

**CONFIRMATION REMINDERS**

**Finishing Touch Classes:** Candidates may sign-up for these classes as soon as they know which ones they would like to attend. Certain classes have limited space and fill up quickly. Please check the Parish Website for an updated class schedule to see if there are any classes that may be closed. To sign-up, please e-mail Dawn Pavlini at [confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com](mailto:confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com)

**Nuts and Bolts:** Candidates are reminded that 10 points are required in this category for each year of the Confirmation program.

**Service Hour Opportunities:** Candidates are reminded that 5 service hours within the parish are required for each year of Confirmation. Please check the bulletin or the Parish website for updates.

**Confirmation I:** Mandatory meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, has been changed to Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the K of C Hall.

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

Mandatory Parent Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Church. At least one parent of the child preparing for the sacrament **MUST** attend. Workbooks will be passed out at this meeting as well as course expectations. Please mark your calendars.

**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY**

I hate to mention this word but, as we move toward Winter, I want to remind you that if there is a delayed opening or school cancellation the morning mass is also cancelled. If it is not safe for the school buses then it is not safe for you. Any mass intention will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

On this Wednesday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at **10:00 AM** till **Noon**. At **11:00 AM** we pray the Rosary for all those on our St. Patrick Prayer List & add to our list at this time. At **11:45 AM** we pray the Divine Chaplet. Please stop in and say hello.

**MEN'S GROUP**

The Men's Group meeting was postponed to next Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 AM in the parish center.

**The Alpha Course  
St. Patrick's Church**

The program will begin January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Please register at [Alpha@stpatricks-pelham.com](mailto:Alpha@stpatricks-pelham.com), or  
call the office 635-3525

Begins at 6:15pm **Dinner will be served at 6:30**  
For more information: Call Mike or Ann Kater 603-893-9458

**What is Alpha?**

Alpha is a ten-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith for our lives today. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity with loads of opportunity for discussion. The style of Alpha is informal, friendly, and non-pressured.

**Alpha is enjoyed and appreciated as much by those who have never set foot in a church as it is by those who once attended and by the regular churchgoer.**

No matter what their background, whether investigating Christianity for the first time, revisiting their faith, or active in their church, participants get a lot out of an Alpha Course.

Each week people meet together for a meal, a talk on topics such as "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I be Sure of My Faith?", and "Does God Still Heal Today?" followed by small group interaction. There is a day retreat midway through the course, which focuses on the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

There are over 5000 Alpha courses running the US and about 1,000,000 people in America and Canada have already participated. Thousands of Alpha courses are now running in many countries and it has been translated into many different languages.

Church leaders report the astonishing impact the course has on non-churchgoers and existing Christians in their areas. And it's spreading fast to many secular locations – prisons, university campuses, businesses and schools.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

On Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM there will be a short but important meeting to review with all the Eucharistic Ministers the new procedures about ministering at the Altar. All Ministers currently on the active and inactive list are asked to attend.

At the same time if anyone is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister they are invited to this meeting to start the application process.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dec. 28 & Jan 4	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 294	\$ 3,630
Loose	\$ 2,509
Envelopes 334	\$ 5,471
Loose	\$ 1,970
<b>Sub-Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 13,580</b>
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 12,800
<b>Parish Deficit (YTD)</b>	<b>\$ 25,043</b>
Religious Education	\$ 1,598
New Year's Day	\$ 1,200
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,731
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,855</b>

### MARK THIS DATE



#### Wednesday, January 14

Bible Study, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

RCIA, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

#### Thursday, January 15

Blood Drive, 3:00 PM, in the parish center

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Bible Study, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

#### Friday, January 16

Alpha, 6:15 PM, in the K of C Hall

#### Saturday, January 17

Men's Group, 7:30 AM, in the parish center

**THANK YOU!!!**

On behalf of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who so generously helped again this year to bring Christmas joy to our local children. Your generous spirit is deeply appreciated and thank you very much.

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**In memory of**

**by**

Yvette Groulx

Dennis & Irene Groulx

Marie & Joseph Hickey

Jean & Bob White

Phillip John Cieszynski, the

Kelly & Cieszynski families    The Cieszynski Family

Richard "Rick" Patenaude Jr.    Mr. & Mrs. Russell

Wood & Family

### A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that Christmas and New Year have come and gone, the tinsel and garland have been put away and we are beginning the winter blahs.

At the same time I wish to explain some of the small changes that I am making. First I am starting the procession from the front of the church to allow the music ministry to sing there full entrance song. Secondly, I have bought back the bells as a reminder for us to focus on the actions at the Altar. Thirdly, I am soon to institute Altar Server robes to resolve dress code problems between parent and child.

This week I will be away for a couple of days and regretfully, because I am unable to find a priest, there will be no mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Daily masses at St. Joseph in Salem are Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:15 AM and Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem the masses are Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 AM, and at St. Kathryn in Hudson the masses are Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:00 PM and Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM. These options are available for those who wish to attend daily mass.

Enclosed in the bulletin this weekend is an insert from the Diocese about next week's Seminarian collection. Right now we have ten candidates in the process of formation and the possibility of another ten students entering formation next year. Your prayers and support is deeply appreciated.

Take care

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### PARISH OFFICE NEW HOURS

St. Patrick Parish New Office Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.

*JANUARY 11, 2009*

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## **RCIA Prayer Support Program**

The parish is starting its prayer partner program for the RCIA candidates. We ask you to be a visible sign with prayer of the parish's support for our candidates.

As a prayer partner you will be asked to do the following:

- Encourage your candidate by writing messages regularly.
- Show a general interest in your candidate's spiritual growth.

The focus of the program is intended to be supportive in there journey of personal faith formation. This opportunity provides a more personal support of the candidates.

If you believe this is something you would like to do, please contact John or Paulette Jacobs 603-835-3908, email [vze3hvdj@verizon.net](mailto:vze3hvdj@verizon.net).

Thank you for your support

The RCIA team

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

St. Patrick's Health Care Ministry wants to welcome anyone interested in the health, wellness, and safety of our parish community. No specific training or credentials or long term commitment are necessary. Life experience is certainly a qualifier. Please call Janice Storch, RN at 898-5117 or e-mail [ljstorch@verizon.net](mailto:ljstorch@verizon.net). The weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Blood Pressure Clinic.

#### **Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**JANUARY 11, 2009**



*After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17*

**Monday January 12**

8:00 AM William Purtell Sr. requested by  
Madeline Venne

**Tuesday January 13**

8:00 AM No Mass

**Wednesday January 14**

8:00 AM No Mass  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday January 15**

8:00 AM No Mass

**Friday January 16**

8:00 AM Ronald Green requested by  
Dennis & Connie Hogan

**Saturday January 17**

4:00 PM John Fitzgerald, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his wife & children

**Sunday January 18**

8:00 AM Walter Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his wife June &  
family

9:30 AM Joseph Dias requested by Kevin  
& Karen Martin

11:00 AM Norman M. French Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary, requested by his  
family



This week the second collection will be for **St. Patrick School**. We thank you for your continued support.

Next week the collection will be for **Seminarians**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.