



**Saturday January 23**  
**4pm ~ Louise Bousquet**, 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday January 25**  
**8am ~ Beatrice Turgeon** requested by Mr. &  
 Mrs. Roger Turgeon  
**Bishop Emeritus Odore J. Gendron**

**Tuesday January 26**  
**8am ~ Intentions of the Blessed Mother**  
 requested by the Lemieux family

**Wednesday January 27**  
**8am ~ Marietta Genereux**, 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 requested by her daughters Georgette &  
 Andrea  
**Elaine Michaud Gagne** requested by Mr. &  
 Mrs. Roger Turgeon

**Thursday January 28**  
**8am ~ Josie & Richard DeFreitas** requested by  
 Shirley  
**Rev. Adrien R. Longchamps**

**Friday January 29**  
**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday January 30**  
**4pm ~ Walter Lambert**, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 requested by his wife & children  
**Norman Provencal**, 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,  
 requested by the Provencal family

**Sunday January 31**  
**8am ~ Alan Larese**, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested  
 by the Raby family  
**Lorraine Noviello** requested by the Geis  
 family  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**6pm ~ Deacon Thomas Cloutier**



**Sunday, January 24**  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, January 26**  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 27**  
 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 28**  
 Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Friday, January 29**  
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Red  
 Gibson, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by Kathy & Ronnie  
 Blanchette



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of  
 Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

**FATHER KELLEY**

This Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, marks the 50<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary of Fr. Kelley's ordinary to the  
 Transitional Diaconate. At the Diaconate, men  
 make various solemn promises, including the  
 promise of celibacy (to remain unmarried for the  
 sake of the Kingdom – to take on this earth the  
 vision of the Kingdom of God where Christ is the  
 Bridegroom and the Church is the Bride) – and the  
 promise to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (a  
 promise to pray for the Church and the world).  
 You are invited to wish Fr. Kelley a happy and  
 blessed Golden Anniversary of this very  
 important day in his life.



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](http://vatican.va) and search "Patris Corde".)

#### **4. An accepting father**

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand

the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment".

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (*Job* 2:10).

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.

Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely.

Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (*Mt* 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning. Our lives can be miraculously reborn if we find the courage to live them in accordance with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (*1 Jn* 3:20).

Here, once again, we encounter that Christian realism which rejects nothing that exists. Reality, in its mysterious and irreducible complexity, is the bearer of existential meaning, with all its lights and shadows. Thus, the Apostle Paul can say: "We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God" (*Rom* 8:28). To which Saint Augustine adds, "even that which is called evil (*etiam illud quod malum dicitur*)". In this greater perspective, faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad.

Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. *1 Cor* 1:27). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (*Ps* 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst. I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. *Lk* 15:11-32).



“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

### BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, Fr. Mike Schmitz (featuring Jeff Cavins) began his *The Bible In A Year* Podcast. It quickly became the #1 Podcast! On this Sunday dedicated to the Word of God, I invite you to join him in this incredible adventure through the Bible in a year.

You can find it by searching any podcast app, or by going to [media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes](http://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes).

### VOCATIONS

“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Are you considering a vocation as to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### 2021 VIRTUAL MARDI GRAS TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

You are invited to be a part of the Virtual Mardi Gras Celebration! Our annual signature event benefits Catholic Charities NH and the hundreds of individuals and families in need that we support. In addition, being online this year, it's easier to join in on the fun.

Register today at [www.cc-nh.org/mardigras](http://www.cc-nh.org/mardigras) for a chance to win prizes, bid on action items and more. The event will be streamed on February 16<sup>th</sup> (Fat Tuesday) on [www.cc-nh.org](http://www.cc-nh.org). Call Rosemary at 603-663-0249 with any questions.

### COPING WITH COVID ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

For those still struggling to manage daily life with the COVID-19 crisis, Catholic Charities NH is hosting another “Coping with COVID” online support group for parishioners across the Diocese. The (free) five-session program, held on Zoom, provides key information and coping strategies to help you navigate these challenging and uncertain times. You will connect with members of the medical and mental health communities and gain valuable relaxation techniques, among other forms of support. Sessions will be held Wednesdays (2:00-3:00 PM) starting February 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/coping](http://www.cc-nh.org/coping).

You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

### MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

On Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### 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.



### GREAT NEWS – WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE “VIRTUAL”!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. 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, visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on February 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and February 22 – March 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY.

### 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.

### 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 1/17/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,859
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,829
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,688</b>

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**As of 1/17 we have an offertory deficit of \$5,323**

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

~Fr. Von~

### Seminary Fund

collected as of 1/17/21

\$1,788

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every penny counts!*



*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### 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.

#### Feb. 14 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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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## **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).

## **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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](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 [egwright@comcast.net](mailto:egwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)