



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
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday November 30

8am ~ Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Genereux requested by their daughters Georgette & Andrea
Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Tuesday December 1

8am ~ Phillip John Cieszynski, 21st Anniversary, requested by his family

Wednesday December 2

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday December 3

8am ~ In Honor of St. Joseph
Rev. Robert J. Densmore

Friday December 4

8am ~ Linda Bousquet, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Patty Kennedy

Saturday December 5

8am ~ Women of Mary
4pm ~ Charles Hudson, 9th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Sunday December 6

8am ~ William Sandall, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his family
10:30am ~ Julia Lawlor, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, November 29

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

Tuesday, December 1

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 2

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, December 3

Blood Drive, 11:00 AM, in the parish center

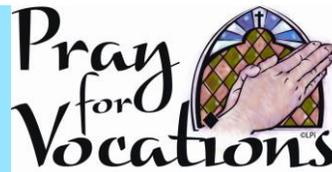
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Friday, December 4

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

VOCATIONS

"We are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



Please help us spread the word about a new **Seminarian Pin/Sticker Fundraiser**. As you know, the cost of educating and forming our seminarians is over \$500,000 a year, or about \$100 per seminarian per day. For more information, on the fundraiser or to provide a donation, visit www.catholicnh.org and click on the "Support Seminarians" link on the lower part of the home page. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all young people of our diocese that they be open to their vocation!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent is here. Advent is a time of waiting.

For century upon century, the people of Israel awaited a Savior. Their faith taught them that though they had sinned and departed from God (see Genesis 3 – the Fall of Adam and Eve), God had promised to bring His people back to Himself. Just after the Fall, God said to the serpent, **“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel”** (Genesis 3:15). The story of

Israel is the story of God preparing His people for the coming of the Savior.

Waiting.

We hate to wait for anything. With the coming of online shopping, movie streaming, and immediate contact with people through our electronic devices, we have become terrible at waiting! The people of Israel had to wait for generations. Then Jesus came, the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament! Many did not recognize Him, and many never knew Him while He lived on this earth, but He came and transformed the universe!

Every year, we remember this waiting of Israel (and all of humanity), and enter into our own waiting – waiting for Christ to come again in glory. The Gospel for this weekend speaks about how we are to wait:

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come....Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’ (Mark 13:33, 35-37)

Our waiting is not like waiting for a dentist appointment, as we sit, bored, distracted by our electronic devices. No, the waiting of Advent is active waiting – *preparing!* This is a time when we prepare our hearts and our souls for when we will see Jesus face to face. Throughout Advent, most of us prepare for Christmas. We send out Christmas cards, make cookies, decorate the house and the tree, shop, wrap Christmas gifts, etc.. Even more so do we need to prepare our souls for Christ.

What does this look like? One way is to examine our lives, asking if we’re where we would like to be in our walk with Jesus: Am I truly a disciple? Am I a fan (someone who likes Jesus as someone “over there”) or a follower (someone who conforms my life to Jesus, getting closer to Him)? From these questions, we can decide what the first step we need to take is to grow closer to Jesus.

Another way of preparing ourselves is by an examination of conscience: What are my areas of weakness? How have I sinned against God, my neighbor, the world and myself? Advent is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to allow Jesus to wash us clean of our sins and bring us deep healing. Remember, we believe it is Jesus Himself acting the Sacraments, as the priest acts *in persona Christi capatis* (in the person of Christ the head). This means Reconciliation is an encounter with the living Christ! We have plenty of opportunities for Confession in Advent. In addition to Saturday afternoon (3:00-3:45), there Advent offers opportunities for Confession before the Sunday Masses (7:30-7:45am, 10:00-10:15am, 5:30-5:45pm); every Wednesday in Advent, Confession will be available at 7:00pm; we also have our Advent Cluster Penance Service on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Church in Salem.

I encourage you to take this Advent to prepare yourselves for the coming of the Lord. HE is near, and desires for us to draw near to Him!



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.

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

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve - December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

Christmas Day - December 25th

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass 11:00 AM

Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office.

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.

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.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, December 4th, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, December 5th, at 8:00 AM.

St. Gianna's Place is looking to fill part time positions of Resident Assistant. Hours are from 3-11 PM, or 11PM-7AM, weekdays or weekends. Salary is \$10/hour. Candidate should: be a committed Catholic woman – at least 30 years of age; exhibit strong commitment and dedication to the pro-life position; agree with and be willing to uphold the Oath of fidelity to the Magisterium of the Holy Roman Catholic Church; and possess a high school diploma or higher. Candidate should also have experience with one or more of the following: Trauma-informed care, Young adults aged 18-25, Pregnancy care, individuals who have experienced domestic violence, trafficking, emotional or sexual abuse or other trauma. Please send cover letter and resume to: Director@StGiannasPlace.org.

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

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instruct the Uninformed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Counsel the doubtful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admonish sinners
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfort the sorrowful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bear wrongs patiently
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forgive Offenses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feed the hungry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clothe the naked
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give drink to the thirsty
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelter the homeless
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfort the imprisoned
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit the sick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bury the dead

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Thanksgiving. The money will be in next weekend's bulletin.

**SECOND ENVELOPMENTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

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.

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.


Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: Alexis Paige Burnett, Collin Gerald Costa, Reese Janice Couillard, Amelia Marie Rainha, Charles Michael Richard, Isaac Joseph Rodriguez, Aria Marie Swansen and Thomas James Thistle. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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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.

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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