

**Saturday January 8**

**4pm ~ Wayne Montuori**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
**Lillian Montuori**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family  
**Carol Ryan** requested by James Ryan

**Sunday January 9**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Ronald Bedard** requested by  
 Dennis & Irene Groulx  
**Skip & Nancy Simmons** requested by the  
 Lemieux family

**Monday January 10**

**8am ~ Jeannine Boyer** requested by Andrea &  
 Georgette  
**Danny Hall** requested by David & Maureen  
 Groff

**Tuesday January 11**

**8am ~ Fr. Tom Federline**  
**Pearl Vennard** requested by Priscilla LeBlanc

**Wednesday January 12**

**8am ~ Louis "Jim" Tirrell** requested by Diana  
 Shinnick

**Thursday January 13**

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

**Friday January 14**

**8am ~ No Mass**  
**7pm ~ Healing Mass**

**Saturday January 15**

**4pm ~ John Fitzgerald**, 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 requested by his wife & children

**Sunday January 16**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Patricia Mary O'Rawe**, 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Anniversary, requested by friends the Rushin,  
 MacGillivray & Simollardes Families

**Sunday, January 9**

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school  
 cafeteria

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center

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

**Monday, January 10**

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school  
 cafeteria

**Tuesday, January 11**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 12**

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, 1:00-2:30 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, January 13**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, January 14**

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

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

Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Saturday, January 15**

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



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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism is the end of the Christmas Season. A reminder that the Church sees the Christmas Season starting on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the Vigil Mass (4:00pm or so) ... not on December 1<sup>st</sup>, not on the day after Thanksgiving, and certainly not when the Christmas decorations begin going up in the stores at Halloween!!! The Church recognizes the preparation for Christmas (Advent), but the Christmas Season itself goes on after most people have put their trees on the curb. Even the "Twelve Days of Christmas" isn't quite accurate, since that only takes you to the Epiphany (which we celebrated last Sunday, and which the Church Universal celebrates on January 6<sup>th</sup>). This is why we have continued to have the Christmas decorations in the Church through this weekend.

I love this celebration because it is a reminder of our baptism. Jesus went through the waters of baptism in order to prepare them – to make them holy – for us. And what happened to Jesus in His baptism happened to us in our baptism. As the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus at His baptism, so the Holy Spirit comes to live in us in our baptism. Too often we imagine the Holy Spirit as a dove, or flame of fire, or driving wind – all of which are biblical images of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. Or sometimes we imagine the Holy Spirit as a way that God comes to touch our lives, but in an amorphous, and almost imaginary manner. But the Holy Spirit is more than that. He is a person – the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, to be exact. The Holy Spirit is God. God Himself humbles Himself to live within us. The Third Person of the Trinity comes to us so that we can be united to the Father and the Son – to enter into the Trinitarian love of God.

This transubstantiates us. As we believe that the bread and wine, offered at the Mass, change their very substance, their very being, into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our God – even without changing the outward signs of bread and wine – so do we believe that in baptism, we are changes substantially! While the outward signs of our life may not change (for most of us, we continued to be crying babies), the very substance of what we are has changed forever in baptism. This change is so deep that it will be with us for eternity (even should we choose to be damned to Hell).

So what is this change?

Ahh... how do we speak about invisible realities?! A clue comes in to the words from the Father to the Son in today's Gospel, "**You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased**" (Luke 3:22). In baptism, God the Father makes us His beloved children. We become His sons and daughters. We take on His divinity – certainly not as Adam and Eve had grasped at it. We receive it not as Jesus had it by nature, but by adoption. God adopts us as part of His family. We are changed from the inside out, so that we no longer just are foster children of God, but His very sons and daughters.

This is language we're very familiar with – to a point of forgetting how powerful it is. But this was a radical change of relationship with God. None of the pagans would have thought (or wanted) an intimate, familial relationship with their gods. The gods were to be appeased, to be begged for things, but not to be close to. Even the Jewish people, who had (and have) an intimate relationship with God balked at Jesus calling God His Father. To see each person in Christ as a child of God was a radical innovation – a great revelation of God to humanity, that He longs to be that near to us, that He changes us from the inside out, in order to be close to Him, to be like Him. We become so much like God in this that on mystic was told by Jesus, "If you saw a soul in the state of grace, you would bow down in worship – you would think it was Me."

Let us pray that we may have a greater understanding of this incredible gift that God has given to each of us in Baptism – to be a dwelling place of God Most High, to be His beloved sons and daughters – and that we may live up to the call of love He has for us.

### NEW MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ) will begin its men's ministry for men 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](mailto:al@lemieux-design.net) or 781-879-7527 or visit the parish website at [stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/](http://stpatricks-pelham.com/men-of-st-joseph/)



"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office (603) 663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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### Calendar of Events

**Free Community Dinner**, January 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 PM

**Mass of Healing and Hope**, Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in the Church

**Respect Life Mass**, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 AM, in the church

**Blessing of the Child in the Womb**, Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass



### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Monday Night Teachings

Join Fr. Von for teaching on "The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible" on Monday Nights: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AT MASS

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, we have portable hearing assistants that tap into our sound system. If you would like to borrow one for Mass, please check in the Sacristy before Mass.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2022, 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 2022, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

### MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website [www.stpatrick-pelham.com](http://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](http://ptv.viebit.com). If you would like to hear Fr. Von's past homilies, please visit our Parish Website under "Quick Links" under "On-line Masses and Homilies."



### PTV – SCHEDULE – CHANNEL 22

#### For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday – 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM – **4:00 PM "LIVE"**

Subject to change

### FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

### 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 12/26/21

Offertory Envelopes \$4,068

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,224

Parish Collections for the week of 1/2/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,490

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,803

**Total Offertory \$9,293**

Christmas Collection \$20,424

Solemnity of Mary \$1,697

Faith Life \$1,765

Christmas Memorials \$2,028

Utilities \$2,210

**Total Fund Collected \$37,417**

Thank you to all our parishioners who have been supporting us all year long.

I appreciate your generosity

~Fr. Von~

### Capital Improvement

collected as of 1/2/22

\$1,220

Thank you for your generosity!

### SECOND ENVELOPES

#### FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

##### Jan. 16 Diocesan 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. **Our assessment for this collection is \$1,068.**

##### Jan. 23 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

##### Jan. 30 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

## **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).

## **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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  
2:00-8:00pm

For more information, or to sign up for Wednesday Adoration, contact Kathleen Garon at 978-482-5380

## **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**

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Care to join the Knights of Columbus?  
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