



Saturday December 24 Christmas

4pm ~ Christmas Memorials

7pm ~ Christmas Memorials

Sunday December 25 Christmas

midnight ~ Christmas Memorials

9:30am ~ Christmas Memorials

Monday December 26

8am ~ Judith Vatalaro requested by Fr. Von

Bob Blake requested by friends of Bill

Tuesday December 27

8am ~ Fr. Gerald Dunn

Maureen Marshall requested by the Fancher family

Wednesday December 28

8am ~ Connie Edwards, 34th Anniversary, requested by her sisters Andrea & Georgette

Msgr. Eddy Bisson requested by Patty Kennedy

Thursday December 29

8am ~ Judith Vatalaro requested by Donna Smith

Friday December 30

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday December 31

4pm ~ Ed Miranda requested by Donna Smith

Sunday January 1

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ William Costa, 11th Anniversary, requested by his family

Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas

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

Monday, December 26

Parish Office is closed

Tuesday, December 27

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 28

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

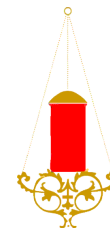
Thursday, December 29

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, December 30

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Bobbie Maniatis**, 1st Anniversary, by her family



“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

NEW YEAR'S MASS

New Year's Eve – December 31st
 The Solemnity of Mary 4:00 PM

New Year's Day – January 1st
 The Solemnity of Mary 8:00 AM
 The Solemnity of Mary 10:30 AM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas!

What a blessing that we are able to celebrate the birthday of God! God the Son – the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God – chose to enter into our humanity, on a particular day in a particular place. He chose to unite humanity to His Divinity! Now, for ever after, human nature will be united to the Divine.

This is what we celebrate – God becoming one of us. While this union of Divinity and humanity does not mean all of our problems have disappeared, it does show us that He has chosen to be with us – to walk with us – through our problems. God is not watching us from a distance; God is not afar off. While His Divinity is infinitely greater than us, He chooses to humble Himself and come close to us. Why? Because for some bizarre reason, He is madly in love with you and with me!

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, in the midst of parties, gifts and food, I invite you to take some time to ponder and pray over this truth: God's overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love for *you*. His love is not a vague, general love for all humanity – as we might have for "those people" far from us. His love is the very personal love of someone who knows you intimately, who knows all of your wounds and scars, all of your virtue and vice, and loves you through it all. He became human in order to get "into-our-skin close to us" and show us that love. Ponder that personal love He has for you. Pray to be able to receive that love more and more each day. Ask for the grace to love yourself as He loves you!

May your day be "merry and bright," but above all, may it be filled with the love of God and love of those around you.

Peace be with you this holy day, and with all who love the Lord in simplicity of heart.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Von

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, 2021 through December 10, 2022. 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 their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

Marion A. Bergeron
Meaghan E. West
Lyric Michael Michaud
Gail Ann Page
Mary P. Duarte
Stephen J. Callahan
Sally E. Estrella
Edward N. Miranda
Robert A. Carito
Lorraine M. O'Riorden
Joan C. Latour

William D. Goyette
Cheryl B. Rossi
Barbara A. Agrella
Robert A. Boulanger
Shirley A. Dutton
Claire B. Nolin
Josephine Liardo
John P. Costello
Traci D. Betancur
John H. Donovan
Anna M. Marshall



YOUTH MINISTRY FOR JANUARY

Date: Sunday, January 8th.

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Location: St. Therese Youth Room in the school

Theme: More information to follow in next weeks bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE

Steubenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of **July 21-23, 2023**. Registration will open soon!

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about Youth Ministry events happening at our parish and neighboring parishes, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.



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.

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

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. There will be more episodes in the New Year beginning on January 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Hour for Life, Tuesday, January 3rd, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Community Dinner, Friday, January 13th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, January 14th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Blood Drive, Thursday, January 19th, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

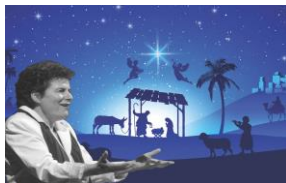
Holy Hour for Life, Tuesday, February 7th, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Healing Mass, Friday, February 10th, 7:00 PM, in the church

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, February 11th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

HELPING CENACOLO

This January, Fr. Von will be traveling to minister to Cenacolo in Florida. Cenacolo is a place for young people in darkness to find light through prayer, work and community. Many that go to Cenacolo are addicts. If you would like to help Cenacolo, gift cards to Home Depot, Lowe's or generic (ie Visa gift cards) would be appreciated. Please get them to Fr. Von or to the Parish Office no later than January 3rd.



You are invited to a Christmas Concert at Mary Queen of Peace with Marie-Line Morin, soprano. The concert is Sunday, January 1st, 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)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

STELLAR is coming! This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE! Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

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 12/11/22

Offertory Envelopes \$4,808

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,860

Total Offertory \$6,668

Immaculate Conception \$1,462

Total Collected \$8,130

Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

Retired Religious

collected as of 12/11/22

\$2,833

Thank you for your generosity!



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 of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Jan. 15 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Jan. 22 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

The money for December 18th will be in January 1st bulletin.

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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