



Saturday January 13

4pm ~ **John Fitzgerald**, 20th Anniversary,
requested by his wife & children

Sunday January 14

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ **Joseph Dias**, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Kevin & Karen
Martin
Norman Provencal, 24th Anniversary,
requested by the Provencal family

Monday January 15

8am ~ **Owen McArdle** requested by a friend
Frank Croteau requested by Lorrie & Dick

Tuesday January 16

8am ~ In Thanksgiving for Favors Received
Robert Merritt Stein requested by Joyce

Wednesday January 17

8am ~ For the Holy Spirit

Thursday January 18

8am ~ **Gabrielle Petito** requested by a friend
Blessings for Marie & Lou Dalpe

Friday January 19

8am ~ No Mass
7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday January 20

4pm ~ **John Lawlor Jr.**, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday January 21

8am ~ **Alan Larese**, 28th Anniversary, requested
by the Raby family
Stephen Straughan requested by Doug &
Laura Masson
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

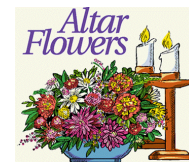
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, January 18

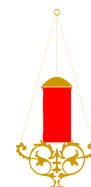
Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish
center
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 19

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
John Fitzgerald, 20th Anniversary, by his wife &
children



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Raymond Jean, Sr., Birthday Remembrance, by
his family

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
We pray for Leon Wells. We extend our
sympathy to his family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The next section of the Nicene Creed is about Jesus and how He relates to our redemption, as opposed to how He relates within the Trinity:

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Here the Creed recounts the Incarnation – how God became one of us. Remember the great hymn in St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians: Jesus “though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6-8). Jesus emptied Himself for our sake – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). He loved us *that* much, and desired our salvation. At the heart of our faith is the understanding that we are broken (Original Sin), but God had a plan for restoring us to His divine life. He loved us so much, Jesus came into our humanity.

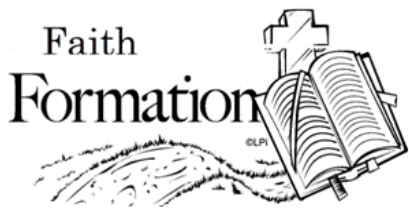
In reverence to the utter humility of God, we bow at the words “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” In this sentence, we see the human origins of Christ – the father of His human nature is the Holy Spirit, and the mother is Mary. This reminds us of the truth that no human fathered Jesus – He was a gift from God the Father to us. Yet, He took on our human nature in all things, becoming man. Looking back at the question in the early Church – how can Jesus be two yet one, we see in the Creed that faith that He truly was God (“true God from true God”), and yet fully man (“became man”).

Then we look at the work Jesus did for our salvation – His crucifixion. The Creed skips over the rest of Jesus’ life. Does that mean it’s not important? No. But, while His teaching was important, it was only so that we could be open to the gift of Himself He was to give us on the Cross.

The Creed mentions Pontius Pilate. Why? Because our faith is not “Once upon a time...” or “A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away...” Our faith is not myth, but is grounded in fact, in history – at a specific time in a specific place. The Creed is also clear to mention that He “suffered death and was buried, and rose again.” He didn’t just seem to die. If He only pretended to die, we would still be stuck in our sins, for the resurrection would not have defeated death – it would have been God playing pretend. He really had to die, and really had to rise in order for us really to be saved. This all happened “in accordance with the Scriptures” to show us that this was not an accident, a miscarriage of justice. No, God planned for this, and prepared the world for this salvific work He was going to do. God didn’t have to pull a “Hail Mary Play,” He knew this was the way that would win our salvation.

The last section shows us Jesus’ glory. He not only rises bodily from the dead, He then ascends into heaven, bringing humanity into the very Heart of the Trinity, so now we have “space” to enter into God. This is the incredible thing about our humanity: we are embodied souls, or ensouled bodies. Our bodies are not secondary to our nature, but an integral part of us, and God took on our bodies in the Incarnation, redeemed them in the Resurrection, and draws them into heaven through the Ascension.

Next week, we’ll look at the Last Judgment and the Holy Spirit.



FAITH LIFE IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

This month families will be discussing the first four Commandments. We all need a reminder that these truly are laws of love that God has given us. These laws are not meant to restrain our freedom but, like any good father, the Lord desires what is best for us and will lead us on the path of holiness. The Lord wants to see us in Heaven!

As a community, let us reflect upon these Commandments and examine our own souls so that we can love the Lord better. The first four Commandments are:

1. "I am the Lord your God, you shall have no strange Gods before me"

- Are there times when I put material goods or my own personal success before my love of the Lord? Do I create an idol of these things?

2. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain"

- Do I use the Lord's name as a swear? When others speak poorly of the Lord, do I humbly speak up and defend the precious name of Jesus?

3. "Remember to keep holy the Lord's day."

- Do I attend Holy Mass every Sunday and whenever else we are obligated to as Catholics? If we have missed a Sunday Mass, let us be sure we go to the Sacrament of Confession and confess this Mortal Sin.

4. "Honor thy Father and Mother."

- This, of course, applies to adults just as much as it does children. Have I stayed in touch with my parents and ensured they have everything they need as they grow older? If there is a dispute among us, have I made an effort to reach out and make peace?

God gives us these beautiful laws of love so that we can become the best version of ourselves. God desires to set us on a path of thriving! So often we settle for survival mode but, God has other plans for you and they are written in this law of love.

God Bless you all

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of 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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to the following parishioner who will be praying for vocations during this week:

-The Murgia Family-

All parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the program. Interested? Please email stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com

MASS FOR THE CAUSE OF LIFE

A special Mass for the Cause of Life will be celebrated at **St. Joseph Cathedral at 12:10 PM on Friday, January 19, 2024** – the same day that the National March for Life will take place in Washington, D. C. In the post-Roe v. Wade era, there continues to be challenges on the state and local levels. And the most important work of all is ongoing – converting hearts and minds to build a culture of life in the United States. Please consider joining us at St. Joseph Cathedral for this important event that the U.S. bishops called our “preeminent priority.” If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Zapiain, Cabinet Secretary for Catholic Formation (gzapiain@rcbm.org, 603-663-0108).

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

January 15, 22 and 29

Creation Corner: This weekend Paul reminds the Corinthians, “you are not your own.” As Christians we, *like all of Creation*, belong to God: “your bodies are members of Christ...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.” If that is true of all of us, let us love and respect ourselves, others, and all of Creation!



**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.

**HUNGER, HOPE & HEALING
WOMEN’S MINISTRY GATHERING**

St. Patrick Church & School
 February 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM
 8:00 AM Holy Mass & Confession (optional)
 8:30 AM Registration opens (school)
 9:00 AM Light Refreshments & Fellowship
 9:30 AM Praise & Worship
 10:00 AM Talks & Testimonies
 Prayer Ministry to follow at noon
 \$5 Registration fee
 Bring a pen & notebook
 Please register at link below
<https://tinyurl.com/hungerhopehealing>



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

SAVE THE DATE
 Our Parish Mission
 March 10th – 12th.
 More information to follow

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 12/31/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,611
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,491
Total Offertory	\$7,102

Parish Collections for the week of 1/7/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,368
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,028
Total Offertory	\$6,396

Evangelization 12/31	\$1,077
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,290

Total Funds Collected \$15,788

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

Capital Improvement
 collected as of 1/7/24
 \$1,298
 Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Jan. 21 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
Jan. 28 Maintenance
 This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB
 All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the Womb*. After the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 21st. Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

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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