

Mass Intentions
for the Week



Saturday January 21

4pm ~ Walter Lambert, 16th Anniversary,
requested by his wife & children
John Lawlor, Jr., Birthday Remembrance,
requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday January 22

8am ~ Alan Larese, 27th Anniversary, requested
by the Raby family
Robert Boulanger requested by Ronnie &
Kathy Jean

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday January 23

8am ~ Louise Bousquet, 13th Anniversary,
requested by Patty Kennedy

Tuesday January 24

8am ~ Andre & Beatrice Turgeon requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
Rev. Leo L. Frechette

Wednesday January 25

8am ~ Ed Miranda requested by Michelle
Webster
Virginia Gattenby requested by Carol Martin

Thursday January 26

8am ~ James Shriver requested by the Lemieux
family
Debra DiTaranto requested by the Haggerty
family

Friday January 27

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday January 28

4pm ~ Marietta Genereux, 28th Anniversary,
requested by her daughters Georgette &
Andrea
Walter Godosky, 14th Anniversary, **Kevin
Godosky**, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Rick &
Gail Gagne & family

Sunday January 29

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Jeannette McCoy, 1st Anniversary,
requested by Brian, Monique & family

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the
school

Tuesday, January 24

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 25

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the
chapel

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 26

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

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Walter Lambert, 16th Anniversary, by his wife &
children



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Jimmy Clark, 10th Anniversary, by the Jean family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday is called “Word of God Sunday,” an invitation, an opportunity to delve more deeply into the Word of God, specifically through the Bible. For those of you who are listening to Fr. Mike Schmitz’s “The Catechism in a Year,” you know that we have been making our way through the section on Divine Revelation – how God reveals Himself to us (if you have not been listening, I highly recommend it... we’re not too far in to catch up!). Fr. Mike reminds us that we are NOT a religion of the book. What do I mean by that? We are a religion based on the Word of God, but the word of God is broader than the Bible. The Bible has preeminence of place, but God’s word given to us through Apostolic Tradition (and, in fact, the Apostolic Tradition preceded the formation of the Biblical Canon, and even the writing of the New Testament), and through the Magisterium (the official teaching office of the Church).

Fr. Mike also points out that when reading the Bible, the Catechism reminds us that there are two senses of the Bible – the literal sense and the spiritual sense (listen to his podcast for “Day 16”). The literal sense shows us what actually happened and what was actually intended by the authors, and this is the basis for all other interpretations of the Bible. The spiritual sense is broken into three categories – the allegorical, the moral and the anagogical senses. Or, to put it another way, what the Scriptures say about *Jesus* (in sign, symbol and foreshadowing), what it says about *us*, what it says about *our destiny* (heaven). The spiritual sense was not necessarily known or intended by the authors, but because God is God and has an incredible overarching plan, He makes even actions and events stand for something deeper than the actions themselves. So, when we look at the Israelites crossing through the Red Sea, we know they actually went through the Red Sea, escaping from slavery (the literal sense), but it also stands for baptism and how we are saved from the slavery of sin (spiritual sense).

This is important for how we approach the Scriptures. If all we take away is the literal sense, then the Bible stays in the past – a nice piece of history, but with no relevance for us today. If all we do is focus on the spiritual sense of Scripture, we will end up misinterpreting it, and will find ourselves far afield from God’s word for us. By looking at both the literal and spiritual senses of Scripture, we can be open to an authentic, life-changing encounter with the word of God. And we NEED this encounter, for St. Jerome reminds us that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

