

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday November 26

4pm ~ Matthew J. Janos, 18th 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
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10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday November 28

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

Tuesday November 29

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Diana Schinnick
requested by Donna Smith

Wednesday November 30

8am ~ Gaston Faucher requested by David &
Maureen Groff

Health & Blessings for Gertrude Dearborn
requested by Gary & Debby Anderson

Thursday December 1

8am ~ For all Souls in Purgatory

Friday December 2

8am ~ Franklin Froton & Dick Dube requested
by Shirley Wakefield

Walter Wisnewski, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by his family

Saturday December 3

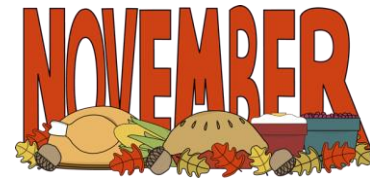
8am ~ Martha Laplant & Ronald Montplaisir
requested by Cheryl

4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 11th Anniversary,
requested by his wife & children

Sunday December 4

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Julia Lawlor, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor



Sunday, November 27

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Lighting of the Creche, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 30

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

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 1

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
William Corey, 1st Anniversary, by his family



"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and
their spears into pruning hooks...." If you think
that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the
harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother,
contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or
email: mmason@rcbm.org

**First Friday Mass is this Friday,
December 2nd, at 8:00 AM.
First Saturday Mass is this Saturday,
December 3rd, at 8:00 AM.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the beginning of Advent, we have begun another liturgical year. This is Year A of the three-year liturgical cycle (years A, B and C). While there are variations, throughout the year, we will be following through the Gospel of Matthew (except during Lent and Easter, where we will get a healthy dose of John). Matthew is one of the Apostles, and writes to a church made up of mostly Jewish Christians, which means he makes use of many Old Testament and Jewish cultural references.

Throughout Ordinary Time, we do a walk through of Matthew, and, while not reading everything from the Gospel, we go sequentially. But we begin in Advent, which seeks out Scriptures that will fit the theme of the season and the specific week. Today, we hear from late in the Gospel of Matthew, as Jesus is warning his disciples to be prepared.

This is a strong theme in Advent – the call to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. In these first weeks of Advent, this means focusing on His coming at the end of time. This does not, however, exclude us from pondering over how He comes for us at the end of our lives on earth (if we die before the second coming), and on His coming to us each day in the Eucharist and other sacraments, as well as His dwelling within us through the Holy Spirit. In all of these things, we are called to surrender more fully to God and His love.

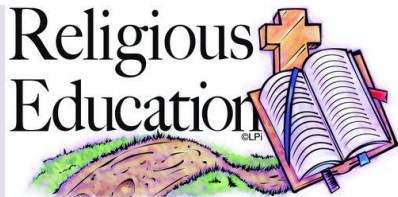
The thing is, sometimes His love doesn't comfort us in *this* moment. Sometimes love delays. In those times, we can begin to lose our trust in God – like Adam and Eve in the Garden. When we lose our trust in God and in His tender, merciful, superabundant and provident love we begin to take matters into our own hands. We start seeking our fulfillment in what we can grasp. Sometimes that looks like filling ourselves with sensual pleasures (entertainment, food, sex, drugs and alcohol). Sometimes that looks like trying to combat our insecurities with power, wealth, things, and the acclaim of others. Sometimes that looks like trying to fill our existential loneliness by flying to serial relationships or pornography. Sometimes that looks like trying to overcome our abiding sense of our own weakness and contingency by seeking to lord it over others and exercise temporal power and influence over others – even at the expense of their good.

None of these satisfy. None of these last. None of these will fill the void. Jesus is reminding us to seek God *now*! In those times of emptiness, we combat the temptations away from God by focusing on and making acts of trust in His promises – that He has made us His children in Baptism (I John 3:2a “**Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed**”), that He loves us and is pleased with us (Luke 3:22 “**You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased**” – spoken to Jesus, and us by Baptism).

Too often, we delay, though. Jesus reminds us, “**Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come**” (Matthew 24:42). Even though sometimes the feeling of His love delays, He never does. He is always there with us, and will give us enough to get through whatever trial, emptiness or loneliness we may be experiencing. May we always trust Him and His love, and turn to Him to receive all that we need!

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **December 6th, from 6-7 PM** for a Holy Hour for Life in the Church. In this time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for a cultivation of the Culture of Life. There will be guided prayer as well as time for silence. Please contact Fr. Von (fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525) if you have any questions.



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.

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## 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>

Steubenville 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.**



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)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

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**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



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!

#### MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

Monday Night Teaching Series will be watching and discussing "The Chosen" Series. The dates are **November 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!

#### 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.

#### HELPING CENACOLO

This January, Fr. Von will be traveling to minister to Cenacolo in Florida. Cenacolo is a place for young people in darkness to find light through prayer, work and community. Many that go to Cenacolo are addicts. If you would like to help Cenacolo, gift cards to Home Depot, Lowe's or generic (ie Visa gift cards) would be appreciated. Please get them to Fr. Von or to the Parish Office no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### MONEY

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. 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.

##### Dec. 18 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

**The Cluster Advent Penance Service is being held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem, NH**



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Joseph Polcari Balboni, Aubrey Sue Baldasaro, Oakley Gerhard Beer, Olivia Jacqueline Phaneuf, Solomon Maurice Perrin, Jaxon Nicholas Peters, Luke Andrew Ramsey, Wesley Emmitt Scire and Ntirampeba Tisera.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



## **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)