

**Saturday February 10**

4pm ~ Bernadette Bouchard, 39th Anniversary,
Lawrence Bouchard, 39th Anniversary,
 requested by Joan Janos

Sunday February 11

8am ~ Dick Dube, 2nd Anniversary, requested
 by Cyndee

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday February 12

**8am ~ In memory of Sister Dorothy Stang
 SND and all Eco Martyrs who died hearing
 the cry of the earth and the poor** requested
 by St. Patrick Laudato Si Circle

Tuesday February 13

8am ~ Edesse Paquette requested by Theresa
 Goupil
George Dallaire, Birthday Remembrance,
 requested by his family

Wednesday February 14 Ash Wednesday

8am ~ Charles Sharpe and Esther Rounds
 requested by Joyce Ricciardone

10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

7pm ~ Richard Dube requested by Tristan &
 Adam

Thursday February 15

8am ~ Sr. Mary Cecelia Bowen, O.S.C.
 requested by a friend

Matilde Finco, 9th Anniversary, requested by
 her family

Friday February 16

8am ~ No Mass

6pm ~ Leon Bousquet, 9th Anniversary,
 requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy

7pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Saturday February 17

4pm ~ In Honor of St. Joseph requested by
 Donna Taylor

Sunday February 18

8am ~ Corey Lemieux, 4th Anniversary,
 requested by his family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 11

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the
 youth room at the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 14

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-6:00 PM
 Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school
 Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, February 17

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM,
 in the school



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Dick Dube, 2nd Anniversary, by Cyndee



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Dick Dube, 2nd Anniversary, by Cyndee



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have now moved into the Liturgy of the Eucharist in our examination of the Mass. The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of Gifts. We remember that the Eucharist is Presence, Sacrifice and Communion. As we prepare the Altar, it is good to keep this in mind: it is not just a table, from which the Last Supper was received, but an Altar, where the sacrifice of Christ is offered.

At the Last Supper, Jesus foreshadowed that His death on the Cross the next day would be part of the Passover Meal. He identifies Himself as the new Passover Lamb – thus making the *gruesome death* into an *eternal sacrifice* to the Father. The bread and wine that is offered by Jesus becomes His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This means that at every Mass, we partake in this one sacrifice (now in an un-bloody form), and making present in time and space the sacrifice that He brought into eternity.

The Chalice is placed on the Altar. We use a chalice veil here because we veil those things which are sacred, to remind us to be reverent around the sacred. A cloth is set on top of the Altar, which is called a corporal. This unfolded (and refolded after Communion) in such a way that if any particles from the Host should fall on it, they will be reverently cared for. With the Chalice is another cloth called a purificator. This is used to wipe the Chalice. These linens are cleaned in such a way as always to respect and reverence the Eucharistic species with which they come in contact.

Then the bread and wine are brought to the Altar. This is a moment to offer up our intentions for this Mass. The bread and the wine – as they are brought to the Altar – symbolize all of creation being brought to the Lord. Think of the farmers, the truck drivers, the bakers, the vendors who sell the bread, the electricity, the gas ... everyone and everything involved in making the bread and bringing it to the Church. Think of the vineyard growers, those who pick the grapes, the ones who make the wine. All of creation, as it were, is being brought to the Altar. In the paten that holds the bread and the chalice that holds the wine, we offer ourselves, as well. "Sacrifice" literally means to make holy – and so in this great sacrifice of Christ, we make the whole universe – and ourselves – holy.

The priest then offers the bread to the Father saying: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life." If there is no Offertory song, then the people may acclaim, "Blessed be God for ever." The priest (or deacon) then pours wine into the chalice and, with it, a drop of water, saying quietly, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." The priest then offers the chalice saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink." And the people may respond as before. We offer to God the Father what He has given us, now worked by human hands as a gift back to Him.

The priest, in a quiet prayer, asks God to receive this sacrifice. He is a sinner, even as he offers this perfect sacrifice of Christ: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." He then washes his hands in a symbolic gesture of how he needs to be cleansed of his sin, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

Now, addressing the people, the priest says, "Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." The people rise and reply: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church."

My sacrifice and yours. What is that? The "My sacrifice" is the sacrifice of Christ which the priest offers "*in persona Christi capatis*" (in the person of Christ the head). "Your sacrifice" is the sum of all the sacrifices, intentions, prayers, etc. that you bring to this Mass to offer to God. It is, as it were, that we are placing our very selves into the paten and chalice to be offered to the Father in union with the sacrifice of Christ.



“Do everything for the glory of God.” Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.



FAITH LIFE IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

In February, families are learning about Commandments 4-10. These Commandments teach us how to properly love our neighbor. To follow these laws of love we must first remember who our neighbor is.

Our Neighbor is EVERYONE!

Now that we have that out of the way it causes us to self-reflect, have I killed people that I do not like with the slander of gossip? Yes, these commandments apply to our friends, enemies, and strangers.

Every month families utilize the “Car Conversations” page to have topical conversations when running from one place to another together. This is the discussion starter for February. Perhaps we can make a change today and this could be the place to start:

The Fourth through the Tenth Commandments show us how to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Our neighbors include people we don’t like. Is there someone you avoid, or who makes you angry, or has hurt your feelings?

Say a Hail Mary for that person.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, Masses are as follow: **8:00 & 10:00 AM** and **7:00 PM**.

We will have a **6:00 PM Mass** on the following Fridays during Lent: **February 17th** and **March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**.

“THE GIFT OF THE ROSARY”

Join us as we embark on a prayerful Lenten journey to explore the gift of the Rosary! The familiar mantle of our Blessed Mother will be displayed at the entrance of the Church beginning on Ash Wednesday. There will be stickers available to record how many Rosaries you pray throughout Lent. Let us prayerfully embrace this Lent!

CREATION CORNER: This weekend Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him, just as he imitates Christ, “**not seeking my own benefit but that of the many.**” That’s a one-line description of a Christian, a person who lives for others. May we live our lives in a way that brings health and safety to others and avoids exposing them to the harms of toxic substances and climate change.

If you have any old Palms, you can drop them off in the Sacristy or drop them off to the Parish Office.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Cold Cereal & Oatmeal (medium size), Toilet Paper & Paper Towels**. Thank you for your generosity!



Coffee and Donuts and Children’s Crafts will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus this weekend. Please come and join us.



Sister Marguerite Marie



Sister Grace Maria

KERYGMA

Lenten Parish Mission with
 Sister Marguerite Marie & Sister Grace Maria
 March 10, 11 & 12
 From 7:00-9:00 PM

We've all heard the Gospel preached every Sunday, but has it transformed your life? Do you want to understand what is at the heart of being Catholic? Join us for three evenings of getting to the heart of what it means to be Catholic. Look forward to seeing you! For more information, please contact the Parish office at 603-635-3525.

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
 February 12, 19 and 26



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office of Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, April 29, 2024 by 3:00 PM.

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 2/4/24

Offertory Envelopes \$6,179

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,920

Total Offertory \$8,099

Catholic School \$1,558

Total Funds Collected \$9,657

Thank you for your
 faithful & generous support
 ~Fr. Von~



**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Feb. 18 Utility

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

Feb. 25 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Mar. 10 Catholic Relief

This collection provides funding for catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration & Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

CHM Supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

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.

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