



Saturday January 16

4pm ~ John Fitzgerald, 17th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

John Golden requested by Andrea Genereux

Sunday January 17

8am ~ Angela Montano, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by Joseph, Staci, Abrianna & Alianna Montano

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

6pm ~ Rev. Adrien R. Longchamps

Monday January 18

8am ~ Paul McLaughlin requested by the Lemieux family

Julio Martinez, 1st Anniversary, requested by his son & daughters

Tuesday January 19

8am ~ Bishop Emeritus Odore J. Gendron

Wednesday January 20

8am ~ The Bettencourt Sisters, Rita,

Margaret, Jenny & Mary requested by Shirley

Thursday January 21

8am ~ For the unborn & for an end to abortion

Friday January 22

8am ~ No Mass

6pm ~ Respect Life Mass

Saturday January 23

4pm ~ Louise Bousquet, 11th Anniversary, requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy

Sunday January 24

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ John Lawlor, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

6pm ~ Albert Guilbeault requested by his daughter

Sunday, January 17

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

Monday, January 18

The Parish Office is closed

Tuesday, January 19

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, January 20

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, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, January 21

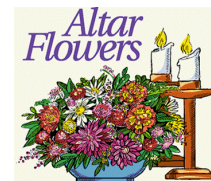
Blood Drive, 12:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Friday, January 22

Respect Life Mass, 6:00 PM, in the church

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of John Fitzgerald, 17th Anniversary, by his wife & children



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Julio Martinez, 1st Anniversary, by his son & daughters

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
The Parish office will be closed Monday, January 18th, for Martin Luther King Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th, at 8:30 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our way through Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, looking at the beautiful fatherhood of St. Joseph in this year dedicated to St. Joseph. (You can find the whole document at vatican.va and search "Patris Corde".)

3. An obedient father

As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known.

Joseph was deeply troubled by Mary's mysterious pregnancy. He did not want to "expose her to public disgrace", so he decided to "dismiss her quietly" (*Mt* 1:19).

In the first dream, an angel helps him resolve his grave dilemma: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (*Mt* 1:20-21). Joseph's response was immediate: "When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (*Mt* 1:24). Obedience made it possible for him to surmount his difficulties and spare Mary.

In the second dream, the angel tells Joseph: "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him" (*Mt* 2:13). Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved: "He got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod" (*Mt* 2:14-15).

In Egypt, Joseph awaited with patient trust the angel's notice that he could safely return home. In a third dream, the angel told him that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel (cf. *Mt* 2:19-20). Once again, Joseph promptly obeyed. "He got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel" (*Mt* 2:21).

During the return journey, "when Joseph heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. After being warned in a dream" – now for the fourth time – "he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth" (*Mt* 2:22-23).

The evangelist Luke, for his part, tells us that Joseph undertook the long and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered in his family's town of origin in the census of the Emperor Caesar Augustus. There Jesus was born (cf. *Lk* 2:7) and his birth, like that of every other child, was recorded in the registry of the Empire. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus' parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24).

In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. *Lk* 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. *Ex* 20:12).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. *Jn* 4:34). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own, becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil* 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

RESPECT LIFE MASS

On Friday, January 22nd, at 6:00 PM, Fr. Von will offer a Mass to pray for a greater respect for all human life, but especially for an end to abortion. All are welcome to come and pray for the Culture of Life.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are 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 at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 3, 2021.

Are you thinking about following Jesus "the Lamb of God" as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

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 8:00 & 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 24th**, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.



"And he came to her and said, 'Hail, Full of grace! The Lord is with you!'" ~ Luke 1:28

In the month of January our Faith Life Families will focus upon the Immaculate Heart of Mary and how it serves as an altar of sorts which allows us to grow in holiness and prepares us to stand before the Holy of Holies, God Himself.

Our Saint of the Month is St. Maximilian Kolbe, one who understood the Immaculate Heart of Mary in such a beautiful and intimate way. Recognizing that loving the Blessed Mother did not take away from his worship of Jesus, rather it enhanced it and brought him closer to the Heart of God the Father.

If you have not yet made a personal Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider it. There are many books to lead you in this practice, St. Maximilian Kolbe himself wrote a nine day consecration which is a wonderful place to begin. As we enter into this new year, I would encourage you to reflect upon these words from the great saint himself: "Jesus honored her before all ages, and will honor her for all ages. No one comes to Him, nor even near Him, no one is saved or sanctified, if he too will not honor her. This is the lot of Angels and of men." ~ Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr

Pray for me and know that I continue to pray for all of you.

~ Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us". We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-8:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459 or jacquelinehynes@gmail.com



**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH**

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, **“Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again,”** a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/beravement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the **Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2021**, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

On Friday, February 5th, at 7:00 PM, we will have a Mass of Healing and Hope. If you or someone you love is in need of healing in body, mind, soul, relationship, or in any other way, come and place yourself in the merciful and healing hands of the Lord.

We have reached a million Acts of Mercy, but this is just the beginning, our whole lives must be Acts of Mercy.

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 1/10/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$7,284
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,109
Total Offertory	\$9,393

Utility	\$1,136
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Total Offertory	\$10,529
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As of 1/10 we have an offertory deficit of \$4,610

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.
~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Jan. 24 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Jan. 31 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Feb. 7 Catholic School Week

This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for Catholic elementary and junior high schools. The proceeds from this collection remain in the parish.

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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In 2019, Pope Francis declared that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time would be dedicated to the Word of God. This year, that falls on Sunday, January 24th. We invite you to bring your Bibles to Church on the weekend of January 23rd-24th, to have them blessed.

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

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

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org