Mass Intentions for the Week

November 25 Saturday 4pm ~ Matthew J. Janos, 19th Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos William Corey, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his family Sunday **November 26** 8am ~ Sarah LaBrecque, 9th Anniversary, requested by Donna & Laura 10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners Monday November 27 8am ~ George Straughan, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

David Moffitt requested by John & Joyce Keslo Tuesday November 28

8am ~ Gloria Dalpe requested by Lou & Marie Dalpe

Wednesday November 29

8am ~ George Dallaire requested by his family Roger Aubrey, Sr. requested by the 8 O'Clockers

Thursday November 30

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Friday December 1

8am ~ The McKenzie & Wisniewski Families requested by their family

Claire Nolin requested by the Nolin family Saturday December 2

$8am \sim Anthony$ & Joanne Cacciatore

requested by the Shovlin family **Liette Goyette** requested by David & Maureen Groff

 4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 12th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
 Robert Hudson, Jr. requested by his grandmother & family

Sunday December 3

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

 10:30am ~ Phillip John Cieszynski and Robert Stanley Cieszynski, Birthday Remembrance, requested by their family
 Matt Curran requested by Friends of the family



Sunday, November 26 No Coffee & Donuts Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, November 27

Discernment of Spirits, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, November 28

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 29

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 30

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

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

Craft Fair, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, in the parish center



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **William Corey**, 2nd Anniversary, by his family



"I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: <u>mmason@rcbm.org</u>

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, we'll be looking at the *Gloria*. Again, we get the names of our prayers from the first word or words in Latin. This is prayed after the Penitential Act on all Sundays not in Advent or Lent, on Feast Days and Solemnities:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The *Gloria* begins with the song of the angels on Christmas: as they sang of the new-born King to the shepherds. The fact that we get to participate in the song of the angels should blow our minds! Angels are not cutesie-tootsie babies with wings that we see in so much art. Angels are purely spiritual beings (they don't have a body nor have they ever, though, for their mission, they may take on the semblance of a body in order to interact with humans). By their nature, they are vastly more intelligent and more powerful than any creature on earth. If God commanded it, your guardian angel could single-handedly destroy the entire physical universe. ... and we get to join them in singing praise to God!

The *Gloria* shows us that the purpose of this hymn is to praise, bless, adore, glorify and thank Almighty God. In the midst of this selfish generation that looks for spirituality to "complete me," we lose track of the truth that authentic spirituality is about worshiping God... not ourselves. At the beginning of Mass, we are reminded to do this – to worship God. This is important to remember when: the music is off-key, the preaching is bad, the servers are fooling around, and your own kids (or those around you) won't stop fighting with each other. Mass is about worshipping God, not about getting some ethereal feeling.

After this worship of the Father, the rest of the hymn is in praise of Jesus, the Son. He is called "Lamb of God," which hearkens to later in the Mass when we invoke Jesus as Lamb of God just before receiving Communion. Jesus is called the Lamb of God in the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation (John 1:29, 36, and in many places in Revelation). The whole book of Revelation is moving toward the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb – and so are we. The *Gloria* helps to remind us of this truth. Mass is a participation in this wedding feast. While we cannot see it clearly (we're in an "already/not-yet" space), at Mass, all the angels and saints are present, and we are brought before the throne of God and of the Lamb.

We sing (or speak) this praise of God to prepare our hearts to receive our God – in the Sacred Scriptures and in the Eucharist. May we truly praise God from our hearts so that we may receive all His gifts and graces!

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 10th. Please do not wrap the gift. Thanks for helping to make this Christmas season a little brighter for some of our local children.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to the following parishioner who will be praying for vocations during this week:

-Pat Penrose-

All parishioners have the opportunity to participate in the program. Interested? Please email <u>stpatsharvestteam@gmail.com</u>



Join us in our tradition of the **Lighting of the Creche** on **Monday, December 11th, 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 3rd, 10th and 17th.** To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at <u>garywendy6@comcast.net</u>

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



Save the following date, **Saturday**, **December 2nd**, 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.

BAKERS WANTED

Saturday, December 2nd, 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 goods to the Parish Center on **Friday, December 1st, between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** or you can drop the baked goods at the Parish Office. Thank you!

> 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 20th

First Friday Mass is this Friday, December 1st, at 8:00 AM

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:00 AM

SAVE THE DATE Our Parish Mission March 10th – 12th. More information to follow

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.



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 Parents are voung children. primarilv 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 Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Thanksgiving. The offertory collection will be in next weekend's bulletin



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Dec. 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Dec. 10 Retired Religious

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

Dec. 17 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Dec. 24 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.

CREATE A LEGACY Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church

In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

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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 <u>fathervon@comcast.net</u>.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or Lmurgia_871@comcast.net Saturday Sunday 4PM 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 <u>www.formed.org</u> to register, go to <u>pelham.formed.org</u>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or <u>eqwright@comcast.net</u>. More information online: <u>www.kofcpelhamnh.org</u>