



**Saturday November 27**

**4pm ~ George Straughan**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by Doug & Laura  
Masson

**Sunday November 28**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Philip John Cieszynski and Robert Stanley Cieszynski**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by their family  
**Linda Kearney** requested by her family

**Monday November 29**

**8am ~ George & Theresa Muldoon** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark  
**Health & Blessings for Madeline Howard, Jeff, Crispo & Dottie** requested by Sharon & Tom Haggerty

**Tuesday November 30**

**8am ~ Danny Britt and Blanche Godek** requested by the Bedard family  
**Richard Cote** requested by the 8 O'clockers

**Wednesday December 1**

**8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday December 2**

**8am ~ The Cloutier Family** requested by the Orlep family

**Friday December 3**

**8am ~ The McKenzie & Wisnewski Families** requested by their family  
**Frank Maglio, Jr.**, requested by the Bedard family

**Saturday December 4**

**8am ~ Thomas Straughan** requested by David & Maureen Groff  
**4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Sunday December 5**

**8am ~ Linda Bousquet**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her sister Patty Kennedy  
**10:30am ~ Julia Lawlor**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday, November 28**

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

**Monday, November 29**

Teaching on St. Joseph, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

**Tuesday, November 30**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Lighting of the Creche, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 1**

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, 1:00-2:30 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, December 2**

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

**Friday, December 3**

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

**Saturday, December 4**

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



“Strengthen your hearts in holiness.” Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have entered the Season of Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year. Every year, we walk through the mysteries of Jesus' life. Advent is the time of waiting, like the ancient Israelites, for the coming of the Lord. With great joy, we celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas, punctuated by the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day), Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. After a short jaunt into Ordinary Time (more on that below), we enter Lent, a time of penance and fasting and prayer, to prepare ourselves for the Easter Mysteries. At the end of Lent, we have the Triduum – the three days – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, leading us into the 50 days of the Easter Season. These mysteries of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection draw us into the heart of the person of Christ Himself. We remember these each year so that we can always be

mindful of the great and saving grace pour out from God to us, that we may be with Him forever in heaven. Easter concludes with the celebration of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

We then enter Ordinary Time. These 34 weeks are not simply "ho-hum, blah, ordinary time." Rather, ordinary in this context means "ordered time" – that we have a method by which we walk in these 34 weeks following the life of Christ. We walk with the Gospel writers into the Mystery of who Jesus is. We have 33 weeks, remembering the 33 years Jesus spent in His earthly life, and then we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King (last weekend), and have this 34<sup>th</sup> week celebrating Jesus in eternity.

As we enter this new liturgical year, we begin focusing on another Gospel. Last year, our Sunday lectionary readings were mostly from the Gospel of Mark (and, at times, from John). This year is "Year C," and we will be reading through the Gospel of Luke. Luke has many stories that are not in the other Gospels: the pre-birth and birth stories of Jesus, as well as the Presentation in the Temple; the parable of the Good Samaritan; the story of Martha and Mary; the parables of the Prodigal Son, the Rich Man and Lazarus, and the Pharisee and the Tax Collector; the story of Zacchaeus, and many more. At the Cross, Luke tells us that Jesus forgave those who killed Him, He welcomed the repentant thief into Paradise, and commended His spirit into His Father's hands. After the resurrection, we hear about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. St. Luke also focused on the role of women in the Church. Enter into the Gospel of Luke this year!

As always, at the beginning of Advent, we are invited to remember the end of the world and to be reminded to "Be vigilant at all times and pray..." (Luke 21:36). We are invited to enter into a time of preparation. We never know when our end will come, when we will come before the judgment seat of God. Therefore, the Church wants to remind us that we are to prepare ourselves. And what strength we need during these trying times! God invites us to surrender to Him, even when inflation is skyrocketing, even when we still have COVID floating around, even when our core morals and Faith are denigrated and mocked by the world. We can trust our God to provide for all our needs... if we entrust ourselves into His hands.

May our Advent be a time of preparing our hearts for the Lord.

## Monday Night Teachings on St. Joseph

Join Fr. Von in reading through Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation on St. Joseph, *Redemptoris Custos*. Monday night: **November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM** in the youth room at the school



Mother Teresa was asked, "What will save America?" She responded, "HOLY HOURS WILL SAVE AMERICA!" When we spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, things change. Here at St. Patrick Church, Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and 2:00-8:00 PM. Won't you consider giving just one hour of your time each week to Our Lord, to help save America? Please make this commitment today by contacting Kathleen Garon at [kgaron11@comcast.net](mailto:kgaron11@comcast.net) or call the Parish Office to sign up for the hour most convenient for you. You will be glad you did!

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information, or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Do you want to learn how to love your spouse better? Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



Join us in our Tradition of the **Lighting of the Creche on Tuesday, November 30<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 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. To sign up or get more information, please email Wendy Williams at [garywendy6@comcast.net](mailto:garywendy6@comcast.net)

## HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Join us for the first Tuesday of the month, **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 635-3525) if you have any questions.

## ULTREYA

Come! Join us for Ultreya for all who have made Cursillo, **Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Parish Center at St. Matthew's Church in Windham, NH**. We will meet at 7:00-8:30 PM. It will include, Song, Fourth Day Speaker and Group Sharing. The theme this month: You Are A Gift. All believers have gifts.

**The Cluster Advent Penance Service is being held on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem, NH.**



## A Family of Faith - November

Our Community Gathering in the month of October was so much fun! To observe families growing in their faith together was truly inspiring.

During the month of November families will talk about the Story of Humanity. My story, your story, the story of every person walking this earth today. If we do not know where we came from and why God made us then we become confused about what our identity is.

Who am I? - You are God's chosen son/daughter  
 What is my purpose? - To know, love, and serve God.

Am I good? - Yes, you are made in the Image and Likeness of God!

To be made in the image and likeness of God means that we have intellect (intelligence) and free will (freedom). God is intelligent and free, and so are we!

As we all know, the fall of man occurred in the Garden of Eden. This resulted in the Original Sin, a break in our relationship with Almighty God. This is why the Sacrament of Baptism is so necessary for our Salvation. It brings us back into the Body of Christ and we are made new.

At the end of the month we will spend time making preparations for the Season of Advent as a community. Advent is always such a beautiful time so let us begin to plan now for the coming of the Lord. How will you make room for Him during the Advent Season?

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. 5 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### Dec. 12 Retired Religious

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

### Dec. 19 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

### Dec. 26 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.



**Christmas  
Craft  
Fair**

St. Patrick Parish is hosting its annual Christmas Craft Fair in our Parish Center. We have many local crafters who amaze us every year! We will also have food, a Home Made Baked Goods Table, and raffles. Please join us on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and get great gifts for your holiday shopping.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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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  
2:00-8:00pm

For more information, or to sign up for Wednesday Adoration, contact Kathleen Garon at 978-482-5380

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