

**Saturday December 25 Christmas Day**  
Midnight ~ Christmas Memorials  
9:30am ~ Christmas Memorials  
No 3:00 PM Confessions  
No 4:00 PM Mass

**Sunday December 26**  
8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners  
10:30am ~ Patrick J. Cannon requested by his son

**Monday December 27**  
8am ~ Ann Spaulding requested by David & Maureen Groff  
Thomas Straughan requested by Joan Berard

**Tuesday December 28**  
8am ~ Connie Edwards, 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by her sisters Georgette & Andrea  
Thomas Straughan requested by the 8 O'clockers

**Wednesday December 29**  
8am ~ Christian Gualtieri and Paul A. Pelletier requested by their family

**Thursday December 30**  
8am ~ The Rourke Family requested by their family

**Friday December 31**  
5:30pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

**Saturday January 1**  
9:30am ~ William Costa, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family  
4pm ~ Thomas Straughan requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday January 2**  
8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners  
10:30am ~ Raymond Letendre, 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine

**Sunday, December 26**  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, December 28**  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 29**  
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, 1:00-2:30 PM  
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, December 30**  
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school  
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, December 31**  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Raymond Bernard** by his wife

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2022, 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 2022, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



## Merry Christmas!

As we enter the Christmas season, we recognize the incredible love of God, as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity enters our humanity! Throughout the years, the constant cry of Advent is "O Come, O Come Emmanuel!" The brokenness of our humanity – causing division in our relationship with God, with each other, with nature, and within ourselves – cries out for a Savior, for some way to heal these wounds and divisions. And God answered, not by sending an angel, or by a divine decree from on high, but by coming *Himself!*

This is the mystery of Christmas – that God Himself came to us, sharing in our humanity, in order to heal our wounds, to forgive our sins, to break the eternal power of death.

Take this message home with you. Remember it, not just in the joy of the Christmas Season, but each day of the year. When you're sick, when you're struggling with life, when you see evil all around you, look to this truth – that God entered this brokenness in order to bring order out of chaos, good out of evil, and life out of death.

In the words of the great Carol "O Holy Night"

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;  
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

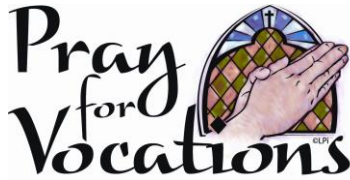
We were pining in our sins, but with the coming of Christ, we finally feel our worth – you are worth every drop of blood of the God of the universe!

Every week (even every day), we enter into this mystery – God's humble love taking flesh – when we enter into the Mass. Here the mystery of the cave in Bethlehem, as well as His Cross and Resurrection, are brought to earth again. These mysteries, once held in time, and then raised to eternity, are now brought before us in the Mass, as we are taken out of time and space into the eternal worship of God in the Mass. The Angels and Saints are here crying out, "Glory to God in the highest," and "Holy, Holy, Holy"!!!

I invite you, if you have been away from Mass, come back. It's so good that you have come for Christmas. We're so glad you're here. But Jesus wants to become one with you at Mass all the time – not just at Christmas. We want you to know that you are welcome here. If you have some things that need to be worked out first, we'll be happy to work with you on the process.

**I pray that this Christmas be a time of joy and peace for you and your loved ones.**

*-Fr. Von*



"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, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



**A Family of Faith – December**

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." - John 1:14

The Season of Advent is a great time of preparation to celebrate this amazing Truth. God took on flesh, became His creation, in order to save it. At the end of November, we paused at our community gathering to talk about Advent and how we can prepare as a family for the Birth of Christ. I thought I might take the time to share some of the ideas and traditions we discussed.

**-The Advent Candles and Wreath**

Just as we light another Advent Candle at Mass every Sunday of the season it is also tradition to mirror this in our own homes. Do we have our Advent Wreaths out so that we may pause at home in prayer in preparation for the Savior.

**-Family Advent Covenant**

What is a promise you can make as a family this Advent Season to better prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas?

**-Advent Sacrifice Manger**

Each family created a simple manger, which starts empty at the beginning of the season. With each act of love, sacrifice or extra prayer prayed the manger is slowly filled with pieces of hay. This is how we can best prepare for Christmas, by serving others.

**-Birthday Party for Jesus**

On Christmas Day, let us plan a great celebration! This is the Holy Solemnity of Christmas! Let us leap with Joy and sing praises to His name.


A Blessed Advent and Christmas Season to every one of you.

**Vita Nova invites you to join us for:**  
 Out of the Woods ~ Into the Water  
 Men's Retreat on January 7-9, 2022  
 Learn More & Register Today  
<https://vitanova.org/catholic-mens-retreat>

You are invited to a **Christmas Concert at St. Matthew Parish** with Marie-Line, soprano and Brian Quist, pianist. **The concert is Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 PM.** Free admission – donations will be welcomed. For more information, or details go to [Facebook.com/@morin,marieline](https://www.facebook.com/morin,marieline).

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP FATIMA/BERNADETTE**

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette in 2022! This is possible in accordance with the terms of a bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. If interested, please contact the Parish Office for an application.



**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**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

## 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.



### PRAYER LINE

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:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net). Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or email at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net).

### NEW MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ) will be starting its men's ministry for men 18 and up on the second Saturday of every month starting on February 12, 2022 from 7:00-9:00 AM in the Church. "As iron sharpens iron, so shall man sharpen his fellow man." – Proverbs 27:17. We will have time for prayer, a talk, light breakfast and coffee, and time for discussion and fellowship. We will promptly end at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Al Lemieux: [al@lemieux-design.net](mailto:al@lemieux-design.net) or 781-879-7527 or visit the parish website at [stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/](http://stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/)

## 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 12/12/21

Offertory Envelopes \$6,062

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,099

**Total Offertory \$7,161**

**Total Collected \$7,161**

Thank you for your continued support

~Fr. Von~

### Immaculate Conception

collected as of 12/12/21

\$1,140

Thank you for your generosity!

### Retired Religious

collected as of 12/12/21

\$1,769

Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Jan. 2 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### Jan. 9 Utility

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

### Jan. 16 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. **Our assessment for this collection is \$1,068.**

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

## **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)

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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).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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  
2:00-8:00pm

For more information, or to sign up for Wednesday Adoration, contact Kathleen Garon at 978-482-5380

## **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)