So how do we read the Scriptures? There are many ways, but I will propose one, based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola (for more information, read Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV’s book *Meditation and Contemplation*). Decide how and when you will read Bible – will you follow the Lectionary of the Mass, make your way through a particular book in the Bible, or do something else? Will you do this first thing in the morning, over lunch break, or at some other time? Once you have a plan for your reading, begin. Start by remembering God’s love for you, and place yourself in His presence. Then pray for light from the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayer. Read the passage. It is suggested that you read the passage a few times, slowly, paying close attention. If it is a story, maybe you can imitatively place yourself in the scene – what do you see, hear, feel, smell? If it is another form of Scripture (teachings, for example), spend some time with a particular word or phrase that strikes you. Let the Scriptures soak into your mind and heart. Talk to God about what you experience in your imaginative prayer or as you pray with that phrase. Then close with a simple prayer – an Our Father, or Hail Mary, for instance. It is good to have a journal and write down afterwards what you received in that prayer time.

The Bible brings us the living word of God! He so longs to speak His word of love to each of us. I encourage you to take the opportunity to enter into the great mystery of God’s revelation to us – as He reveals His Heart to us – through the Sacred Scriptures.



Faith Life for the Month of January

It is fitting that we celebrate the Miracle of Christmas and then move into the Faith Life topic of the Holy Eucharist. They are both Incarnational, God chooses to make Himself present to all mankind, and it is difficult for us to understand.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes these beautiful words on the Eucharist:

“This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into His flesh he turns
To His precious blood the wine,
Sight has failed, nor thought conceives
But a dauntless faith believe,
Resting on a power divine.”

Why would God become man? Why would God make Himself fully present (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) in the Holy Eucharist?

We find that the answer to both of these questions is simple, yet jaw-droppingly difficult to comprehend.

God loves you.

That is the answer to these questions and that is why it is difficult for us to understand them. So often, we do not feel worthy of love, let alone the love of God. Perhaps this is why some of us avoid going to Holy Mass, because deep down we forget how worthy of God's Love we are. How He has chosen you as His son or daughter.

God waits for us in the Tabernacle, God waits for us fully present in the Eucharist. The response of love is to go to Him and to receive Him.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing “The Chosen” Series. The dates are **January 23rd & 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, March 6th & 13th, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

Made For More Trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

Parish “Made For More” Home Site:

<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

VITA NOVA:

Married Couples Day of Enrichment

The beloved Vita Nova program is back again this winter. Join us on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Patrick Parish. Just \$40/couple includes the full day seminar and lunch for two. Check-in starts at 8:30 AM and the event runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Questions about the day? Please reach out to our hosts, Scott & Martha Tardiff, at scottmartha@comcast.net



“Repent! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester a Code of Conduct, known as *Serving Christ, Serving Others*, which requires all Church personnel (priests, deacons, religious men and women, and laypeople who work or volunteer at Diocesan parishes, schools, administration, and camps) to exhibit the highest ethical standards and personal integrity at all times. The Code includes, among other things, standards for appropriate conduct and boundaries when working with minors. The *Serving Christ, Serving Others* Code of Conduct is available here: www.catholicnh.org/code

WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING

Starting in February

If one of your goals this year is to grow closer to Jesus, please join us for a 12 week, Women's Bible Sharing on Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 AM in the youth room at the school. Starting February 7th, we will meet for one hour and dive into scripture together while building friendships and community. BYOB (bring your own Bible) but there are some available if needed. No need to worry about daycare-little ones are welcome and we will aim to have activities for them as well. No registration needed. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Jennah Costa at jennahcosta@yahoo.com

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY

Youth ministry is open to everyone in grades 6-12 Youth Ministry Meeting February 5th, from 5:30-7:00 PM

Please register for this event by emailing Adam at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

Stebenville East Registration!

Stebenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 21-23, 2023. Registration is open and we are building a parish group. Please email me at faithlifeformation@comcast.net for details.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about Youth Ministry events happening at our parish and neighboring parishes, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

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 1/15/23

Offertory Envelopes \$5,680

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,765

Total Offertory \$7,445

Faith Life \$1,415

Total Collected \$8,860

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 29 Evangelization

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

Feb. 5 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.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Michelle Agrella and Evelyn Fraser. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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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