



Saturday December 31

4pm ~ Ed Miranda requested by Donna Smith

Sunday January 1

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ William Costa, 11th Anniversary, requested by his family

Monday January 2

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday January 3

8am ~ Paul Kennedy, 1st Anniversary, requested by Patty Kennedy

Wednesday January 4

8am ~ Don Goyette requested by the Goyette family

Thursday January 5

8am ~ Fr. Gerald Dunn

Robert Carito requested by the Halpin family

Friday January 6

8am ~ Catherine Fitzgerald requested by the Lemieux family

Rev. Leo L. Frechette

Saturday January 7

8am ~ Lorraine Hannan and Andre Lagasse requested by Dan & Sue Martin

4pm ~ Wayne Montuori, 6th Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family

Carol Ryan, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Jim Ryan

Sunday January 8

8am ~ Raymond Letendre, 20th Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

First Friday Mass is this Friday, January 6th, at 8:00 AM.
First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, January 7th, at 8:00 AM.

Sunday, January 1

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

Monday, January 2

Parish Office is closed

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, January 3

Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
Women’s Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 4

Men’s Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

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, January 5

Men’s AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 6

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



“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2023-2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

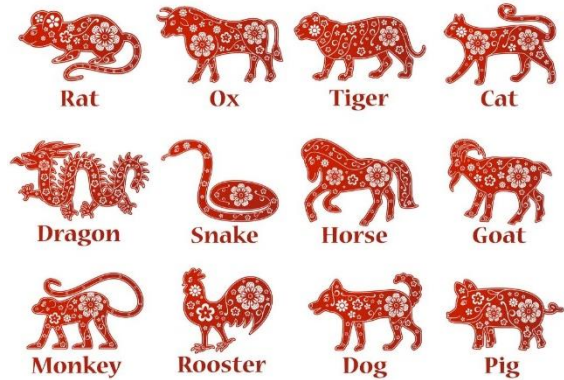
If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2023-2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Welcome to New Year – The Year of Cat
Chúc Mừng Năm Mới- Năm Con Mèo- 2023

“The Lord bless you and keeps you!” (Numbers 6:24)

I know that most of you have known the American calendar. However, this New Year, I would like to share about the traditional New Year in Asian countries and Vietnam. In this new year – the year of the cat – let’s learn a little bit about the 12 animals. In the Asian tradition, including Vietnam, when asked about your age, they rarely ask how old you are. Instead, they will ask you, what animal age are you? They will answer I am horse age, cat age, dragon age...each animal has its characteristics, different personalities, advantages, and disadvantages.



Among the 12 zodiac animals, the age of the Cat is fourth after the Tiger and before the Dragon. Cats are very easy animals to keep and they get close to many people in Vietnam and America. Of the 12 zodiac animals, cats are the gentlest animals. The Asian belief is that the influence of cosmic nature also seems to repeat periodically. People born in the year of the Cat, although not extremely beautiful and attractive, do not like to cause trouble, exude a special harmony, are very gentle, and always want everyone to be friends; so it is also loved by many people. The year of Cat: The Cat is a symbol of people who are soft-spoken,

talented, ambitious, patient, and will succeed in their studies. In Vietnam as well as other countries in the world see this animal is agile and intelligent. People born in 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, and 2023 born in the year of the cat have the common characteristics of this animal.

Reflection of the Gospel today

While the whole world is entering a new year, the Catholic calendar on New Year’s Day celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. On the first day of the New Year, we can learn from our mother: that is to listen to the Word of God and bring it into our life. On this New Year’s Day, let’s look back on the past year to give thanks to God and ask him to guide and accompany us in this New Year 2023. When the Church chooses January First every year to celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God it is so that we may pray for world peace. This tradition was started from the intention and desire of Pope St. Paul VI. He himself moved this Mass to January first of every year to ask Mary to intercede for the world to be peaceful and happy.

At this Solemnity, each of us should also look to our beloved country and people, in America, Vietnam, and the world to see the need for the two words of peace (*Hoa Binh* in Vietnamese). Hopefully, after celebrating Mass, each person leaves with a renewed mind, renewed thinking, renewed method, and renewed action. Renewed in obedience to God. Innovation in self-sacrifice, self-forgetfulness. Only then will our hearts be truly joyful and excited like the shepherds in the Gospel today to go out and announce the Good News of the Prince of Peace to everyone.

