



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

Monday January 22

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard
family

Brenda Gabriel, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Tuesday January 23

8am ~ Fr. Terrence O'Connell O. M. I.
requested by a friend

Louise Bousquet, 14th Anniversary, requested
by her daughter Patty Kennedy

Wednesday January 24

8am ~ Jackie Pickens requested by Mr. & Mrs.
Roger Turgeon

Thursday January 25

8am ~ Tyler Larson, 2nd Anniversary, requested
by a family friend

Clara & Joseph Chalifoux requested by Joyce

Friday January 26

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday January 27

4pm ~ Marietta Genereux, 29th Anniversary,
requested by her daughters Georgette &
Andrea

Walter Lambert, 17th Anniversary, requested
by his wife & children

Sunday January 28

8am ~ Anita R. Hall, 1st Anniversary, requested
by her family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

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



Sunday, January 21

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 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the
youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 24

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 25

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM,
in the school



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Ronald Tarallo. We extend our sympathy to his family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The next section of the Creed looks at the Last Judgment:

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

As Catholics we believe in two judgments: the personal judgment when we die; and the Last Judgment at the end of time. At the personal judgment, our lives will be judged, and we will be sent on our way, either to hell, directly to heaven, or to heaven by way of purification in Purgatory. We believe that if we are friends with God, but not completely purified of attachments to sin when we die, by God's mercy, we have the opportunity for purification after death. At the Last Judgment, Purgatory will be opened up and all the souls still there will enter heaven. We will also see all of the consequences of all of our actions throughout history – how every act everyone chose affected everyone else. We'll also see God's Providential Hand moving through all of history. At this time, we know that Jesus will come in glory, and there will be no end to His Kingdom (see Matthew 25:31-46).

The next section of the Creed is on the Holy Spirit:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

Here we proclaim our faith that God is not binary, but a Trinity of persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each person in the Trinity is God – fully, totally, in all ways – yet the Father is not the Son nor the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father nor the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father nor the Son. Yet, there is only one God. He is Lord, the Father is Lord and Jesus is Lord. He is the giver of life, which means that the Holy Spirit was part of creation, as the Father and Son were.

We now have to deal with finding human language to describe divine things. With the Son, we refer to how He is "begotten" of the Father. Here we speak of the Holy Spirit "proceeding" from the Father and the Son. Somehow, He comes forth from the Father and the Son, yet for all eternity, so that there never was a time when He was not. The traditional analogy is of love: The Father is the Lover, the Son is the Beloved, and their love is so real that it is a person – the Holy Spirit, love itself.

The Creed makes it clear that the Holy Spirit is fully God, for He is to be adored and glorified in the same way as the Father and the Son. It goes on to add that He spoke through the prophets. Prophetic utterances come through the Holy Spirit moving in the world. This might be better understood through another analogy for the Trinity – the bungee jump: The Father is the bridge, the Son is the jumper, and the Holy Spirit is the bungee cord connecting bridge to jumper. When we connect with the Holy Spirit, when the Spirit is living within us, we have the very life of God within, and the work of the Son (redemption on the Cross) now becomes real for our lives right here, right now. As such, the Holy Spirit then is the voice of God in our souls, and speaks through the prophets – those recorded in the Scriptures (for instance, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Elijah), and all of the prophets even through today.

Next week, we'll look at the last section of the Creed, including the four marks of the Church.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

-The Wasylak Family-

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

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>

18TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH MARDI GRAS – FEBRUARY 10

Join CCNH's 18th Annual Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 10th, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Experience Mardi Gras for a cause, featuring authentic Cajun cuisine, entertainment, and a unique chance to impact New Hampshire neighbors facing poverty, homelessness, mental health challenges, isolation and other challenges. Proceeds support CCNH's mission of following Jesus' footsteps to bring comfort, healing and empowerment to our communities. To register, or for more information, visit www.cc-nh.org/mardigras or call Laura at 603-663-0249.

CREATION CORNER: This weekend's readings feature *two conversions*: the people of Nineveh convert from their evil ways, and the first apostles convert from fishing to following Jesus. This is *conversion* at its overwhelming best - a complete *change in how we think* that leads to a *change in how we live*. Similarly, Pope Francis has asked us for an *ecoconversion*, a changed way of thinking about and caring for Creation.



FAITH FORMATION

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

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 22 and 29

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:
 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME!**

Mark 1:14-20: Jesus proclaimed, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and Believe in the gospel." Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Let us all become fishers of men. Let us decide to follow God. Also, for the New Year, give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT


February 8 - March 21, 2024

Virtual (evenings twice a week)

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays.

Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.



**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.

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 1/14/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,897
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,972
Total Offertory	\$7,869
Utilities	\$1,845
Total Funds Collected	\$9,714

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

**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Jan. 28 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Feb. 4 Catholic School Education

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

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



Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by the Praise Band this weekend. Please come and join us.

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

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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