

MASS Intentions



Saturday December 2

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 12th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
Robert Hudson, Jr. requested by his grandmother & family

Sunday December 3

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Phillip John Cieszynski and Robert Stanley Cieszynski, Birthday Remembrance, requested by their family
Matt Curran requested by friends of the family

Monday December 4

8am ~ Walter Wisniewski, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family
In Memory of the four American Church Women, Holy Martyrs of El Salvador requested by St. Patrick Laudato Si' Circle

Tuesday December 5

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her sister Patty Kennedy

Wednesday December 6

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday December 7

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for John Stephan McKenzie requested by his family
Mrs. Shirley Crocker requested by a friend

Friday December 8 Immaculate Conception

8am ~ William Billy Sandall requested by his family
10am ~ Bobbie Maniatis, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

7pm ~ Ruth Gaebel requested by John & Joyce Keslo

Saturday December 9

4pm ~ Christopher Edwards, 24th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea
Roger Bergeron requested by Jeannette Masson

Sunday December 10

8am ~ Intentions of all our parishioners
10:30am ~ Don Goyette requested by the Goyette family
Daniel Hall, 2nd Anniversary, requested by dad & mom

Sunday, December 3

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Christmas Pageant Practice, 11:30 AM in the church

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, December 4

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school
 Grades 5-12 Confirmation Class, 6:00 PM, in the school

Discernments of Spirits, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, December 5

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 6

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
 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the parish center

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 7

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

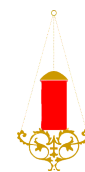
Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9

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

Grade 3 First Communion Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Charles Hudson**, 12th Anniversary, by his wife & children



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Mass is broken into four main parts: the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites. In our examination of the Mass, today we will complete the Introductory Rites.

After the *Gloria*, is the Collect (Opening Prayer). There are three “orations” through the Mass – the Collect, the Prayer Over the Gifts, and the Prayer After Communion. You might think that it would be easier just to call the Collect “the Opening Prayer,” but it’s more than a prayer to start us out. It is meant to be a time when the priest-presider collects the prayers of the assembly and lifts them up to the Father.

What are the implications of this? First, that when the priest says, “Let us pray,” that we actually *pray*! It is an opportunity to gather our prayers for all the people in our lives, the struggles and the joys, the problems in the world, and our particular intention for this Mass. This is one of the reasons it is important to prepare for Mass beforehand. If we have a few minutes to pray before Mass, we can think about what we want to offer up to the Father in this Mass, that way, when the priest says, “Let us pray,” it won’t be the first time we have to think of them. This is an opportunity for us to reach out in trust to the Father, for Jesus told us, “...that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you” (John 15:16). As we bring these to mind and offer them to God the Father, the priest gathers (he *collects*) all the prayers of everyone in the assembly, and lifts them to the Father as part of the *Collect*.

The Collect is made up of three parts. It begins by an opening line of praise to God, moves to asking God for something, and then concludes with the doxology, a prayer praising the Trinity. We then respond with “Amen.” *Amen* means “I believe” or “So be it.” But it is more than an intellectual assent or a passive assent to the way things are. No, it is an active response, saying, “I would stake my life on it.” The root in Hebrew is the same as “foundation,” and so with our *Amen* we are saying to God, I’m building my life on the promises you have given, in such a way that if You didn’t exist or were unfaithful, my life would fall apart for lack of foundation. The *Amens* come up so many times in the Liturgy, and it is important for us to remember this is not just a passing response, but a way we actively participate in Mass.

I want to make a note about the presences of Christ in the Mass. Vatican II recognized four different ways that Christ is present in the Mass: 1) the Minister (the priest), 2) the Word proclaimed, 3) the Assembly, and 4) the Eucharist. The priest is the presence of Christ since by his ordination he acts *in persona Christi capitis* – in the person of Christ the Head of the Church. It is not Fr. Von acting, but Jesus acting as the words are said, “This is my body...”. The Word of God is proclaimed through the Scriptures, and is to be venerated as the true presence of Christ. This will be important to remember as we move into the Liturgy of the Word. Because the Holy Spirit inhabits the Scriptures, He makes Christ present to us when they are proclaimed. Henri de Lubac said:

Scripture is not only divinely guaranteed, it is divinely true. The Spirit did not only dictate it; he is, as it were, contained in it. He inhabits it. His breath perpetually animates it. The Scripture is ‘made fruitful by a miracle of the Holy Spirit.’ It is ‘full of the Spirit.’

The Assembly also bears the presence of Christ. The Assembly, though, is more than the congregation. The Church recognizes that the Assembly at Mass is the whole Church – so at every Mass, every person in the Church on earth is present, those in Purgatory, and those in Heaven. All of the Angels and Saints surround us and are present at every Mass! The final presence of Christ is the Eucharistic species – the Body and Blood of Jesus. This is the Presence of Christ, *par excellence!* We will get more into this when we move in to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Confessions during Advent

During Advent we have Confessions on Sundays before each Mass, on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM and our Cluster Penance Service is on Sunday, December 10th, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace, Salem, NH.

**SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS
&
NEW YEAR'S MASS**

Christmas Eve – December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – December 25th

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

New Year's Day – January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM



“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is sponsoring the Christmas Gift Program again this year. This is our chance to help our less fortunate neighbors by providing gifts for their children. Watch for the tags with attached gift requests. Simply choose one of the tags, purchase the gift and return the gift with the tag attached to the Chapel by December 10th. Please do not wrap the gift. Thanks for helping to make this Christmas season a little brighter for some of our local children.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Mission
March 10th – 12th.

More information to follow

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to the following parishioner who will be praying for vocations during this week:

-The Barrows Family-

All parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the program. Interested? Please email stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com



Join us in our tradition of the **Lighting of the Creche** on **Monday, December 11th, at 6:30 PM.** Immediately followed by Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Crafts in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas Pageant will be at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be on **Sundays** after the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:35 AM) on **December 3rd, 10th and 17th**. To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at garywendy6@comcast.net

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

Looking for Singers and Musicians for the Advent Season to join the Praise Band. Practice is on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Gary & Wendy Williams at garywendy6@comcast.net

Creation Corner: We plead to the Lord, in this weekend's psalm, “let us see your face and we shall be saved.” It seems we just need to *see* God and we will be attracted to His goodness. The truth is, God is *always* showing us His face: in the faces of others and in the sunsets, fields, forests, and rivers of our earthly home.

Friday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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

THE GIFT OF THE ROSARY

Thank you to all who participated in the Gift of the Rosary. There were 1432 stars placed on the "Mary's Mantle" banner in the Church, one star for each Rosary. That is 75,896 Hail Mary's prayed throughout the month of October by our parish - and those are the ones that people shared with us! Thank you for your dedication to our Lady!

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

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 11/19/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,637
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,691
Total Offertory	\$7,328

Parish Collections for the week of 11/26/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,984
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,023
Total Offertory	\$7,007

Faith Life	\$1,513
Emergency Fund	\$1,647

Total Collected **\$17,495**

Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

Human Development

collected as of 11/19/23

\$1,638

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Dec. 10 Retired Religious

This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.

Dec. 17 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Dec 24 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Dec. 31 Evangelization

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

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Mary Montbleau and Roland Delisle. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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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