



**Saturday November 19**

**4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Jr.**, Birthday Remembrance, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family  
**Florence & Louis Jacques**, Wedding Anniversary, requested by their son

**Sunday November 20**

**8am ~ Charles Hudson**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife & children  
**Sophia O. Frawley**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by Stephen Wasylak, Jr. & family

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

**Monday November 21**

**8am ~ James Rowe** requested by Barbara & Glenn Campbell

**Tuesday November 22**

**8am ~ Henry Callahan**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, **Martha Callahan & Andre Lagasse** requested by Sue & Dan Martin

**Wednesday November 23**

**8am ~ George Dallaire** requested by his family  
**Margery Dolan**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by James & Dorreen Dolan

**Thursday November 24 Thanksgiving**

**8am ~ Ruth Provencal**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family

**Friday November 25**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday November 26**

**4pm ~ Matthew J. Janos**, 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos  
**Michael Medeiros**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Christine Simmons and Josh & Chris Medeiros

**Sunday November 27**

**8am ~ George Straughan**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson  
**10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**



**Sunday, November 20**

Faith Life Community Gathering, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school

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

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

**Monday, November 21**

The Chosen, 7:00 PM, in the youth room in the school

**Tuesday, November 22**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, 7:00 PM, at the New England Pentecostal Church

**Wednesday, November 23**

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, November 24**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

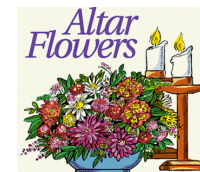
Parish Office Closed

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

**Friday, November 26**

Parish Office Closed

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Sophia O. Frawley**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by her family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Sophia O. Frawley**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by her family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day, we recognize the invitation from Jesus to recognize subjectively what He is objectively. Or to put it in other words: Jesus, who is King of all of Creation by nature, invites us to allow Him to be king of our hearts, our lives.

The Gospel chosen for today might seem a bit odd to recognize Jesus as king, for it shows not His power and majesty, but His weakness and humility. Yet here is the mystery: Jesus is recognized as king by only one person in the story: St. Dismas, "the Good Thief". Everyone else – the Jewish rulers, the soldiers, and the other thief – do not see or accept His Kingship.

Let's reflect on this: The rulers "sneered" at Jesus, the soldiers "jeered", and the other criminal "reviled" Jesus. Each of these groups tell Jesus to save Himself. But that's not the mission of the Christ. He is not there to save Himself, but us. I can feel in my heart the utter anguish of His Heart at this rejection. The anguish is not from the hurt we get when we are rejected, but because in His infinite love for us, He knows that rejection of Him means rejection of Life for us. He is in anguish over our destruction! For when we reject Him, reject His mission to save us.

While not mentioned in the Gospel today, just before today's passage, Luke says: "**The people stood by and watched**" (Luke 23:35a). It seems they are indifferent to this matter. They may be watching with some morbid curiosity. But they neither proclaim Him as king nor revile Him. But not making a choice is making a choice. We cannot get by simply by saying, "I never mocked Jesus." Rather, there must be a positive choice *for* Him! In the book of Revelation, Jesus says to the Church of Laodicea: "**I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth**" (Revelation 3: 15-16). We cannot remain lukewarm if we are to receive His mission of salvation – we *must* choose.

To none of these did Jesus speak from the Cross – not the people, nor the rulers, nor the soldiers, nor to the criminal. It was only to Dismas that He spoke. Dismas defended Jesus; he recognized His Kingship: "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). Jesus' response is the promise of eternity, not in some distant future, but today: "**Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise**" (Luke 23:43).

Oh! How that must have consoled the Heart of Jesus! Even in the midst of the darkness and rejection, there is one who will cling to the Lord, one who will accept His Kingship, one who will accept His saving mission, one who will be with Him forever in Heaven.

Jesus invites us to this as well – to console His Heart. There are times when we can't see Jesus' royal dignity. There are times in our lives when we are surrounded by darkness, sin and evil, and it seems that God is impotent. Yet even in those moments – especially in those moments – we are called to recognize His Kingship, His omnipotence, His power, love and glory. It can be a simple cry of the heart to Him, "Jesus, I trust in You," when all things seem hopeless. In this choice to look to the Lord and make Him King in our lives, we console His aching Heart – which loves so much and is so little loved – and we secure a place in Paradise.



Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 AM. Please bring the bread and wine you will be using at your table for a blessing and place it in the Sanctuary before Mass. There will be a free will offering for our Emergency Fund, which helps those in need.



“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.” Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish used Toy Sale on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Derry, NH needs your gently used toys. Drop off is at St. Patrick Parish Office anytime. Kindly place your bagged donation in the box through the first door of the parish office from now until Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. All sale proceeds go to St. Thomas Outreach Program. Thank you!

## Marriage Banns

The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in November:

**Thomas George Gray**  
and  
**Shannon Lorraine Bercier**

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God



## NOVEMBER FAITH LIFE UPDATE

“Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” (John 3:5).

In the month of November, we are learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. This is the Sacrament that opens the floodgates to God’s grace. God chooses you through Baptism and calls you His son or daughter.

At the end of the month, during our Community Gathering, we will join Fr. Von in the Church and he will walk us through the Rite of Baptism, reminding us of the wonderful gift we were given at that moment. Reflect upon your Baptism this month and remember who you are.

## YOUTH MINISTRY FOR DECEMBER

Youth ministry is open to everyone in grades 6-12

### SAVE THE DATE

Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Stuebenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 21-23, 2023

### 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](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) and he will add you to the Youth Ministry mailing list.

**More information to follow in next weekend bulletin.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service**, Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM, at the New England Pentecostal

**Lighting of the Creche**, Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

**Confessions**, Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM, in the church

**Craft Fair**, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in the parish center

**Men of St. Joseph**, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

**Advent Penance Service**, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace, Salem, NH



Join us in our Tradition of the **Lighting of the Creche on Tuesday, November 29<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 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<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)

**MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING**

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **November 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school. There will be more episodes in the New Year.

**BAKERS WANTED**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, is the Christmas Craft Fair and we are looking for baked goods. If you can bake for us, please call the office to let us know. Then you will bring your baked good to the Parish Center on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or you can drop the baked goods at the Parish Office. Thank you!

**The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service** is Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM held at the New England Pentecostal Church. All are welcome to attend.

**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 11/13/22

Offertory Envelopes \$5,725  
 Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,934

**Total Offertory \$7,659**

Utilities \$1,882

**Total Collected \$9,541**

Thank you for your continue support  
 ~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Nov. 27 Faith Life Formation**  
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Dec. 4 Capital Improvements**  
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Dec. 11 Retirement Fund for the Religious**  
 This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.

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

**St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair**

Save the following date, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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.

The Month of October we had the Rosary Challenge. There were 1,286 Rosaries said and 68,158 Hail Mary's offered up. Thank you to all who participated.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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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).

### **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)