

**Saturday January 29**

4pm ~ Roland Nault, 1st Anniversary, requested by Barbara & Glenn Campbell

Sunday January 30

8am ~ Alan Larese, 26th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family

Norman Provencal, 22nd Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday January 31

8am ~ Albert Guilbeault requested by his daughter Connie

Tuesday February 1

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Arthur Bedard requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Wednesday February 2

8am ~ Raymond Bernard requested by his wife

Mary Tumillo requested by David & Maureen Groff

Thursday February 3

8am ~ Danny Hall requested by the Webster family

Paul Kennedy requested by Patty Kennedy

Friday February 4

8am ~ Leon Bousquet requested by Patty Kennedy

Saturday February 5

8am ~ Glen Stuke & Tony Desrosiers requested by Linda

4pm ~ Walter Lambert, 15th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Alice Rancourt, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

Sunday February 6

8am ~ Clint Updkye, 13th Anniversary, requested by Barbara, Adam & Sean

The DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, January 30

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

Monday, January 31

Teaching on the Eucharist, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, February 1

Holy Hour for Life, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 2

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

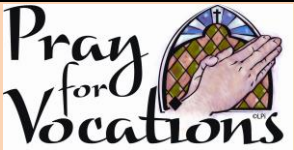
Thursday, February 3

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 4

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



Pray for Vocations

“Before you were born, I consecrated you.”
If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **February 1st, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The gospel today is a continuation of last week's gospel. Last week, we heard how Jesus went to his hometown of Nazareth and read from the book of the prophet Isaiah. The gospel concluded by saying, "**Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing**" (Luke 4:21). This is where today's gospel picks up, repeating that line. Watch the transformation of the crowd, though. The crowd begins by being amazed:

And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. (Luke 4:22)

But by the end of the gospel:

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. (Luke 4:28-29)

In His preaching, Jesus called the people deeper in their understanding of their relationship with God. He did not want to leave them in their mediocrity. He spoke hard truths to them. And they reacted violently! Why didn't Jesus just speak things people wanted to hear? Why could He not just keep them amazed at his "gracious words."

Short answer: *Because He loved them!*

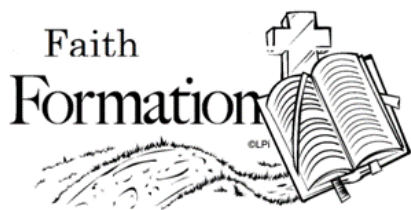
He loved them enough to want them to become so much more. He spoke truth to them in order that they might break free from their humdrum relationship with Almighty God and enter more deeply into the Wedding Feast of the Lamb (see Revelation 19:9). He knew it could prick their pride and make them react, but He loved them too much to leave them where they were.

In the second reading today, we hear that St. Paul also points to this quality in love. We often focus on St. Paul's description of love as being patient and kind (see I Corinthians 13:4), but may miss out on how love "**does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth**" (I Corinthians 13:6) ... even when that truth is hard to hear! Anyone who has had to lead an intervention knows that the truth, even in love, can be hard to hear.

Many times, we expect all of Jesus' words to comfort our hearts and bring us the "warm-fuzzies." But love speaks truth – in kindness, yes, but always truth. Sometimes that loving truth is there not to comfort us, but to pull us out of our comfort zones, so that we can grow. Jesus wants us to become the saints He made us to be, and that means we can't stay where we're at – we need to be challenged to grow.

This is what He was doing in Nazareth that day. This is what He did with so many of the Scribes and Pharisees. This is what He does for us. When we hear a truth from the Church – for instance, about the sacred dignity of human life even from the point of conception, making every direct abortion an intrinsic evil; or when the Church speaks clearly on there being only two genders (male and female) and that marriage by its very nature can only be between one man and one woman – do we react with humility, asking God to form our way of thinking, or do we react with vitriol against the truth? Do we realize that this truth is given to us in love from the Heart of God, or do we reject it as did those in Nazareth?

May God open our hearts to every word of love that comes from His Heart – even when it's hard to hear.



A Family of Faith - January

"I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me."

- Philippians 4:13

In the month of January, the Faith Life families are talking about Jesus as The Way, The Truth, and The Life. What a relief to know we have all that we need in Jesus. By His life, He shows us the Way to live, by His life He reveals the fullness of Truth to us and by the Sacrifice of His Life on the Cross He makes Heaven possible for us once again.

We enter into the Way, Truth and Life of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism!

The Saint of the Month is Paul. On January 25th the Church celebrates the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. St. Paul encountered Christ on the way from Jerusalem to Damascus. On this feast day, I encourage you to find Jerusalem and Damascus on a map. Have a special dinner and read aloud St. Paul's firsthand account of what took place in Acts 22:3-16. Close with a prayer asking God to open your eyes to His Truth as He opened St. Paul's.

A Blessed and Joyful new year to you all.

NEW MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ) will begin its men's ministry for men aged 18 and up on the second Saturday of every month starting on **February 12, 2022** from 7:00-9:00 AM in the Church. "As iron sharpens iron, so shall man sharpen his fellow man." – Proverbs 27:17. We will have time for prayer, a talk, light breakfast and coffee, and time for discussion and fellowship. We will end promptly at 9:00 AM.

For more information, contact Al Lemieux: al@lemieux-design.net or 781-879-7527 or visit the parish website at stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/

Monday Night Teachings on the Eucharist

Join Fr. Von for teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on **Monday Nights: January 31st, February 7th, 14th and 21st, March 14th & 28th, April 4th & 18th**, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

EXPANDED ADORATION TIME

We are expanding our Exposition/Adoration time on Wednesdays. Adoration on Wednesdays will now go from 8:30-9:30 AM and **2:00-9:00 PM**. If you would like to sign up for scheduled time with our Lord, please contact the Parish Office (603-635-3525). Drop-ins are always welcome. As always, the Eucharistic Chapel is open 24/7 for time with our Lord in the Tabernacle.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's 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 2, 2022**.

SUPPORT GROUP

"How to Deal with Dementia"

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, "How to Deal with Dementia," is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of Dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.



Join us February 25-28, 2022
For a life-changing retreat!
Light of the World
Held at St. Patrick School
Sign up by contacting
the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
the retreat is free,
and you sleep at home.
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

ON FIRE IDENTITY

**"Be who God meant you to be and
you will set the world on fire!"**

Join us for a retreat presented by Houses of Mercy
and Hope Conferences here at St. Patrick Parish
on Friday, February 18th, from 6:30-9:30 PM and
Saturday, February 19th, from 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM.
The retreat cost is \$35.00 per person or \$50.00
per couple. You will need to bring your own lunch
and dinner. You can register online at
www.housesofmercy.net/events



Holy Hour for Life, February 1st, from 6:00-
7:00 PM, in the church

Healing Mass, February 11th, at 7:00 PM in
the Church

Presentation of Mary Academy offers a Catholic
education that prepares your child for Academic,
Spiritual and Social Success! Now accepting
students for the 2022-23 in grades Pre-k through
Junior High. Call to schedule a private tour of the
school and the new ATHLETIC AND
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Visit our website
www.pmaschool.org and click on the inquiry link.
For more information, please contact Kim Flint at
603-889-6054.

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 1/23/22

Offertory Envelopes \$4,989

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,003

Total Offertory \$6,992

Faith Life \$1,493

Total Collected \$8,485

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 6 Catholic School Education

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

Feb. 13 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the
parish.

Feb. 20 Utility

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

Feb. 27 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.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, February 4th,
at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, February
5th, at 8:00 AM.**

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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