



Saturday January 15

4pm ~ John Fitzgerald, 18th Anniversary,
requested by his wife & children

Sunday January 16

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Patricia Mary O’Rawe, 1st
Anniversary, requested by friends the Rushin,
MacGillivray & Simollardes Families

Monday January 17

**8am ~ Health & Blessings for Joanne
McKinnon** requested by a friend
Virginia Chiasson requested by Judy & Roger
Turgeon

Tuesday January 18

**8am ~ Health & Blessings for Joanne
McKinnon** requested by a friend
Paul & Mary Dunn, Wedding Anniversary,
requested by Paul

Wednesday January 19

8am ~ Danny Hall requested by Karen Sutton

Thursday January 20

8am ~ Pearl Vennard requested by Karen
Sutton

Friday January 21

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday January 22

8am ~ Respect Life Mass
4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday January 23

8am ~ Louise Bousquet, 12th Anniversary,
requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy
10:30am ~ Angela Montano, Birthday
Remembrance, Joseph, Staci, Abrianna &
Alianna Montano

Sunday, January 16

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

Monday, January 17

Teaching on the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth
room at the school

Tuesday, January 18

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 19

Men’s Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the
chapel
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
Women’s AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, January 20

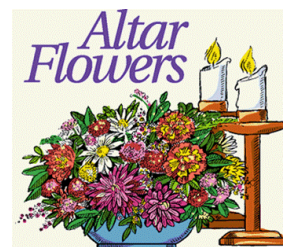
Blood Drive, 11:00 AM, in the parish center
Men’s AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 22

Respect for Life Mass, 8:00 AM, in the church



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
John Fitzgerald, 18th Anniversary, by his wife &
children



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel for today is the Wedding at Cana. John had so much time to reflect on the events of Jesus' life and ministry, that he packs his gospel full of theological insight. We look at this key moment in the Gospel of John – the Wedding at Cana – and see that it is one of only two places that the mother of Jesus appears – at the beginning of His public ministry, and at the end (at the foot of the Cross). In both places, John refers to her as “the mother of Jesus” and has Jesus refer to her as “Woman”. What does this all mean?

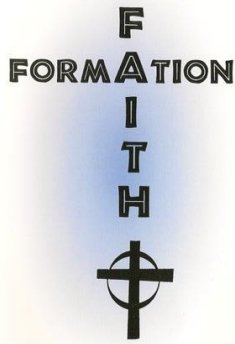
We see that at the foot of the Cross, Jesus calls Mary “Woman” (John 19:26) to compare her to the first woman – Eve. He says Mary is the New Eve – and this is foreshadowed at the wedding at Cana. Jesus' performing His first sign is the beginning of His road to Calvary – it starts Him on the road to the Cross. As Eve was the mother of all the living (Genesis 3:20), so at the Cross Mary is given the vocation to be mother, not just of Jesus, but of the whole Body of Christ, the Church: “Woman, behold, your son.... Behold, your mother” (John 19:26-27).

As mother, Mary intercedes with her Divine Son. Her care is two-fold: she recognizes the need (lack of wine), even before the bride and groom do; and she is confident in going to her Divine Son to ask for His intervention in the situation. She trusts that as mother, she can approach Jesus, and that He, as God, has authority to take care of the problem. I love the way she approaches Him – so simple. Mary says, “The have no wine” (John 2:3). She does not then tell Jesus how to fix the problem, nor try to convince Him that the problem deserves His attention. She merely brings the problem to Jesus and trusts that He will take care of it as He sees fit.

This is a call for us today, as well. I know how easy it is to tell God how and when a problem should to be resolved, or try to convince Him of the importance of my need. God knows. He knows our need. He knows how and when to take care of it. He *wants* us to approach Him in prayer with our needs, because He is a Father who loves interacting with us, and He knows that our prayer helps open our hearts to receive His answer. We don't need to explain it for His sake, but, rather, to trust (“Thy will be done”). I've shared the power of the Surrender Novena with you before, but it is still powerful in my life, so I'll share it again. I encourage you to pray the Surrender Novena, or at least the core prayer in it: “Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.” Mary, in essence, does this at Cana: “Jesus, here's the problem... you take care of it.”

Mary is not only a powerful intercessor, she is also a model. She shows us how to surrender, and she tells the servants to “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5). Once we surrender our problem to Jesus, we don't just wait for Him to answer, we must also do what He tells us. This may look like patient anticipation, but it may look like continued prayer, growth in union with God, or action. The important thing is not the work on our part, but obedience to His will. If action is called for, we should delight in the truth that God, in His generosity, chooses to allow us to cooperate in His work! What blessing!

As we continue to reflect on this incredible first miracle of Jesus, may we turn to Mary for help, strength, intercession and example, so that we can trust more in Jesus and do whatever He tells us.



A Family of Faith - January

"I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me."

- Philippians 4:13

In the month of January, the Faith Life families are talking about Jesus as The Way, The Truth, and The Life. What a relief to know we have all that we need in Jesus. By His life, He shows us the Way to live, by His life He reveals the fullness of Truth to us and by the Sacrifice of His Life on the Cross He makes Heaven possible for us once again.

We enter into the Way, Truth and Life of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism!

The Saint of the Month is Paul. On January 25th the Church celebrates the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. St. Paul encountered Christ on the way from Jerusalem to Damascus. On this feast day, I encourage you to find Jerusalem and Damascus on a map. Have a special dinner and read aloud St. Paul's firsthand account of what took place in Acts 22:3-16. Close with a prayer asking God to open your eyes to His Truth as He opened St. Paul's.

A Blessed and Joyful new year to you all.



"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.



Respect Life Mass, January 22nd, at 8:00 AM, in the church

Blessing of the Child in the Womb, Sunday, January 23rd, after the 10:30 AM Mass

Monday Night Teachings on the Eucharist

Join Fr. Von for teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on Monday Nights: January 17th, 24th and 31st, February 7th, 14th and 21st, March 14th & 28th, April 4th & 18th, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

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 23rd, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

NEW MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ) will begin its men's ministry for men 18 and up on the second Saturday of every month starting on February 12, 2022 from 7:00-9:00 AM in the Church. "As iron sharpens iron, so shall man sharpen his fellow man." – Proverbs 27:17. We will have time for prayer, a talk, light breakfast and coffee, and time for discussion and fellowship. We will end promptly at 9:00 AM.

For more information, contact Al Lemieux: al@lemieux-design.net or 781-879-7527 or visit the parish website at stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/

HEARING ASSISTANCE AT MASS

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, we have portable hearing assistants that tap into our sound system. If you would like to borrow one for Mass, please check in the Sacristy before Mass.

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.



Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

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

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 1/9/22

Offertory Envelopes \$4,042

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,043

Total Offertory \$6,085

Utilities \$1,304

Total Collected \$7,389

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



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 23 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Jan. 30 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Feb. 6 Catholic School Education

This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for the Diocesan Catholic schools in New Hampshire. The proceeds from this collection remain in the parish to offset costs for Diocesan Catholic School Education.

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
2:00-8:00pm

For more information, or to sign up for Wednesday Adoration, contact Kathleen Garon at 978-482-5380

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