



**Saturday January 1**

**4pm ~ Thomas Straughan** requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday January 2**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Raymond Letendre, 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine

**Monday January 3**

**8am ~ Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**Philip Labranch** requested by Joan Berard

**Tuesday January 4**

**8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory**

**Wednesday January 5**

**8am ~ Armand Gauthier** requested by the Merrill family  
**Brian Bowles** requested by David & Maureen Groff

**Thursday January 6**

**8am ~ Arthur "Dun" Bedard & Jack Nical**  
 requested by the Bedard family

**Friday January 7**

**8am ~ Emmy Cronin, Birthday Remembrance,**  
 requested by her family  
**For the Merrill Family**

**Saturday January 8**

**4pm ~ Wayne Montuori, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,**  
**Lillian Montuori, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, In Honor**  
**of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family  
**Carol Ryan** requested by James Ryan

**Sunday January 9**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Ronald Bedard** requested by  
 Dennis & Irene Groulx  
**Skip & Nancy Simmons** requested by the  
 Lemieux family

**Sunday, January 2**

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

**Tuesday, January 4**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

**Wednesday, January 5**

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  
 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

**Thursday, January 6**

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

**Friday, January 7**

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

Vocations A Partnership  
  
 With God!

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. In the Gospel, we hear of the Magi seeking for the Christ – the newborn king of the Jews. We don't know exactly when the Magi came to visit the Christ-Child, though our depictions often have them worshipping Jesus in the manger with the shepherds. Since the coming of the shepherds only are told in Luke's Gospel and the Magi only appear in Matthew, we have no clear timeline. I think, though that the visit of the magi must have happened much later.

Here's why I think this. First, Matthew says that they entered "the house" (Matthew 2:11) not a cave or stable. Another key is that King Herod massacres the boys up to two years old. A third reason is that when Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple – forty days after His birth – they offer the offering of the poor – "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24). If Mary and Joseph had already received the gift of gold from the Magi, they would have offered a lamb and a young pigeon or turtledove (see Leviticus 12:6).

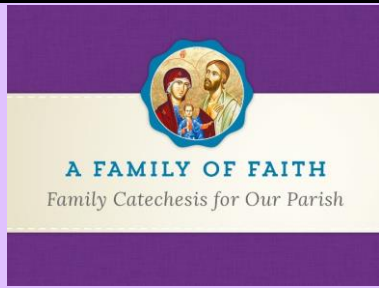
Here's the course of events, as I read them (they could be read other ways): after the birth of Jesus, the Angels appeared to the shepherds who went to worship the Christ-Child. Joseph and Mary stayed in Bethlehem for the census, and in order to be near Jerusalem for the purification ceremony in forty days. As such, they found other lodging than the stable or cave – whether with family or friends, or by some other means. Sometime after the presentation in the Temple, the Magi arrive, which leads to the events we hear about in Matthew.

Why is getting this timeline right important for our faith? On one level, it really isn't. However, it does point to how we often assume what the Bible says – because of art, literature and religious imagination – instead of really reading what's there, and thinking and praying through it. As much as I am a fan of the series *The Chosen* (and I am a fan!), it doesn't follow the Gospels perfectly (nor does it intend to). While the stories can help Jesus and the disciples come alive in new ways, that new interest should lead us back to prayerfully reading the Scriptures.

As I ponder the journey of the Magi, I can't help but wonder, what motivated them? Here are these people from far-away lands, who did not worship the "Jewish God." Yet, they see this star in the heavens, and they know something new is about to happen. Did they have any idea that the newborn king of the Jews was also the God of the universe who made everything visible and invisible? Probably not. Yet they dropped everything to travel long, hard nights, over dangerous country. They laid down their gifts before this baby-king.

What motivates us? Are we, too, seeking the Christ-Child? What are we willing to risk, to give up in order to seek Him, to find Him? We who have the gift of faith and the benefit of 2000 years of knowledge and theological reflection, we know Jesus is God. Are we willing to set aside our comfort to seek Him more?

This week, I will be going to Florida to Comunità Cenacolo – a community of young adults who are in need. Many of them are struggling with addictions, and this is a place for them to find faith, community, healing, and acceptance. They have left their lives – laying down comfort, access to TV, phones and internet – in order to find something greater: healing in Christ. Please pray for me and for them, as I go to be with them this week. May we all seek the Christ-Child with the abandon of the Magi.



### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2022, 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 2022, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

### **PELHAM FUNERAL HOME**

A very generous donation from the Pelham Funeral Home to St. Patrick Church has been received in loving memory of the people of St. Patrick Church whose families the Pelham Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 1, 2020 through December 22, 2021. It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the Pelham Funeral Home that the support of family, friends, and faith may guide these families through this holy season and bring them blessings into the New Year. And may their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

Donald Rondeau  
Martin C. Socha  
Ruth E. Maiocchi  
Ernest J. Trepanier  
Robert J. Tellier  
Philip J. Labranch  
Ann L. Neskey  
Pearl Vennard  
Elaine D. Ficarra  
Arthur B. Bedard

Francis G. Gautreau  
Rita M. Albert  
Brian C. Winn  
Susan C. Bahrakis  
Thomas Straughan  
Ann M. Spaulding  
Carol A. Hennessey  
Dorothy T. Haverty  
Paul C. Genikos  
Francesco "Frank"  
Maglio, Jr.

### **A NOTE OF**



Our Annual Christmas Drive was possible because of thoughtful contributions from generous people. On behalf of the **Pelham Good Neighbor Fund "Sponsor A Child"** program committee members, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of clothes and toys. Your support will make it possible for us to help the wonderful families who had reached out to the PGNF at Christmas time. All of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee members would like to wish you and your families a happy holiday season.

### Monday Night Teachings on the Eucharist

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

### NEW MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ) will be starting 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](mailto:al@lemieux-design.net) or 781-879-7527 or visit the parish website at [stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/](http://stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/)

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends, others are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information, or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Take time for your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

### Vita Nova invites you to join us for:

Out of the Woods ~ Into the Water  
Men's Retreat on January 7-9, 2022

Learn More & Register Today

<https://vitanova.org/catholic-mens-retreat>

### 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 12/19/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,836
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$4,235
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$11,071</b>

Maintenance	\$771
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<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$11,842</b>
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Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~



*Helping Our Parish Grow*  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### Jan. 9 Utility

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

#### Jan. 16 Diocesan Seminarian Fund

This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood. **Our assessment for this collection is \$1,068.**

#### 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.

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

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

### **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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)