Dear Mother Mary, on the first day of the New Year, we would like to dedicate the New Year of each person’s life to you, ask for your protection, intercession, and help, so that we can have peace and love God more and more each day. Mary, Mother of God, please help us to follow your example, always to meditate on God’s Word and put it into practice in our lives, so that God’s Word is a source of peace and fruitfully in each of us. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

(Thánh Maria, Đức Mẹ Chúa Trời cầu cho chúng con là kẻ có tội khi này và trong giờ lâm tử.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

Made For More Trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

Parish "Made For More" Home Site:

<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person

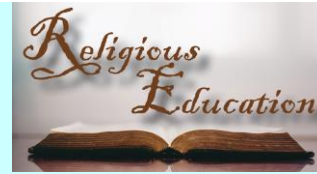
World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH CENACOLO

Thank you to all the parishioners who were so generous in giving gift cards for Cenacolo. I will be delivering them in person this week as I go to minister to them. I know they will be greatly appreciated.

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **January 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th, February 6th, 13th & 27th, March 6th, 13th & 20th, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.



Faith Life for the Month of January

It is fitting that we celebrate the Miracle of Christmas and then move into the Faith Life topic of the Holy Eucharist. They are both Incarnational, God chooses to make Himself present to all mankind, and it is difficult for us to understand.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes these beautiful words on the Eucharist:

"This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into His flesh he turns
To His precious blood the wine,
Sight has failed, nor thought conceives
But a dauntless faith believe,
Resting on a power divine."

Why would God become man? Why would God make Himself fully present (Body, Blood, Soul and, Divinity) in the Holy Eucharist?

We find that the answer to both of these questions is simple, yet jaw-droppingly difficult to comprehend.

God loves you.

That is the answer to these questions and that is why it is difficult for us to understand them. So often, we do not feel worthy of love, let alone the love of God. Perhaps this is why some of us avoid going to Holy Mass, because deep down we forget how worthy of God's Love we are. How He has chosen you as His son or daughter.

God waits for us in the Tabernacle, God waits for us fully present in the Eucharist. The response of love is to go to Him and to receive Him.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

STELLAR is coming! This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS' LOVE!

Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.



YOUTH MINISTRY FOR January

Youth ministry is open to everyone in grades 6-12
 Youth Ministry Meeting for January 8, 2023 from
 5:30-7:00 PM

I've Had an Epiphany!

Wise Men, Three Kings?

Who were these guys that traveled from afar to
 visit Christ as a child. What can they teach us?

Please register for this event by emailing
 Adam at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

Steubenville East Registration!

Steubenville East in Springfield, MA on the
 weekend of July 21-23, 2023. Registration is open
 and we are building a parish group. Please email
 me at faithlifeformation@comcast.net for details.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about
 Youth Ministry events happening at our parish
 and neighboring parishes, please email Adam
 Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he
 will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Holy Hour for Life , Tuesday, January 3 rd , 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
Community Dinner , Friday, January 13 th , from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center
Men of St. Joseph , Saturday, January 14 th , 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center
Blood Drive , Thursday, January 19 th , from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Holy Hour for Life , Tuesday, February 7 th , 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
Healing Mass , Friday, February 10 th , 7:00 PM, in the church
Men of St. Joseph , Saturday, February 11 th , 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

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 12/18/22	
Offertory Envelopes	\$7,262
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,550
Total Offertory	\$8,812
Maintenance	\$1,683
Total Collected	\$10,495
Thank you for your faithful & generous support ~Fr. Von~	

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 8 Utility

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

Jan. 15 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Jan. 22 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

The money for December 25th & January 1st will be in January 8th bulletin.



You are invited to a Christmas Concert at Mary Queen of Peace with Marie-Line Morin, soprano. The concert is this Sunday at 2:00 PM. Free offerings will be welcomed. Benefits will go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church, details are available on [facebook.com@morin.marieline](https://facebook.com/morin.marieline)

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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