

MASS Intentions



Saturday December 5

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 9th Anniversary,
requested by his wife & children

Sunday December 6

8am ~ William Sandall, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by his family

10:30am ~ Julia Lawlor, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday December 7

8am ~ Francisco Silva, 1st Anniversary,
requested by Lucy Azevedo

Rita Andrawas requested by her sister
Katherine Bernard

Tuesday December 8

Immaculate Conception

8am ~ Wally Ingram & Diana Perruccio
requested by David & Maureen Groff

10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

7pm ~ Marlee Moriarty requested by friends of
Bill

Wednesday December 9

8am ~ Christopher Edwards, 21st Anniversary,
requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea

Vito Nastasia requested by the Lemieux family

Thursday December 10

8am ~ Gerry Gibson requested by her daughter
Kathy

Joe Sullivan requested by his sister-in-law
Katherine Bernard

Friday December 11

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday December 12

4pm ~ Tina Wurst requested by the Parish Staff
Patricia Ryan requested by the Fancher family

Sunday December 13

**8am ~ Robert Hall and Alexander & Alma
Boisvert** requested by Anita Hall & family

10:30am ~ Janet Montminy, 11th Anniversary,
requested by Scott & Flora Montminy & family

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, December 6

Advent Penance Service, Mary Queen of Peace in
Salem, 2:00 PM

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

Tuesday, December 8

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 9

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 10

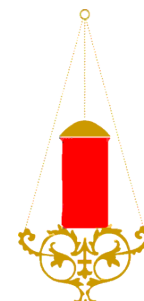
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Friday, December 11

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



“He will feed his flock like a shepherd.” If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Robert Stonis, 1st Anniversary, by his mom, sister, nieces and nephews.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, we hear about John the Baptist. Scholars of the Dead Sea Scrolls tell us that the Essenes (the group that wrote and/or stored the Dead Sea Scrolls) formed John. The Essenes were a Jewish sect in the first century. The Bible talks about Pharisees and Sadducees, Scribes and Zealots, but does not speak about the Essenes, so we are not as familiar with them as the other groups. (For a good book about the Essenes and Jesus, read *Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Revealing the Jewish Roots of Christianity* by John Bergsma.) We may never hear about them in the Gospels because it seems that Jesus' teaching was very close (though not identical) to much of the Essene thought, so there would have been fewer

confrontations between them and Jesus.

In any case, John seems to have been part of the sect of the Essenes (at least at one point in his life). The understanding of a Baptism of Repentance is certainly an Essene idea. John is calling out for *all* to repent – to turn back to God. The Church places this call before us on the Second Sunday of Advent to remind us of our need for repentance. As I mentioned last week in my homily, the theme of Advent is "*Maranatha – Come, Lord Jesus!*" We wait with expectation, we prepare, we cry out to the Lord, we beg for His coming. Part of our preparation is *repentance*.

Repentance means more than simply being sorry for our sins. Sorrow for sins is called "contrition." In our understanding, we look at contrition as being either perfect or imperfect. Imperfect contrition is when we are sorry for our sins because of the consequence of sin – we're afraid of Hell or losing Heaven, we're sorry for the effects of sin upon others or ourselves, we're sorry that *we* are imperfect and are ashamed to see our imperfect selves. Perfect contrition, on the other hand, is when we are sorry for our sins because they have wounded our relationship with God – because they hurt the One we love, the One who loves us more than anyone else loves us!

Repentance does include contrition, but it includes an "action plan" as well. Repentance means that we are changing our lives, turning away from sin. We not only are sorry for our sins, but we actively work to turn away from our sins and turn to God. I think of Matthew Kelly's talk "Don't Just Try... Train!" (there are still copies of this CD at the main entrance of the Church). He speaks about not just "trying" to change our lives, but doing the work that is needed to train for holiness.

One of the great helps we have in our repentance is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Reconciliation, we get coaching (remember, repentance means training), the grace of the Sacrament *perfects imperfect contrition*, and we hear with our ears that our sins are forgiven, thus we have an encounter with the merciful love of God. On top of this, the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings healing to the wounds in our soul, and with the worthy reception of Communion, can give us the strength to change our lives, truly repenting, truly preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

Again, I strongly encourage you this Advent to take advantage of the incredible gift of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This weekend, we have the Cluster Advent Reconciliation Service (Sunday, December 6, 2:00pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Rd., Salem), I am available for Confessions on Wednesdays during Advent at 7:00pm, as well as before each of the weekend Masses. If none of these work, you can always call me and make an appointment, or contact another priest in the area for Confession.

This Advent, let's take the time really to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming, including repentance from sin, so we can cry out "*Maranatha – Come, Lord Jesus!*"



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



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!



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Noelle Pierretta Bergeron, Ayla Marie Curran, Vince Matthew Muldoon, Renlee Jeanette Pena and Natalie Marie Rainha**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at Christmas, please use the envelope that is in your packet to list the names and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick Parish. For those of you who do not have envelopes but wish to have your loved ones remembered, just list the names of your loved ones to be remembered on a piece of paper with the name of the person who is requesting the remembrance. Put the list in an envelope marked Christmas Memorials with your donation and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick Parish, 12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076. The donations for the Christmas Memorials go towards the decorations and flowers in the church. Thank you. **Deadline is December 14th.**

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.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

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 9:00 AM
 Christmas Day Mass 11:00 AM

Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office.

The Advent Cluster Penance Service will be held at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem on this Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

For those who have been preparing for their consecration or re-consecration to Jesus through Mary, Fr. Von will lead you in the Consecration prayers after each of the Masses on the Immaculate Conception (December 8th.)

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 11/22/20
 Offertory Envelopes \$9,147
 Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,863
Total Offertory \$11,010

Parish Collections for the week of 11/29/20
 Offertory Envelopes \$5,358
 Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,278
Total Offertory \$7,636

Teen Ministry \$1,176

Total Offertory \$20,627

As of 11/29 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,523

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

Human Developments

collected as of 11/22/20
 \$1,078

Thank you for your generosity!

Emergency Fund

collected as of 11/26/20
 \$1,186

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Dec. 12 Retirement Fund for Religious
 This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the U.S.

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