

**Saturday February 3**

4pm ~ Leon Bousquet, requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy

Sunday February 4

8am ~ Dick Dube, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his wife Maureen

Alice Rancourt, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday February 5

8am ~ Michael Perruccio requested by John & Christina Vogl

Mim Provencher requested by a friend

Tuesday February 6

8am ~ Charlotte Boucher requested by Andrea Steve Straughan and Brenda Gabriel requested by Patty Kennedy

Wednesday February 7

8am ~ Mr. Thomas P. Straughan requested by a friend

Stephanie D. Culbert Clougherty requested by a friend

Thursday February 8

8am ~ Clint Updyke, 15th Anniversary, requested by Barbara and his sons Adam & Sean

Robert Betty requested by David & Annette Descoteaux

Friday February 9

8am ~ No Mass

7pm ~ Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick

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

Sunday, February 4

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM

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Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school

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

Monday, February 5

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school

Grades 5-12 Confirmation Class 6:00 PM, in the school

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

Tuesday, February 6

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 9

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

Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick, 7:00 PM, in the church

Saturday, February 10

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

Grade 3 Confirmation Retreat, 9:00-12:00 PM, in the school

VOCATION

"Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We've finally made our way through the Creed, and are now ready to speak about the last part of the Liturgy of the Word: The Universal Prayer (aka the Prayers of the Faithful). We have listened to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and professed our faith in God. Now we turn to the God, in whom we believe, trusting He loves us so much, that He *wants* to be part of our lives.

Most of the rest of the world for most of history either believed in a pantheon of gods (like the Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, and Assyrians) or in a deistic god (for instance Aristotle). With the pantheon gods you went to them to get something and you had to give them something they wanted (transactional). The deistic god was one who created everything and let the universe run on its own, not caring about it. The revelation of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then later to Moses, with the culmination in the person of Jesus, shows us a very different God. Our God is the One God, and He cares intimately about each person He created. Prayer is about relationship, not transaction. When we go to Him in prayer, we call on our Father – not someone trying to “get something” from us.

The very act of the “Prayers of the Faithful” – calling out to God with faith that He will answer... *because He loves us* – this is an act of faith that would have been foreign to the world surrounding the Jewish community in which Jesus lived, and the pagan world where the Church “grew up” (in the first few centuries). I say all of this to help us realize how *incredible* it is that we can call out to our God and trust He will answer.

The typical form of the Prayers of the Faithful is that the reader (or deacon) speaks a petition to the congregation, and then invites the congregation to pray (“let us pray to the Lord). The actual *prayer* in the Prayers of the Faithful is when we respond, “Lord, hear our prayer.” It is important to remember this – that it is not just a “response,” but is when we’re supposed to be praying: talking to Almighty God.

The intentions of the prayers are also important. The format is:

- 1) for the needs of the universal church;
- 2) for the public authorities and the salvation of the world;
- 3) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- 4) for the local community.

Usually we also add a petition for the dead, and then for the prayers in our hearts. This reminds us to offer up our intentions to the Lord. We have several opportunities for this in the Mass, as already mentioned: as we prepare for Mass, before the Collect (the Opening Prayer), here in the Prayers of the Faithful, as the gifts are offered on the Altar, and as we receive Communion. These are opportunities to bring the whole world, and the specific needs of our lives, to the God who loves us.

We’ve finished looking at the Liturgy of the Word. Next week, we’ll begin looking at the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you remember back to September, I wrote about the Eucharist as Presence, Sacrifice and Communion. The first several articles were about the Eucharist as Presence. As we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we will see more clearly the Eucharist as Sacrifice, culminating with Eucharist as Communion. Let us pray to have our eyes opened a little to the mystery of God’s gift of the Mass and the Eucharist.

WORLD MARRIAGE

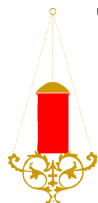
Did you know that every year we celebrate World Marriage Week from February 7th – 14th. This year, on February 11th we will celebrate World Marriage Day! We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating and praying for all married couples and for all couples who are currently preparing for marriage. May God bless them with faith, love, hope and strength.

Marriage Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
So that they might reflect
The union of Christ
With his Church:
Look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
Increase your love in them,
And strengthen their bond of peace
So that, with their children,
They may always rejoice in the gift of
Your blessings.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

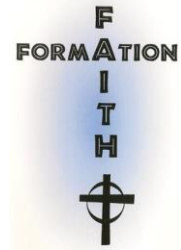


This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Dick Dube**, 2nd Anniversary, by his wife Maureen



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Clint Updyke**, 15th Anniversary, by Barbara and his sons Adam & Sean

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 5, 12, 19 and 26



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



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.



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.



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

CREATION CORNER: When God allowed Satan to take away Job's health and wealth and all that Job held dear, Job lamented "I shall not see happiness again." Job mistook his social and economic standing, his worldly goods, as the source of his happiness. He did not notice that God was still *present* to him and was *with* him in his calamities. May we accumulate *grace* and not *goods*!

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.

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 1/28/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,147
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,042
Total Offertory	\$7,189

Maintenance \$1,792

Total Funds Collected \$8,981

Thank you for your continue support
~Fr. Von~

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 11 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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.

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

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Nancy Lawlor. We extend our sympathy to her family.



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

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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