



Saturday January 7

4pm ~ Wayne Montuori, 6th Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family
Carol Ryan, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Jim Ryan

Sunday January 8

8am ~ Raymond Letendre, 20th Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday January 9

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Traci Betancur requested by Gary & Maureen Flander

Tuesday January 10

8am ~ Msgr. Eddy Bisson

Wednesday January 11

8am ~ Stephen & Jessica Poirier requested by the Rondeau family

Thursday January 12

8am ~ Terri Evans, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her mom & family

Friday January 13

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday January 14

4pm ~ John Fitzgerald, 19th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Sunday January 15

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Joseph Dias requested by the Martin family
Irene Laforge requested by the Laforge family

Sunday, January 8

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Youth Ministry, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

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

Monday, January 9

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school
 Faith Life Confirmation Class Grades 5-12, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, January 10

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 13

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Saturday, January 14

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Grade 2 Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Terri Evan**, Birthday Remembrance, by her mom & family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may remember a couple of years ago, Fr. Mike Schmitz began his "Bible in a Year Podcast." It was the number one podcast for a while! Amazing! I certainly found it helpful to go through the whole Bible with good explanations. At times, it was hard, but always well worth it.

On January 1 of this year, he started a new podcast: "The Catechism in a Year Podcast." Even though the publishing of this article is after January 1, with my travelling to Florida (to work at Cenacolo), I had to write this before the first episode dropped. I will be listening throughout the year, and I encourage you to, as well.

But this brings up the question: What is the Catechism? Over the centuries, the Church has had various summaries of her beliefs. We profess the Nicene Creed every Sunday as a reminder of what we believe. But a catechism gets into other parts of that belief, explaining more about what we believe. Some of you are old enough to remember having to memorize the Baltimore Catechism – those series of questions and answers about our beliefs.

Today, we have a universal Catechism, promulgated by Pope St. John Paul II. While I find it a useful tool, I've never actually sat down and read it straight through (I tried once in college, but stopped pretty quickly). Most often, I've used it as a resource for teaching, or a reference book for learning. This podcast is a great opportunity to see the whole Catechism.

It is important to note the layout of the Catechism. It is broken up into four major sections:

- 1) The Profession of Faith (going through the Creed)
- 2) The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (focusing on the Sacraments)
- 3) Life in Christ (looking at our vocation of life in the Spirit and then the 10 Commandments)
- 4) Christian Prayer

It is important to note the order of the Catechism. It doesn't begin with the "Thou Shalts" and "Thou Shalt Nots." No, it begins with relationship – the God in whom we believe. The Creed, of course, begins, "I believe in one God, the Father..." We start with our relationship to the God of the universe as Father. Then we move into how we are in relationship with Him – the Sacraments. He allows us to become His adopted children in Baptism!

It is only after these two steps that the Church focusses on morality (the 10 Commandments). We are reminded by this that every relationship has rules – written or unwritten – about how we are to relate to each other, how we are to treat each other. Christian Morality is about relationship. It is so important to note that we are not a religion about morality and ethics. No, we are a religion of relationship to God (in case you forgot: God wants to marry us), which then has moral/ethical implications: rights and responsibilities.

In the final section, the Catechism looks at Christian Prayer, and how we continue to build our relationship with God. This final part of the Catechism is written differently from the others, in that you could use this fourth section as a retreat guide.

I hope that you will take the opportunity with me to jump into learning more about our Catholic Faith through the "Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)".



Faith Life for the Month of January

It is fitting that we celebrate the Miracle of Christmas and then move into the Faith Life topic of the Holy Eucharist. They are both Incarnational, God chooses to make Himself present to all mankind, and it is difficult for us to understand.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes these beautiful words on the Eucharist:

“This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into His flesh he turns
To His precious blood the wine,
Sight has failed, nor thought conceives
But a dauntless faith believe,
Resting on a power divine.”

Why would God become man? Why would God make Himself fully present (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) in the Holy Eucharist?

We find that the answer to both of these questions is simple, yet jaw-droppingly difficult to comprehend.

God loves you.

That is the answer to these questions and that is why it is difficult for us to understand them. So often, we do not feel worthy of love, let alone the love of God. Perhaps this is why some of us avoid going to Holy Mass, because deep down we forget how worthy of God's Love we are. How He has chosen you as His son or daughter.

God waits for us in the Tabernacle, God waits for us fully present in the Eucharist. The response of love is to go to Him and to receive Him.

In Christ,

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing “The Chosen” Series. The dates are **January 16th, 23rd & 30th, February 6th, 13th & 27th, March 6th, 13th & 20th, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR JANUARY

Youth ministry is open to everyone in grades 6-12
Youth Ministry Meeting for January 8, 2023 from 5:30-7:00 PM

I've Had an Epiphany!

Wise Men, Three Kings?

Who were these guys that traveled from afar to visit Christ as a child. What can they teach us?

Please register for this event by emailing Adam at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

Stuebenville East Registration!

Stuebenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 21-23, 2023. Registration is open and we are building a parish group. Please email me at faithlifeformation@comcast.net for details.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you want to receive reminder emails about Youth Ministry events happening at our parish and neighboring parishes, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Dinner, Friday, January 13th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, January 14th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Blood Drive, Thursday, January 19th, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Holy Hour for Life, Tuesday, February 7th, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Healing Mass, Friday, February 10th, 7:00 PM, in the church

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, February 11th, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Barbara Baril. We extend our sympathy to her family.



“And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy and worship Him through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings.

Made For More Trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/260114539>

Parish “Made For More” Home Site:

<https://M4MNH.eventbrite.com>

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 7:00-9:30 PM

Cost: \$25 per person

World-renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with award winning musician, Mike Mangione, are coming to St. Patrick Parish with a beautiful multimedia event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event!

Because of time constraints, the money given for Christmas, New Year’s & January 8th, will be in the January 15th bulletin. Thank you!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

- Jan. 15 Faith Life Formation**
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
- Jan. 22 Maintenance**
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.
Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – SAVE THE DATE

STELLAR is coming! This summer, kids will learn to SHINE A LIGHT ON JESUS’ LOVE! Mark your calendars for July 10-14, 2023 (9am-noon). Open to campers ages 5-12.

VITA NOVA:

Married Couples Day of Enrichment

The beloved Vita Nova program is back again this winter. Join us on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Patrick Parish. Just \$40/couple includes the full day seminar and lunch for two. Check-in starts at 8:30 AM and the event runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Questions about the day? Please reach out to our hosts, Scott & Martha Tardiff, at scottmartha@comcast.net



On behalf of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, we wish to thank you all for your help again this year with the “Children’s Gift Program.” Your generous support is greatly appreciated by the Good Neighbor Fund and the families of the children we help.

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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