



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

Monday January 29

8am ~ Mr. Donald Burbank requested by a friend

Frank Croteau requested by a friend

Tuesday January 30

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday January 31

8am ~ Albert Guilbeault requested by his daughter Connie

David Bryan requested by Joyce

Thursday February 1

8am ~ Gertrude M. Greaves, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

Matt Champagne requested by Georgette & Andrea

Friday February 2

8am ~ Joseph R. Jean requested by a friend

Norman Lepine requested by Donna Smith

Saturday February 3

8am ~ Stephen Straughan requested by the Hale, Jimenez & Arboleda Families

Pauline Peloquin requested by Priscilla LeBlanc

4pm ~ Leon Bousquet requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy

Sunday February 4

8am ~ Dick Dube, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his wife Maureen

Alice Rancourt, 4th Anniversary, requested by her family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, January 28

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 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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 31

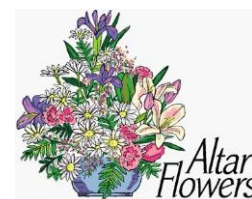
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM
Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Walter Lambert**, 17th Anniversary, by his wife & children



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Virginia Fichera** by Barbara

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Denise Morrell. We extend our sympathy to her family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The final part of the Nicene Creed is:

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

This section begins with what we call the four marks of the Church – the Church is **one, holy, catholic** and **apostolic**. What does this mean?

The Church is one: because she is the Body of Christ, and there is only one body, the Church is one. One of the great pains in the Heart of Jesus is the rupture of the body through the various denominations. Jesus meant to have one Church, but I've heard there's something like 30,000 denominations. As such, we pray for Christian unity!

The Church is holy. While the human aspect of the Church is broken, and filled with many unholy people, the Church is both human and divine. She maintains a true holiness, despite many unholy people. And she calls each member of the body (you and me) to holiness. May we have the eyes to see how the Church truly is holy.

The Church is catholic. This means universal. She is not a Church for Europeans but not Africans. No, she is a Church for all peoples, in all times, everywhere.

The Church is apostolic. The Lord founded the Church on the apostles, and they have passed down this authority from one generation to another, so that we know that we are still directly connected to Christ through the bishops, the successors of the apostles. This doesn't mean every bishop is always right about everything (look at Judas and Peter!). It does mean, however, that when the bishops as a whole, in union with the Pope, speak on matters of faith and morals, they have the full authority of the Church – the Body of Christ.

"I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins." We believe that once someone is baptized, they are never re-baptized. That's why we don't baptize most Protestants who become Catholic – we recognize they are already Baptized, already a part of the Body of Christ. This baptism is "for the forgiveness of sins." This is both Original Sin, and any actual sins (for someone who has reached the age of reason). Baptism does something – something real, objective. This is why we baptize babies. Babies cannot make the choice for God, but we believe that, while there is part of the Sacraments that require openness to God's grace, it is God who is working in the Sacraments, not us. He is drawing us near to His Heart!

"I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." This is important to our faith, that we believe that on the last day, not only will our souls be in heaven, but our bodies will be resurrected, and we'll be united soul and body (a glorified body). The Apostles' Creed says it more directly for belief in "the resurrection of the body." Too often, our world thinks we become angels when we die. There is a subtle hatred for the body. Our belief is that God created our bodies good, and He died and rose again not just to save our souls, but our bodies as well. On judgment day, our bodies will rise to new and everlasting life – in the "life of the world to come" – eternal joy and love in the Heart of God!

We close with a hearty "Amen," stating that our lives depend on these truths. May we become more aware of these great truths of the Faith, and always seek to build our lives on God's goodness.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council had its selection process last month. We welcome Bill Brewster, Ed Keyes and Roberta Wilson to the council. Thank you to Linda Beauchesne, Brian Lamoureux and Danielle Troy for their years of service to the Council.



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

**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.

CREATION CORNER: This weekend's alleluia verse says, "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light." The gospel relates Jesus' first teaching, and his listeners ask, "What is this? A new teaching with authority." The Jews are having an "aha moment." They are being challenged to think differently about themselves and the world. We face that same challenge today!

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 29
February 5, 12, 19 and 26



"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.

YEAR OF PRAYER

Last Sunday, January 21st, Pope Francis announced that 2024 would be dedicated as a Year of Prayer in preparation for the ordinary Jubilee Year (2025). He said: In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great “symphony” of prayers. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single “heart and soul” (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God’s grace and to make the “Our Father,” the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.

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>

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Mission

March 10th – 12th.

More information to follow

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 1/21/24

Offertory Envelopes \$5,344

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,267

Total Offertory \$7,611

Faith Life \$1,832

Total Funds Collected \$9,443

Thank you for supporting our parish

~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Feb. 11 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Feb. 18 Utility

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

Feb. 25 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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 Women’s Bible Sharing Group this weekend. Please come and join us.

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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