



Saturday January 2

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday January 3

8am ~ Andre Turgeon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Kenneth Bergeron requested by Wayne & Sue Cope

10:30am ~ Raymond Letendre, 18th

Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday January 4

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Kevin Caron requested by the Lemieux family

Tuesday January 5

8am ~ Walter Kosik, Sr., 1st Anniversary, requested by his family

Wednesday January 6

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday January 7

8am ~ In Honor of the Virgin Mother

Friday January 8

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday January 9

4pm ~ Wayne Montuori, 4th Anniversary,

Lillian Montuori, 2nd Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family

Josie Maille requested by Donna Smith

Sunday January 10

8am ~ Health & Blessings for a Blessed New Year for Donna Smith requested by Kathy Blanchette

10:30am ~ Emmy Cronin, Birthday

Remembrance, requested by her husband & family

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, January 3

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

Tuesday, January 5

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 6

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 7

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

Friday, January 8

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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the **Altar Flowers** for 2021, 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 2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, I wrote about Pope Francis declaring "A Year to St. Joseph". A few days before Christmas, I heard of two miracles that have happened to two friends through the intercession of St. Joseph. One was a physical healing and the other was a spiritual/emotional healing. God is so good! He has deigned to give us St. Joseph to be *our father* as well.

After reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter (*Patris Corde*) about St. Joseph, I realized that I want to share this with all of you. After an introduction to the letter, he looks at seven different aspects of St. Joseph's fatherhood. I will allow you to read these over the next several weeks. The first section looks at St. Joseph as a beloved father. (You can find the whole document at vatican.va and search "Patris Corde".)

1. *A beloved father*

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation".

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home".

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "*Go to Joseph*", which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do" (*Gen 41:55*). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. *Gen 37:11-28*) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. *Gen 41:41-44*).

As a descendant of David (cf. *Mt 1:16-20*), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. *2 Sam 7*), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.



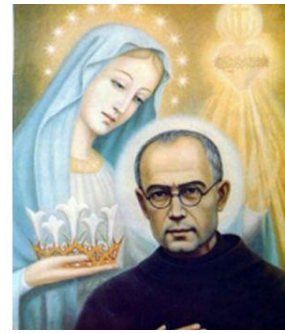
Please help us spread the word about a new **Seminarian Pin/Sticker Fundraiser**. As you know, the cost of educating and forming our seminarians is over \$500,000 a year, or about \$100 per seminarian per day. For more information, on the fundraiser or to provide a donation, visit www.catholicnh.org and click on the "Support Seminarians" link on the lower part of the home page. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all young people of our diocese that they be open to their vocation!

VOCATIONS

"They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling with grief and loss? Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, **"Bereavement - Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again,"** a six-series program helping participants learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 - March 4) from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.



"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

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website www.stpatrick-pelham.com and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link ptv.viebit.com. If you would like to hear Fr. Von's past homilies, please visit our Parish Website under "quick links."

ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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, 2019 through December 1, 2020.

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.

Carol M. Jutra, Angelina B. Lomastro, Dianne M. Goodridge, Paul H. Rourke, Mario Giuseppe DeCarolis, Anne T. French, Catherine V. Murphy, Raymond R. Bedard, William F. Doherty, Ronald E. Bedard, Kenneth P. Dunne, Nancy A. O'Riorden, Clint St. Onge, Madeline Cinquegrana, Frances H. Carver, Helen M. Gonsalves, Anthony V. Marino, Phyllis B. Powers, Geraldine M. Chalifoux, Daniel A. Mendes, Frank A. Straughan, Marcelle D. Lussier, Theresa P. Dessell, Jason D. Richard and Doris Houle.

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 12/20/20

Offertory Envelopes \$5,340

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,830

Total Offertory \$7,170

Maintenance \$1,238

Total Offertory \$8,408

As of 12/20 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,253

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

~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 10 Utility

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

Jan. 17 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.

Jan. 24 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.

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- ___ Instruct the Uninformed
- ___ Counsel the doubtful
- ___ Admonish sinners
- ___ Comfort the sorrowful
- ___ Bear wrongs patiently
- ___ Forgive Offenses
- ___ Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- ___ Feed the hungry
- ___ Clothe the naked
- ___ Give drink to the thirsty
- ___ Shelter the homeless
- ___ Comfort the imprisoned
- ___ Visit the sick
- ___ Bury the dead

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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.

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

1st 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 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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org