



**Saturday November 11**

**4pm ~ Michael Medeiros**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by Christine  
Simmons and Josh & Chris Medeiros

**Sunday November 12**

**8am ~ Alexander & Alma Boisvert** and  
**Michelle Lemieux Kanan**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by their families

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday November 13**

**8am ~ Sidney J. Mckenzie**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by her family  
**Joanne Caruso**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by  
Steve & Annie Caruso

**Tuesday November 14**

**8am ~ Therese L. Greaves**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by her family  
**Frank Maglio** requested by a friend

**Wednesday November 15**

**8am ~ Don Goyette** requested by the Goyette  
family

**Thursday November 16**

**8am ~ Frederic Schinnick** requested by his  
wife Diana, Daughter Kelly and grandsons  
Patrick & Connor

**Friday November 17**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday November 18**

**4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Jr.**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by the Taylor family  
**Henry Callahan** requested by Sue & Dan  
Martin

**Sunday November 19**

**8am ~ Charles Hudson**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by his wife &  
children  
**Sophia O. Frawley**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested  
by Stephen Wasylak, Jr. & family

**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday, November 12**

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center  
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Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, November 14**

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the  
youth room at the school  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 15**

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, November 16**

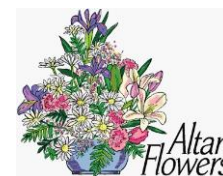
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school  
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, November 17**

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

**Saturday, November 18**

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM,  
in the school  
Turkey Cheer, 5:00 PM, in the parish center



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of  
**Ruth Provencal**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, by the  
Provencal family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of  
**John B. Green**, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by Karen & Jack  
Green

**Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts** will be  
hosted by the **Knights of Columbus** this  
weekend. Please come and join us.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue examining the Mass, in the Introductory Rites. Immediately after the sign of the cross and the greeting, we move into the Penitential Act. It is so important to realize what we're doing here. Without the proper understanding, we'll be tempted to see this time as a time for self-hatred and shame, or simply doing an external rite without getting to the heart.

In all things Catholic, it is always about our intimate relationship with God. While we can fall into a ritualistic mentality, the rituals themselves were designed not as a nod to legalism, but for lovers. When we examine the Communion Rite, I plan to expound this more, but suffice it to say that the reception of Communion is the marriage act between God and humanity. This marriage began in the Incarnation (God becoming man), but was consummated on the Cross. The Holy Eucharist is the totality of that act of

Christ's gift to us – for it is His very self. When we receive Communion, therefore, it is akin (analogous) to the marriage act between husband and wife. No married couple can enter into the full gift and reception of persons in the marriage act without first reconciling any differences between them. So, the Penitential Act is about coming to that place of reconciliation for any venial sins that stand between us and God (for mortal sins, we look to the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and thus become fully reconciled to the God who loves us). Before we enter into the total gift of self ("This is my body given up for you") in Communion, we must first clear away anything that stands between us.

In order to prepare for this moment, I encourage you to do a daily examination of conscience, and also to do another examination of conscience as part of your preparation right before Mass (another reason to get to Church early). That way, when we are invited to "call to mind our sins," we're not struggling to think through these things, but able to lift them in this moment to God.

I mentioned also that this is not about self-hatred and shame. It is not an invitation to beat ourselves up for our failings, but to stand before the God who loves us so much and to say, "I'm sorry," knowing that His love will immediately say, "I forgive you." It is important to remember who God is and who we are to Him. When we see God as our "Abba" (Mark 14:36, Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6), our Daddy, then He's not fearful. When we see ourselves as His beloved children, we trust in His love. Repenting of our sins is simply going to our Daddy for healing, not for punishment or a scolding.

Here's one of my favorite quotes from St. Thérèse of Lisieux:

I find perfection very easy to practise, because I have realised that all we have to do is take Jesus by the heart. Consider a child who has upset his mother by losing his temper or disobeying her. If he goes and hides in a corner with a sullen look on his face and cries because he is afraid of being punished, his mother will certainly not pardon his fault. But if he comes to her and holds out his arms to her and smiles at her and says, 'Give me a hug, I'll never do it again', how can his mother resist taking him fondly and pressing him to her heart, forgetting his childish wickedness? Yet she knows perfectly well that her dear child will do it again as soon as the occasion arises, but that makes no difference; if he takes her by the heart again, he will never be punished.

