



February

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

Monday February 19

8am ~ Alexandrine Thivierge requested by Theresa Goupil

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lapointe requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Tuesday February 20

8am ~ Jody Tighe O’Hearn requested by a friend

Leo Lorden requested by a friend

Wednesday February 21

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Pat Hartwell requested by Joan Berard

Thursday February 22

8am ~ Meaghan West, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Friday February 23

8am ~ No Mass

6pm ~ No Mass

7:30pm ~ The Franciscan Mystery Players

Saturday February 24

4pm ~ Frances Lawlor, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday February 25

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife Angela

Sunday, February 18

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 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

Women’s Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, February 21

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, February 22

Men’s AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 23

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

Franciscan Mystery Players, 7:30 PM, in the church



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **George Dallaire**, Birthday Remembrance, by his family



“I establish My covenant with you.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
We pray for Lillian Bemish and Robert Edwards Jr. We extend our sympathy to their families



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, we began looking at the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Preparation of the Gifts. Immediately after this is another "oration." Oration is a prayer. We discussed one earlier (the "Collect," aka – Opening Prayer). This oration is the "Prayer Over the Offerings." It is another way of joining our prayers together as we prepare to move into the Eucharistic Prayer.

"Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, namely, the Eucharistic Prayer itself, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification" (*The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM] #78). The Eucharistic Prayer has eight essential elements:

- a) The *Thanksgiving* (in the Preface)
- b) The *Acclamation* (the "Holy, Holy, Holy")
- c) The *Epiclesis* (invocation of the Holy Spirit on the gifts)
- d) The *Institution Narrative and Consecration* (recounting Jesus' words at the Last Supper)
- e) The *Anamnesis* (literally "remembering")
- f) The *Oblation* (the Church offers the unblemished sacrifice to the Father)
- g) The *Intercessions* (invoking God's help, and recognizing the offering is given by the whole Church, on earth and in heaven)
- h) The *Concluding Doxology* ("Through Him, and with Him, and in Him..." with the people's acclamation of the "Great Amen")

It is through the Eucharistic Prayer that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ; the sacrifice of Jesus, the Son, to the Father is brought from eternity and heaven to this place (Pelham) in this moment (2024).

We begin with the *Thanksgiving* in the "Preface." The Preface begins with the Preface Dialogue.

Presider (P): The Lord be with you.

Response (R): And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

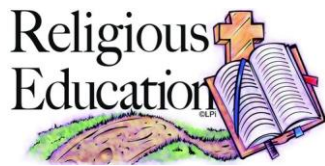
R: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: It is right and just.

We remember that we are not called to be passive spectators of the Mass, but to have full, active and conscious participation. The Dialogue is one way of entering into this: "Remember, we're part of what's about to happen on that Altar." We remember God is with us, we give our hearts to the Lord, and we give Him thanks. Even though the congregation does not say the words in the Eucharistic Prayer, we are all called to be focused on what's happening, giving ourselves to the Lord, worshipping Him in this Mass.

In the thanksgiving or Preface, the priest, "in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it" (*GIRM* 79a). At the end of the Preface, there is an invitation to join in the acclamation (the "Holy, Holy"). The invitation, though, usually involves inviting us to pray *with* the saints and angels. For instance: "And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim" (Preface I of Advent, *Roman Missal*). We remember through this that we are not alone in our worship of God, in this Mass; we are joined by the whole Celestial Hierarchy (all of the levels of angels). The "Holy, Holy" (which we'll examine next week) is the prayer of the angels – and we get to participate in Angel song! This should knock our socks off... spiritually speaking.



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

CREATION CORNER: This weekend we recall the "rainbow" covenant God made "that never again shall all *bodily creatures* be destroyed." God also made clear His covenant was "with every living creature." So, that covenant applies to us with our bodies, and it also applies to all the animal, bird, fish, and insect bodies that share creation with us. Let us recognize God's love for *all* His creatures; let us allow them to thrive.

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



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.

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



Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by the Praise Band this weekend. Please come and join us.



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.

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.

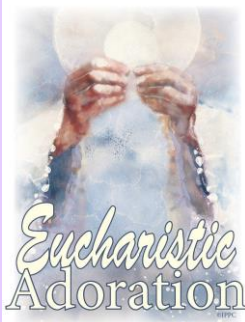


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

SCUBA is coming! This summer, kids will be *DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD!* Mark your calendars for July 8-12, 2024 (9:00 AM - Noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org. They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to pelham.formed.org



SAVE THE DATE

Eucharistic Procession
April 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM
to pray for those away from the Church

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 2/11/24

Offertory Envelopes \$6,498

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,998

Total Offertory \$8,496

Total Funds Collected \$8,496

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 2/11/24

\$1,778

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

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 19 and 26

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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

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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