



Saturday November 4

4pm ~ Helen Taylor, 14th Anniversary, In Honor of St. Joseph requested by the Taylor family
Florence & Louise Jacques, Wedding Anniversary, requested by their son

Sunday November 5

8am ~ Emmett L. Beane, Jr., 13th Anniversary, requested by his wife Jane
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday November 6

8am ~ George & Theresa Straughan requested by Doug & Laura Masson
Dr. Judith O'Neil requested by a friend

Tuesday November 7

8am ~ Michael Cannon, 8th Anniversary, requested by his wife Connie

Wednesday November 8

8am ~ Tom Bradley, 1st Anniversary, requested by Paddy Culbert
Joseph Ferreira, 5th Anniversary, requested by his wife Molly & family

Thursday November 9

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Friday November 10

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday November 11

4pm ~ Michael Medeiros, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Christine Simmons and Josh & Chris Medeiros

Sunday November 12

8am ~ Alexander & Alma Boisvert and Michelle Lemieux Kanan, 1st Anniversary requested by their families
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Emmett L. Beane, Jr., 13th Anniversary,** by his wife Jane



Sunday, November 5

Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 AM, in the parish center
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, November 6

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school
 Grades 5-12 Confirmation Class, 6:00 PM in the school
 Teaching Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, November 7

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, November 8

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 9

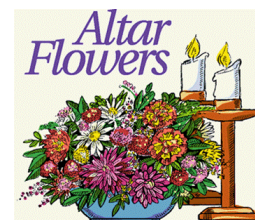
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, November 10

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Saturday, November 11

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center
 Grade 3 Confirmation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Emmett L. Beane, Jr., 13th Anniversary,** by his wife Jane



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue, today, looking at the introductory rites of the Mass. When the procession reaches the Sanctuary, they all greet the altar with a bow (unless the Tabernacle is in the Sanctuary, then it is greeted with a genuflection). It might look like we're bowing to the Crucifix in the Sanctuary, but that's not the case. Why bow to the altar? "The altar is the primary sign of the presence of Christ, who is the altar and the sacrifice, the giver of the gift" (*The Mass Explained* Msgr. James P. Moroney, p. 53). The priests and deacons then go up and venerate the altar with a kiss for the same reason. It is a sign of veneration, affection and greeting to Christ, who is both priest and victim at the Mass – the one who offers the sacrifice and the sacrifice offered.

The priest then goes to the chair. In a regular Mass, there are three points of focus – the chair, the ambo (where the readings are proclaimed), and the altar. From the chair, the priest gathers our prayers into one, lifting them to the Father. He begins the Mass with the sign of the Cross and saying, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" and all reply, "Amen." As I mentioned a couple weeks ago (in reference to the Holy Water), we consecrate this time to God, saying all that we do here is being done in the name of the God who is Trinity: I'm entering into this time of relationship with Him. Fr. Romano Guardini, wrote:

When we cross ourselves, let it be with a real Sign of the Cross. Instead of a small, cramped gesture that gives no notion of its meaning, let us make a large, unhurried sign, from forehead to breast, from shoulder to shoulder, consciously feeling how it includes the whole of us, our thoughts, our attitudes, our body and soul, every part of us all at once, how it consecrates and sanctifies us. (*Sacred Signs* 1927)

Now that we have placed ourselves in the hands of our God who is Trinity, the priest then greets us, "The Lord be with you" (or one of a couple of other possible greetings), and everyone replies, "And with your spirit." This is a biblical greeting, not one the priest is making up on his own. These greetings are found in Ruth (2:4), and is similar to the greeting to Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1:28), as well as II Corinthians 13:13, Ephesians 1:2, and Galatians 1:3.

I remember when we were preparing for the change in the translation of the Mass (in 2011), there were people frustrated by this change from, "And also with you" to "And with your spirit." They argued that we were going from greeting the whole priest ("you") to only a part of him (his "spirit"). But here, the biblical history is important, because words mean something. The "spirit" that is referred to here is reminiscent of the spirit of Moses that the LORD took and sent upon the seventy elders who were going to help him in his ministry (Numbers 11:16-17). This is a prefiguring of what Jesus would do as He sent out seventy disciples ahead of him with his authority. This prefigures the Christian priesthood. When we say, "And with your spirit," it is not "Fr. Von's spirit" that we're greeting, but rather the spirit of priesthood passed on from Jesus to the seventy, and then from the bishops to the priests in ordination. This is the spirit that allows the priest to celebrate Mass.

Wow... we're only at the opening greeting! It is important for us to see how each detail of the Mass is not random, but has purpose and meaning. Hopefully as we continue through the Mass, it will help us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love for us.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Each year, Fr. Von has invited you to consecrate or re-consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary on the Immaculate Conception, using Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC's *33 Days to Morning Glory*. This year, the 33-day preparation period begins Sunday, November 5th, 33 days to Morning Glory and will Culminate on Friday, December 8th.



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 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

The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service is **Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM** held at the Congregational Church. All are welcome to attend.

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Terrence Spaeth. We extend our sympathy to his family.

VOCATION

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

-The Blanchette Family-

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Now is the time to nominate other members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations forms are available in the front entrance of the Church. Please use a separate nomination form for each name submitted. Please submit your nomination by **Thursday, November 16th.**



Knights of Columbus Council 6902 is proud to once again have the Turkey Cheer!! It will be held Saturday, November 18th in the Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Raffles to start at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$15 for adults and \$13 for children under 12. There is a 275-ticket limit and will be a first come first serve basis. The raffles will be held like a penny sale. Purchased tickets are placed into a container that represents each prize. A winner will be selected for each prize. There will be lots of prizes to choose from. We are excited and looking forward to seeing you all!! We will be selling tickets after Masses and in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Brewster at 603-508-0129 or Chuck Curtis at 603-404-8623.

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



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 young children. Parents are primarily 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

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 10/29/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,315
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,871
Total Offertory	\$7,186

Maintenance	\$1,817
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Total Collected	\$9,003
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Thank you for your continue support
 ~Fr. Von~



**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Nov. 12 Utility

This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Nov. 19 Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports programs and services for persons with low income, both in NH and around the U.S. Grants support programs that address community problems, increasing educational opportunities, and the creation of jobs. A portion of this collection also supports Black and Indian missions in the U. S.

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

Coffee and Donuts and Children's Crafts will be hosted by **Praise Band** this weekend. Please come and join us.

Fr. Von will have a **Teaching Mass** in the Church on Monday, November 6th, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

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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.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or 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 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 eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org