



**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**

**Monday February 1**

**8am ~ In Honor of St. Joseph**  
**Margaret & Frank Cotta** requested by Shirley

**Tuesday February 2**

**8am ~ For Vocations to the Consecrated Life**

**Wednesday February 3**

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

**Thursday February 4**

**8am ~ Leon Bousquet** requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy

**Friday February 5**

**8am ~ Ken Dunn** requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx  
**7pm ~ Healing Mass**

**Saturday February 6**

**8am ~ Women of Mary**  
**4pm ~ Clint Updyke**, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Barbara, Adam & Sean  
**The DiGiantommaso Family** requested by their family

**Sunday February 7**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Nancy Williams** requested by Joan Berard  
**Madeline Cinquegrana** requested by Bob & Elaine Berube  
**6pm ~ Alice Rancourt** requested by her family

**Sunday, January 31**

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

**Tuesday, February 2**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 3**

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, February 4**

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

**Friday, February 5**

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

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Walter Lambert, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & children

**DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER**

Did you know that the Diocese of Manchester has a Code of Conduct? This Code of Conduct, known as *Serving Christ, Serving Others*, applies to all Church personnel. "Church personal" not only refers to priests, deacons, and religious men and women, it also includes all those who regularly work or volunteer at diocesan parishes, schools and camps. Some examples are: lectors, ushers, catechists, day care staff and volunteers, Catholic school volunteers, Boy Scout leaders, CYO coaches, youth ministers, members of pastoral and finance councils, choir directors and members, and parish outreach workers. The *Serving Christ, Serving Others* Code of Conduct is available at [www.catholicnh.org/code](http://www.catholicnh.org/code).



### **Patris Corde 5. A creatively courageous father**

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true “miracle” by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph’s creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. *Lk 2:6-7*). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. *Mt 2:13-14*).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the “good news” of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves.

That kind of creative courage was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof in order to bring him to Jesus (cf. *Lk 5:17-26*). Difficulties did not stand in the way of those friends’ boldness and persistence. They were convinced that Jesus could heal the man, and “finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven you’” (vv. 19-20). Jesus recognized the creative faith with which they sought to bring their sick friend to him.

The Gospel does not tell us how long Mary, Joseph and the child remained in Egypt. Yet they certainly needed to eat, to find a home and employment. It does not take much imagination to fill in those details. The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.

At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, the Gospel tells us that he gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him (cf. *Mt 1:24; 2:14.21*). Indeed, Jesus and Mary his Mother are the most precious treasure of our faith.

In the divine plan of salvation, the Son is inseparable from his Mother, from Mary, who “advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son until she stood at the cross”.

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect *the child and his mother*, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love *the child and his mother*.

That child would go on to say: “As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (*Mt 25:40*). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is “the child” whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying. Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always *the child and his mother*.

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS, TOR**  
*of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother*  
**Lenten Retreat**

The sisters are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

More information about the Lenten Retreat can be found on our webpage under Events. [www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/lenten-retreat-2021](http://www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/lenten-retreat-2021).

There is no fee to register, but registration is required by **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for the retreat itself**. If you are a part of a parish group, Bible study group, or prayer group, and would like your group to participate, contact Sr. Anna Rose at 740-544-5542 x135. Individuals and groups of family and friends are also welcome!

**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).

**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.



"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

**VOCATIONS**

"O that today you would listen to his voice!"  
If you are considering a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

## CHANGE IN PUBLIC MASS PROTOCOL

Bishop Libasci recently updated the Guidelines for Public Masses within the Diocese of Manchester. The changes that affect us are:

- 1) "Those readily exempted from wearing a mask and therefore must maintain distancing from non-family members are:  
**Children younger than five years old;**  
**Persons, adult or children who:**
  - Endure a medical condition;
  - Have a disability or difficulty putting on or taking off a mask/facial covering without assistance;
  - Have trouble breathing and would be further impaired by facial covering;
  - Are deaf or hard of hearing (this also includes anyone accompanying/assisting that person);
  - For whom the covering of the face is psychologically difficult or traumatizing;
  - For whom wearing a mask may be difficult due to sensory or behavioral issues."
- 2) "There should be appropriate but limited congregational singing."
- 3) A reminder that the sign of peace is still suspended.



## 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.

## 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 1/24/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,963
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,732
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$5,695</b>

Faith Life	\$1,158
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<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,853</b>
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**As of 1/24 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,027**

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

### 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 BULLETIN

If you would like to see our full bulletin with cover and ads, please click on the link below. This link is also on our Church Website under bulletins.

<https://www.jppc.net/onlinebulletins/956template.pdf>

If you on the other hand just wish to see the inside bulletin with all of the "Church News", please click on the specific date that you want to look at. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 603-635-3525.



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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)