

**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 ~ Doris Houle requested by St. Patrick
Women's Guild

Monday December 28

8am ~ Connie Edwards, 32nd Anniversary,
requested by her sisters Georgette & Andrea

Tuesday December 29

8am ~ In Honor of Jesus Christ

Wednesday December 30

8am ~ Bridget & John Carmody requested by
the Lemieux family

For All Souls in Purgatory requested by
Virginia Chiasson

Thursday December 31 New Year Eve

8am ~ Laura & William Troy requested by the
Lemieux family

5:30pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Friday January 1 New Year Day

9:30am ~ William Costa, 9th Anniversary,
requested by his family

Saturday January 2

8am ~ Women of Mary

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

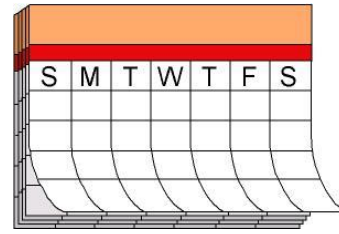
Sunday January 3

8am ~ Andre Turgeon requested by Mr. & Mrs.
Roger Turgeon

Kenneth Bergeron requested by Wayne & Sue
Cope

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

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**Sunday, December 27**

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

Tuesday, December 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 30

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

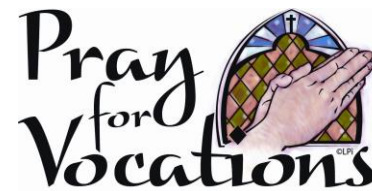
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, December 31

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

Friday, January 1

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



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 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

"The Word became flesh and lived among us." Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. For centuries, St. Joseph has been the forgotten member of the Holy Family. Yes, he is there in the Manger Scene, but rarely do we think more about him. It is understandable, since he is little seen in the Scriptures. Over the last couple of centuries, though, St. Joseph is taking a more central place in the devotional lives of Catholics. On December 8, 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church. This gave him more “screen time,” as it were.

This year, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis declared a year dedicated to Joseph, from December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021. Pope Francis has established this year to St. Joseph so that every member of the faithful may strengthen the day-to-day life of faith by following St. Joseph’s example. The Pope wrote an Apostolic Letter – *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”) – on this occasion. In it, he looks at the different aspects of Joseph’s fatherhood (to read it, go to vatican.va and search “Patris Corde”).

According to the U. S. Census Bureau, 18.3 million children, about 1 in 4, live without a biological, step or adoptive father in the home. Research shows that when a child is raised in a father-absent home, s/he is affected. Some of the effects are: four times greater risk of poverty, higher likelihood for behavioral problems, more likely to go to prison and commit crimes, more likely to face abuse and neglect, more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, and twice as likely to suffer obesity and to drop out of high school. These statistics show us the need for good, present fathers. The Church lifts St. Joseph as a model of fatherhood for us – present, prayerful and protector of the Holy Family.

More than a model, though, Joseph is offered as an intercessor from Heaven. We can cry out to him to bring healing to the wounds caused by our fallible fathers. We can ask him to be the father we need. We can turn to him for strength to be the parent we have failed to be. Many saints are patrons of particular things (for instance, St. Sebastian is the patron saint of sports); St. Joseph is the universal patron. No matter the circumstances, we can go to Joseph for help!

With all of this, I invite you to get to know St. Joseph more throughout the upcoming year. Maybe you could read and meditate on the Joseph passages of the Bible (Matthew 1-2, Luke 2). Another option is to pray through the consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph. Over the last couple of years, two good books have come out to prepare for this consecration: 1) *Consecration to Jesus Through St. Joseph: An Integrated Look at the Holy Family* by Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jennifer Settle (shop.corproject.com/collections/books/products/consecration-to-jesus-through-st-joseph-an-integrated-look-at-the-holy-family); and 2) *Consecration to St. Joseph: the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC (www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html). Both are great resources that teach us about St. Joseph and devotion to him.

As we begin this new year dedicated to St. Joseph, may we come to know our spiritual father better, may he be an example of faith and fidelity to us, and may we fly to him for our needs, that he may whisper into the ears of his adopted Son, Jesus.

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, **"Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again,"** a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/berereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

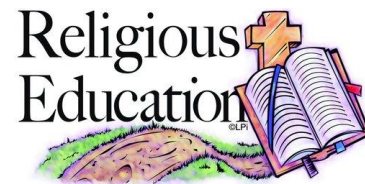


JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

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.

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 pin-point 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.



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

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website 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. 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

NEW YEAR'S MASS

New Year's Eve – December 31st

The Solemnity of Mary 5:30 PM

New Year's Day – January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM

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. Contact Mrs. Latino: 893-6811 x19, clatino@sjrcs.com.

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.

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

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 12/13/20

Offertory Envelopes \$6,600

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,115

Total Offertory \$8,715

Immaculate Conception \$1,124

Total Offertory \$9,839

As of 12/13 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,023

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Retired Religious

collected as of 12/13/20

\$2,314

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

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

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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.

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

1st 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

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