



Saturday December 23
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday December 24
8am ~ Robert & Anita Hall requested by their family
10:30am ~ Robert N. DiMartino, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his sister Angela Delorfano
4pm ~ Christmas Memorials
7pm ~ Christmas Memorials

Monday December 25
Midnight ~ Christmas Memorials
9:30am ~ Christmas Memorials
Tuesday December 26
8am ~ Fr. Robert Paul DeGrandis requested by a friend

Liette Goyette requested by Pat Lawlor
Wednesday December 27
8am ~ Roger Aubrey Sr. requested by Donna Smith
Don & Liette Goyette requested by Andrea

Thursday December 28
8am ~ Connie Edwards, 35th Anniversary, requested by her sisters Georgette & Andrea
Roger Aubrey Sr. requested by Joan Berard

Friday December 29
8am ~ No Mass

Saturday December 30
4pm ~ In Honor of the Holy Family requested by Donna Taylor
Dr. Anthony Caruso requested by John & Joyce Keslo

Sunday December 31
8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Celine Martin, 1st Anniversary, requested by the Martin family
Ruth Gaebel requested by Donna Smith

Sunday, December 24
 No Coffee & Donuts
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school
Monday, December 25
Merry Christmas
Tuesday, December 26
Parish Office Closed
Food Pantry Closed
Wednesday, December 27
 Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM
Food Pantry Closed
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school
Thursday, December 28
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church
Friday, December 29
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Bobbie Maniatis** by her family



"Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
 We pray for James Warren. We extend our sympathy to his family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are entering the Christmas Season. God invites us into the intimacy of the manger: "O come let us adore Him!"

God becomes man. That is EVERYTHING! The eternal, omnipotent God has chosen to humble Himself to become one of us: still remaining truly God, but truly becoming man as well. Both/and, not either/or nor parts of one and parts of the other. This should give us pause.

We are called to come to the manger and adore the Lord of the universe in infant's flesh. He is the answer to all of our problems – **ALL** of our problems! **Look to the Child in the manger.**

How many of us are struggling with peace in our families, peace in our hearts? A better question would probably be how many of us are not struggling with this?! And He is the PRINCE OF PEACE. While He may not answer our prayers the way we ask, He will always do what is truly best for us. By giving Him our hearts, our lives, our whole selves, He will give us a deep and inner peace that the world cannot give.

Look to the Child in the manger.

When we struggle with financial instability, we can look to Jesus. We'll see in Him a God who provides for all of our needs (though not all of our wants). When we ponder the poverty of Almighty God, emptying Himself to take on humanity – and not even as a king, but being born in a cave where animals stayed, being laid in a feeding trough – we see a God who has united Himself to us in our poverty, who knows an empty stomach, who has experienced biting cold and blistering heat. In our hunger, we can see our God who has become food for us, symbolically represented when He was laid in a manger. Our God promises always to hear the cry of the poor... He will never abandon nor forsake us. In all of these worries and anxieties: **Look to the Child in the manger.**

When we are overcome by sickness, trauma or depression, when we are overwhelmed by the betrayal of a loved one, abandonment of friends, or the loss of a loved one through death we can look to Jesus who endured all of these. Here is our God who was hunted as a baby, and so had to flee His homeland; He experienced the trauma of the scourging, crowning with thorns and crucifixion; He knew the darkness of God-forsakenness on the cross, was betrayed by an intimate and abandoned by all of His friends. He knew the loss of death, as His dear adoptive father, Joseph, died. He knew, from the inside, the deepest fears and anxieties the world can give as He endured His agony in the garden and sweat blood. There is no darkness that our God has not first experienced, endured and conquered by His resurrection. **Look to the Child in the manger.**

The world is promising us happiness, but leaves us bored. It promises us fulfilment, but leaves us empty. It promises us pleasure, but leaves us with self-loathing. The Child in the manger promises us a cross... but through the cross a resurrection that gives us all of the deep and lasting joy, peace, fulfilment, and love for which we are truly longing.

Look to the Child in the manger – O come let us adore Him!



SAVE THE DATE
 Our Parish Mission
 March 10th – 12th.
 More information to follow

FAITH LIFE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Advent is one of the most beautiful times to live our faith as a family. We prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior but we are also reminded of the hope that Jesus' Second Coming will bring as well. Advent is a time to renew our hope! "The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope, which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty."

- Pope Francis

During this beautiful season, this will be our focus in the Faith Life Program. What does this look like? How can we anchor our lives in Christ and restore our hope during Advent?

- Take time for family prayer
- Attend Holy Mass together and discuss what you see and hear during the Sacred Liturgy.
- Visit those who might be lonely during these times
- Serve the poor
- Sing lots of Advent and Christmas Carols
- Invite someone to join you for Holy Mass on Christmas morning.

These are just a few ways we can quiet our hearts and anchor once again on Jesus, who is the source of hope!

I pray that you all have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

PELHAM FUNERAL HOME

A very generous donation from the Pelham Funeral Home to St. Patrick Church has been received in loving memory of the people of St. Patrick Church whose families the Pelham Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 15, 2022 through December 10, 2023. It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the Pelham Funeral home that the support of family, friends, and faith may guide these families through this holy season and bring them blessings into the New Year. And may their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

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| Barbara J. Baril | Celine A. Martin |
| Michelle E. Agrella | Simone J. Tellier |
| Suzanne J. Boulanger | Estelle Richard |
| Michael J. Perruccio | Michael A. Andrews |
| Shannon C. Walsh | Eva Bedard |
| David Avery, Jr. | Kevin J. Kelley |
| Louise M. Purcell | Cecile L. Marcoux |
| Liette F. Goyette | Alrick P. Hammar |
| Robert J. Vaillencourt | Steven J. Craig |
| Francis J. Croteau | Patricia A. Hartwell |
| Dennis Dube | Mary J. Montbleau |
| | Pamela S. Martin |

Monday Night Teachings
 St. Ignatius of Loyola's
 14 Rules for
 Discernment of Spirits
 Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM
 in the youth room
**No Monday Night Teaching
 On December 25th.**


**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE**
SCUBA is coming! This summer, kids will be *DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD!*
 Mark your calendars for July 8-12, 2024 (9:00 AM - Noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

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



You are invited to a Christmas Concert at Mary Queen of Peace with Marie-Line Morin, soprano. The concert is Sunday, January 7th, at 2:00 PM. Free offerings will be welcomed. Benefits will go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church, details are available on [facebook.com@morin.marieline](https://facebook.com/morin.marieline)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
 Thank you to the following parishioner who will be praying for vocations during this week:
-Carolyn Sullivan-
 All parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the program. Interested? Please email stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com

Creation Corner: This weekend King David, maybe feeling a little guilty, wants to build a nice house for the Lord. The Lord says, thanks, but no, I will build a house for *you* and your people: "I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place." The Lord doesn't want a material house, He wants to live in His created world-*with us!*

CREATE A LEGACY
Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church
 In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

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



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Dec. 31 Evangelization
 To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

Jan. 7 Capital Improvements
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Jan. 14 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Jan. 21 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Jan. 28 Maintenance
 This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS
 If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2024-2025, 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 2024-2025, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

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