

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The Health Care Ministry will be hosting a Blood Pressure Clinic on the weekend of November 29th & 30th in the chapel after all of the masses. We hope you had a great summer, and look forward to serving some of your health care needs.

**WANTED
KNITTERS & CROCHETERS**

At all the masses **this** weekend, you will notice knitted and crocheted shawls on display in the sanctuary. These are **prayer shawls**, lovingly made by women in the parish and distributed to those who are suffering from illness, recovering from surgery or dealing with loss or tragedies of life. Shawls, symbolically through the ages, have held the meaning of wrapping, enfolding, comforting, giving solace, hugging and sheltering. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is alive and well in our parish but we would welcome more participants. The process is a simple one as is the pattern. Either in groups or when home alone, ministry members knit or crochet a prayer shawl, praying as you cast on and throughout the making of the shawl for the healing and comfort of the person who will receive it. At various intervals during the year Fr. Paul will bless the shawls and those who have made them. Complete kits are available with a history of how this ministry was started, how to participate, the pattern used for the shawl, and corresponding instructions for both knitting and crocheting. If you possess this skill, the prayer shawl ministry would certainly welcome you! If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a shawl, please call the contact persons listed below with the name of the person you would like to receive one. (Therese Soucy at the rectory office 635-3525; Virginia Fichera at 635-7440 or Paulette Jacob at 635-3908).

BLANKETS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

This year **new blankets** for the Christ Child will be collected in the chapel. These blankets will be delivered to area shelters. Please bring your blankets in by Monday, December 15th. We thank you for helping to keep all of our brothers and sisters warm for the winter.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

St. Patrick's Women's Guild is sponsoring a trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette on Dec. 4, 2008. **Cost is \$35** for bus and donation fee to LaSalette. Food and other purchases are extra. **Departure time** from St. Patrick parking lot is **1 PM** and **leaving LaSalette at 8:30 PM.**

Here are some of the events that you can attend while you are there...Christmas Concert with Fr. Pat - 3:00 & 7:00 PM; Display of Nativity Sets - 4:00-8:30 PM; Gift Shop - 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Mass - 5:30 PM; Cafeteria - 4:00 - 9:00 PM; Christmas Trolley - \$3 per ticket purchased at bakery booth. Please send a check for \$35 made out to St. Patrick Women's Guild, 12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076 by Nov. 21st. Space is limited to 55 people.

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.

THE NEW GREELEY SINGERS

The New Greeley Singers have been rehearsing on Sunday evenings from 6-8 PM, at the First Congregational Church, on Main Street in Pelham, NH. Members come from Pelham, Dracut, Lawrence, Lowell, Salem and Nashua. They will be appearing as guests of the Merrimack Flute Choir during the downtown Nashua Stroll on Sat., November 29th. The Annual Holiday concert is at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 7th, in the church where the chorus rehearses. Once again there will not be an admission fee. Donations will be accepted and a portion will go to the Pelham Food Pantry. Plans for the months ahead include singing in the newly renovated Sherburne Hall, a Cabaret fundraiser, and the annual spring concert in May. New singers will be accepted in January as the chorus begins preparations for the Spring concert. For information please leave a message at 603-635-7438.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week the second collection will be for **Human Development**. Next week the collection will be for **Religious Education**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

CHRIST THE KING

| Nov. 16, 2008 | OFFERTORY |
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| Envelopes 299 | \$ 3,632 |
| Loose | \$ 1,830 |
| Sub-Total Offertory | \$ 5,462 |
| Weekly Offertory Goal | \$ 6,400 |
| Parish Deficit (YTD) | \$19,789 |
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| Fuel | \$ 2,199 |
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| Tithing | \$ 1,109 |
| Weekly Totals | \$ 746 |
| Total to date | \$ 1,855 |

CATHOLIC CHARITIES REPORT

Your Parish Total 2008 Appeal

Cash received \$12,970.00 \$2,543,187.88
Balance Due on Pledges \$ 425.00 \$ 183,647.25
Total as of 10/31/08 \$13,395.00 \$2,726,835.13

of Donors Participating – 113

Your parish's 2008 Goal: \$26,500

A reminder that the Parish Office is closed on Wednesday, November 26th, at 12:00 Noon and closed on Friday, November 28th.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 26

Bible Study, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer
Knights of Columbus Officers, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Ecumenical Prayer Service, 7:00 PM, at the Congregational Church

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Mass, 9:00 AM, in the church
AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!!!!

The Pelham Food Pantry would like to thank the Boy Scouts for their annual food drive. They slept out in front of St. Patrick School a weekend in November and collected food and money for the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry would like to thank all the parishioners who donated for this Thanksgiving and for donating all year long.

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are in November already and the thoughts of Thanksgiving and Advent are just around the corner. I would like to touch on each of these topics. For Thanksgiving there will be an **Ecumenical Prayer Service** on Thanksgiving Eve at the First Congregational Church at 7:00 PM. On Thanksgiving morning, we will have mass at 9:00 AM to celebrate God Blessings for our families and friends.

For the season of Advent we will have two prayer aids to help our preparation for the Birth of the Christ Child at Christmas. One which you are familiar with is the **Blue Book** for Advent. This year I would like to add the **Welcome Yule** bulletin insert which will have opportunities for family prayer and activity during each week of the Advent and Christmas season. Also the Advent cluster penance service will be Wednesday night, December 10th, at 7:00 PM at St. Matthew's in Windham. Also for the Advent season the Tuesday evening mass at 6:30 PM will return.

Calling all Shepherds, Angels and Townpeople I am looking for parish children from Kindergarten to grade 2 to assist in the parish family mass and pageant on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 PM Mass. If your child is interested please come to the first rehearsal on Saturday, November 29th, at 10:00 AM. For further information please contact Fr. Paul.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual citrus fruit drive. We will be in the K of C Hall after all the masses. You can order all oranges, all red grapefruit or mixed. The price is 20 lbs for \$20.00. The order will be in before Christmas. You can order from any brother knight or call Frank Maglio Jr. at 635-2251.

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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

On **Wednesdays** we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:30 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”.

ST. PATRICK PRAYER LINE

We have an on going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going thru difficulties, loss of loved ones, or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail David Meltzer at meltzerd@aol.com or call Rosemary Dole at 635-2486.

RCIA

RCIA is a process through which adults are introduced to, learn about, and are welcomed into the Church. RCIA is going to be held on Wednesday night in the meeting room at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or, if you've received some sacraments, but have not been confirmed, or, if you're simply interested in learning more about your Catholic faith, please come join us. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Claire Ross at rcia@stpatricks-pelham.com or call 603-893-7353.

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2008

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor
15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk
21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1
Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'"

- Mt. 25:34-36

Monday November 24

8:00 AM Intentions of the parishioners

Tuesday November 25

8:00 AM Jeannette Lemieux requested by
Dennis & Irene Groulx

Wednesday November 26

8:00 AM Arthur Kerrigan requested by
Dennis & Irene Groulx

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

7:00 PM Ecumenical Prayer Service at the
First Congregational Church

Thursday November 27

9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass

Friday November 28

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday November 29

4:00 PM Noella & Bourgeois Family
requested by Albert P. Bourgeois

Sunday November 30

8:00 AM George & Theresa Muldoon
requested by Mr. & Mrs.
Kenneth Clark

9:30 AM Armand Groulx requested by
Dennis & Irene Groulx

11:00 AM Beatrice Ladouceur requested by
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Carle

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