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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

**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 [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or (603)-635-3525.

**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

**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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
4pm	Christmas Memorials
7pm	Christmas Memorials
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
Midnight	Christmas Memorials
9:30am	Christmas Memorials
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 26</b>
8am	<b>Rose Ciccone</b> requested by Sally Estrella
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 27</b>
8am	<b>Blanche Krapian</b> requested by Lillian
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 28</b>
8am	<b>Connie Edwards</b> , 28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her sisters Andrea & Georgette <b>Dominick Nicastro</b> requested by the 8 O'Clockers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
8am	<b>James &amp; Josephine McCormack</b> requested by Brian & Michele McCormack
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 30</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 31</b>
4pm	<b>Theresa Chenelle</b> requested by Mike & Marie Chenelle
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1</b>
8am	<b>Bill Costa</b> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family
10:30am	<b>John Williams</b> requested by the Parish Staff

**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Christmas. The money will be in January bulletin.



## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Jan. 1 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### Jan. 8 Utility

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

### Jan. 15 Diocesan 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. 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### Jan. 29 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

## Schedule for New Year's

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

The Solemnity of Mary 4:00 PM

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

The Solemnity of Mary 8:00 AM

The Solemnity of Mary 10:30 AM



### **Tuesday, December 27**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

### **Wednesday, December 28**

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

### **Thursday, December 29**

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

#### **NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Are you interested in learning more about the Gospels? Please consider coming to a Wednesday morning class to study the Gospel Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. This study shows how Jesus, the promised Messiah, relives the life and struggle of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. You will come to see Jesus in a new way and discover what his life and teachings mean for us today. This class will run weekly during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM beginning **January 11, 2017 in the school**. You will read the gospel, answer and discuss questions, and watch a video for each lesson. No prior Scripture Study is required. The cost of the study materials is \$28.00. **Home Schooling** available. Please contact Donna Beals to sign up or for more information (email [dbeals1@comcast.net](mailto:dbeals1@comcast.net) or call 603-898-0308). Looking forward to seeing you there!

#### **THINKING ABOUT REMARRIAGE 2017**

##### **Workshops will be:**

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at  
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Bedford

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at  
St. Pius X, Manchester

Workshops are scheduled from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Visit [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org) for the registration form or call Maureen Haas at 603-669-3100 #195 or email [mhaas@rcbm.org](mailto:mhaas@rcbm.org)



You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. You go to the Parish website [www.stpatrickspelham.com](http://www.stpatrickspelham.com) and look under quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link [ptv.viebit.com](http://ptv.viebit.com)

#### **PTV – SCHEDULE**

##### **For St. Patrick Mass Schedule**

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 6:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 8:00 AM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Friday – 7:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Saturday – 5:00 AM & 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM “Live”

Subject to change

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#### **CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS**

begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Understanding what we **believe** so we can share it with others.

##### Topics and Dates

*Eucharist and Apostolic Authority* – January 2

*The Bible* – January 9

*Mary and the Saints* – January 23

*Confession and Purgatory* – January 30

*Scandals in the Church*

*and other questions* – February 6

Join us any or all of these **Monday nights at 7:00 PM** in the Meeting Room located in the basement of the church.

#### **PRAYING IN THE EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL**

Did you know that we keep the Eucharistic Chapel open for prayer all day and all night? Feel free to stop into the Chapel any time in order to have a conversation with Jesus. You can use the door at the top of the ramp.

## FROM THE PASTOR

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Today is born our savior, Christ the Lord.  
Glory to God in the Highest!**

My dear brothers and sisters,

This is a day of Feasting, a day of celebration. Today we remember how Our Lord came to us in the most humble way. God so longed for His people to be close to Him that He came not on the clouds, not as a conquering king, but as a baby born in the humblest of places. There wasn't even room for Him in the Inn! How much God must love us, how intensely must His *fire of passion* burn for you and for me that He would make Himself so little, humble Himself so much as to come to us in this way. He is so approachable, and He longs, *LONGS* I tell you, to be approached, to be embraced, to be loved! His Heart aches to be with us, to be with you in particular. I pray that in this Christmas Season, you and I may recognize, in a more profound way, the intimate love God has for us.

I encourage you to ponder this incredible love throughout the Christmas Season (remember that the Christmas Season doesn't end with Christmas Day, but begins with Christmas Day, and ends on the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated on January 9 this year). Do we allow this love to enter our lives? This is an important question. The world doesn't have much place for Jesus – there's no room for Him in the Inn, as it were. We often relegate Jesus to the sidelines. Our culture wants us to see Jesus as someone who can enrich our lives if we want another extracurricular activity. The reality is that Jesus, being God, is the MOST IMPORTANT relationship we have. Worshiping Him, following Him, growing in relationship with Him is the most important thing we do. He is not the "icing on the cake" but rather the "steak and potatoes" – the heart of the meal, if you follow the analogy. He is not out to "smite" us, as some might have us believe, but He *does* want our greatest good. This is why He longs for us to love Him back – in loving Him, in getting out of ourselves, out of our selfishness and egoism, we become the best-version-of-ourselves – we become GREAT.

May we allow the love of God to reshape our lives, to draw us to His Heart, to bring us out of our lukewarmness, complacency and mediocrity, and make us who we were created to be! Merry Christmas, and may the peace and love of God fill you this day and always!







Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

### St. Patrick Parish has a New App!

We would like you to check out the St. Patrick Parish APP!! Go to Google Play or the Apple Store and search for st patricks pelham nh.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2017, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

### 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



St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at [Lmurgia 871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia871@comcast.net) or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or e-mail at [Lmurgia 871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia871@comcast.net).

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Duxbury, MA and March 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org)

### JESUS ACROSS THE BORDER

Calling all young adults! (18-35). Do you feel as though it's difficult to find normal, everyday people who are our age with similar faith and values? Please join us for Jesus aCROSS the Border in Lowell. This is a monthly gathering (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month) for Catholic Young Adults with Adoration, Confession, and Holy Mass. This month we are featuring Brandon Fitts of the LIFT Ministries Band leading acoustic musical worship. The event will take place on January 20, 2017 at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in Lowell. Adoration/Confession begins at 7:30 PM with Holy Mass beginning at 9:00 PM. A pizza social and fellowship will follow. This organization acts as a platform for all local Catholic Young Adult groups to promote their group and share information. Please email Billy Beauchesne at [JesusaCROSStheborder@gmail.com](mailto:JesusaCROSStheborder@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JESUSaCROSStheborder/> for more information.