to change

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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](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**

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Care to join the Knights of Columbus?  
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