



Saturday November 21

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by his wife & children
Matthew J. Janos, 15th Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos

Sunday November 22

8am ~ Norman Carpentier, 8th Anniversary, requested by Cheryl Brunelle & the Carpentier family
10:30am ~ Bob Wakefield requested by Shirley
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday November 23

8am ~ George Dallaire requested by his family
Anthony & Diane Robinson requested by his sister Katherine Bernard

Tuesday November 24

8am ~ Armand Groulx, Sr., & Richard Groulx, 29th & 1st Anniversary requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
David Perigny requested by Andrea & Georgette

Wednesday November 25

8am ~ William Copeley requested by the Lemieux family
Raymond Bernard requested by his wife Katherine Bernard

Thursday November 26 Thanksgiving

8am ~ Sarah LaBrecque, 6th Anniversary, requested by Donna & Laura

Friday November 27

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday November 28

4pm ~ George Straughan, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson
Justin May, 11th Anniversary, requested by his family

Sunday November 29

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Mary Rourke & Paul H. Rourke requested by the Rourke family
Phillip John Cieszynski requested by his family
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 24

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, November 25

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, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving

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

Friday, November 27

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of John Estrella by his wife.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at Christmas, please use the envelope that is in your packet to list the names and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick Parish. For those of you who do not have envelopes but wish to have your loved ones remembered, just list the names of your loved ones to be remembered on a piece of paper with the name of the person who is requesting the remembrance. Put the list in an envelope marked Christmas Memorials with your donation and either put it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick Parish, 12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076. The donations for the Christmas Memorials go towards the decorations and flowers in the church. Thank you



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King – the last Sunday of the liturgical year. (Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year. We will enter “Year B” of our three year cycle of readings at Sunday Masses. Throughout the year, we will hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark.) In our Gospel this weekend, we listen to Jesus telling us of the Last Judgment. Jesus says that all the nations will be gathered before Him on that last day, the Day of Judgment. On this great and terrible day, we will either hear, **“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from**

the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34) or **“Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”** (Matthew 25:41). We like to think about the first, but not the second eventuality, yet Jesus has revealed both of these to us. He tells us of the judgment so that we may be prepared.

When we look at what separates the “sheep” from the “goats” in Jesus’ teaching, it is whether they cared for Jesus or not. Where was Jesus present? In **“the least brothers of mine”** (Matthew 25:40, 45). Jesus shows that He identifies Himself with these least ones – the ones who are needy: hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, ill, or in prison. In the story, neither group recognized Jesus, but He was there!

Jesus reminds us that care for the needy among us is care for Him. This is vitally important. Christian charity of others is not the same as humanism. We don’t take care of others because it makes us feel good, or we get accolades, or some other warm-fuzzy. We do it because it is the command of Christ, and because we love Him! Even if we have nothing physically to give to another in need, we are called to give the person dignity – striving to see Jesus’ image in that person.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) did this so well. She looked for her beloved Jesus in each person she met... and because of that, we know her to be a saint! There’s a famous story of a reporter watching Mother Teresa clean the maggot-infested wound of a man on the street. He said to her, “I wouldn’t do that for a million dollars.” She replied, “Nor would I.” In that response, she highlighted that it was not for anything in this world that she did what she did, but for *love* of the Creator of the world.

If you were invited to take a job at which someone would throw up on you, empty their bladder and bowels on you, constantly call on you to take care of their basic needs, and never once thank you, would you take it? What would be your salary requirements? Yet parents do this all the time in the first years of their children’s lives. For free! They do it out of *love*.

Love must be the motivating factor in our care for those in need – not feelings, or even an elusive idea that “it’s the right thing to do.” Love must motivate our actions. The saints tell us that it is *only love* that gives merit to our actions. We could give all of our money away, but if we don’t have love, we gain nothing (see I Corinthians 13:3). On the other hand, love lends eternal weight to the smallest, most insignificant acts.

As we enter the last week of the year, let us ask God to expand our love, so that we may reach out to Him, love Him in each person that we meet so that we may hear **“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”**



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH LIFE CORNER

"I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Rules, rules, so many rules! This might be a line you have heard recently from your children but, the reality is that adults can fall prey to the same rebellion at times when it comes to God and His Church. This month in the Faith Life Program families are exploring the major question, why does God give us so many rules to follow?

The short answer to this question is, Love! Think of a parent who does not enforce boundaries and rules for their children. Is that what love looks like, to allow the children we are responsible for to run amok? No, we understand that real love and mercy sets boundaries in order to protect the one that is loved.

God is Love and in His great Mercy He gives us the gift of rules, like the 10 Commandments, to follow so that we may one day be with Him in Eternal Paradise. What a good Father we have.

God Bless you all. Pray for me, and know that I am praying for you.

-Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

Facilitator Couples Wanted

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time Facilitator Couples for our Diocesan Engaged Couple Courses, which may occur remotely or in-person. Couples married at least five years are invited to apply for these positions; training will be provided. Couples will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' *Joy-Filled Marriage* Program.

Interested parties may visit the following link for more information and the full job description:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/employment/>.

Applications should be sent to Giselle North at gnorth@rcbm.org.

VIRTUAL ADVENT RETREAT

In this time of pandemic, don't let the inability to gather keep you from preparing your soul for Christmas. This Advent, experience the Virtual Advent Retreat. The TOR Sisters (remember our Mission with Sr. Agnes Therese and Sr. Monica) will be leading an online retreat with the option for live small groups.

The talks will go online on December 6th. Sign up online for the small groups by December 3rd: www.franciscansisterstor.org/events/advent-retreat.

FORMED

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

AMAZON

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change** your **Charity**. Select St. Patrick as your new **charitable** organization to support us.



Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.



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.

JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

As many of our fellow parishioners are once again joining us at Mass, it is so helpful to have people there to welcome them back and make them feel comfortable with some of our current changes. We are inviting members of our Parish who would like to help us in our mission to join the Hospitality Ministry. If you enjoy helping others and have felt called to become part of a Parish Ministry, please consider joining us. For more information, please contact Stuart Robertson at stuart@robertsoneducational.com.

The Advent Cluster Penance Service will be held at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM.

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- Instruct the Uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive Offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- Feed the hungry
- Clothe the naked
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

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 11/15/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,834
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,151
Total Offertory	\$4,985

Faith Life Formation	\$1,185
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Total Offertory	\$6,170
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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**

Nov. 26 Emergency Fund

This fund is used to assist those in need who come to the parish office.

Nov. 29 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

Dec. 6 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Dec. 12 Retirement Fund for Religious

This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the U.S.

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



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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.

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

1st 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 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 egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org