As we say, "I confess to almighty God..." "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned against you..." or "Lord, have mercy..." may we take our God by the heart, trusting in His unending love.



## FAITH FORMATION

### NOVEMBER FAITH LIFE UPDATE

"Conscience is the interior space in which we can listen to and hear the truth, the good, the voice of God. It is the inner place of our relationship with Him, who speaks to our heart and helps us discern, to understand the path we ought to take, and once the decision is made, to move forward, to remain faithful."

-Pope Francis, 2013

In November families are learning about the conscience. We all can choose right from wrong. This is made real within the home, and it is something that we are always working on becoming better at as people. The concept of making good choices is a language that always resounds within the four walls of a home with young children. Parents are primarily responsible for helping their children form consciences that will choose the right. This becomes difficult, of course, because as adults we are still working on forming our own conscience. It is worth remembering then, that this is a part of the faith journey that is walked together as a family. We form our conscience by making time for daily personal prayer, praying together as a family, going to Holy Mass at least every Sunday, and frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Living this life of holiness allows us to choose the good, true, and beautiful over sin every time.

God desires to be with us in Heaven for an Eternity! If Heaven is the destination, then to get there, we have to form our conscience well so we can judge well and live a life of holiness, a life of adventure!

In Christ,  
Adam Castor  
Director of Faith Life

**The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service is Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM held at the Congregational Church. All are welcome to attend.**

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Now is the time to nominate other members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations forms are available in the front entrance of the Church. Please use a separate nomination form for each name submitted. Please submit your nomination by **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**.



"Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord." Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life to lead others to the Lord. Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
Thank you to the following parishioner who will be praying for vocations during this week:  
**-Tim and Jennah Costa-**  
All parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the program. Interested? Please email [stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus Council 6902** is proud to once again have the Turkey Cheer!! It will be held **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Raffles to start at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$15 for adults and \$13 for children under 12. There is a 275-ticket limit and will be a first come first serve basis. The raffles will be held like a penny sale. Purchased tickets are placed into a container that represents each prize. A winner will be selected for each prize. There will be lots of prizes to choose from. We are excited and looking forward to seeing you all!! We will be selling tickets after Masses and in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Brewster at 603-508-0129 or Chuck Curtis at 603-404-8623.



Join us in our tradition of the **Lighting of the Creche** on **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM.** Immediately followed by Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Crafts in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The Christmas Pageant will be at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Christmas Pageant rehearsals will be on **Sundays** after the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:35 AM) on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.** To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at [garywendy6@comcast.net](mailto:garywendy6@comcast.net)

**SINGERS AND MUSICIANS**

Looking for Singers and Musicians for the Advent Season to join the Praise Band. Practice is on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Gary & Wendy Williams at [garywendy6@comcast.net](mailto:garywendy6@comcast.net)



Save the following date, **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>,** from **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** for the Christmas Craft Fair. We will have crafts from many local artisans, delicious food, a bake table with delicious goods from our parishioners, and raffles. It is a fun day for the family and ideas for your Christmas shopping.

Monday Night Teachings  
 St. Ignatius of Loyola's  
 14 Rules for  
 Discernment of Spirits  
 Join us Monday Nights at 7:00 PM  
 In the youth room  
 Starting November 20<sup>th</sup>

**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 11/5/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,997
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,236
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$9,233</b>
All Saints	\$1,913
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$11,146</b>

Thank you for your faithful & generous support  
 ~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvement**

collected as of 11/5/23  
 \$1,430

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Nov. 19 Human Development**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports programs and services for persons with low income, both in NH and around the U.S. Grants support programs that address community problems, increasing educational opportunities, and the creation of jobs. A portion of this collection also supports Black and Indian missions in the U. S.

**Nov. 26 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.

**The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund** is sponsoring the Christmas Gift Program again this year. This is our chance to help our less fortunate neighbors by providing gifts for their children. Watch for the tags with attached gift requests. Simply choose one of the tags, purchase the gift and return the gift with the tag attached to the Chapel by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap the gift. Thanks for helping to make this Christmas season a little brighter for some of our local children.

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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).

**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  
2:00-9:00pm

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](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 [eqwright@comcast.net](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)