

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

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

Reconciliation: Candidates are required to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation once during each year of the Confirmation program. A perfect opportunity to fulfill this requirement would be to attend the upcoming Reconciliation Service on December 10th at St. Matthew's in Windham.

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.

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.

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.

“ALPHA IS COMING”

The first A in Alpha was for Anyone can come.

The last A in Alpha is for Ask any question.

During Alpha after a wonderful meal, we watch a video.

After the video there is a small group discussion where you can Ask any question. So what are the video topics?

Look in next weeks bulletin.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Monday morning at 8:00 AM, School Mass is at 10:00 AM and the evening Mass is at 7:00 PM. There will be no vigil on Sunday evening.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

This weekend we welcome Sister Rachel Jette, a Sister of Holy Cross, who will be speaking to us about next week's appeal for the Retired Religious Brothers and Sisters. This collection was established a number of years ago to assist elderly Brothers, Sisters and Priests of the Religious Community. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR

is sponsoring the Christmas Gift Program again this year. The tags are on the wall downstairs in the Church. Please take a tag, purchase a gift and bring the gift – **unwrapped** back to the Church and drop it off in the chapel. Please tape the tag to the gift. Deadline is Sunday, December 14th. Thank you so much.

ST. PATRICK'S MEN'S GROUP

St. Patrick's Men's Group will be meeting in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 13th, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM for breakfast and fellowship. If any man or young man is interested in attending/joining the Men's Group, please come and join us for breakfast. All men are welcome!

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

St. Patrick School PTO is once again selling the popular Holiday Calendar. For \$10 the recipient has the chance to win cash or prizes every day in January. Once you win your name goes back into the basket so you can win again and again!!

These make great gifts, stocking stuffers, last minute gifts, or the perfect gift for that person who has EVERYTHING.

They will be on sale after all the Masses until Dec. 21st in the Sacristy. All proceeds benefit the students and teachers of St. Patrick School.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov. 23 & 30, 2008	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 303	\$ 3,430
Loose	\$ 1,137
Envelopes 279	\$ 3,454
Loose	\$ 1,717
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 10,442
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 12,800
Parish Deficit (YTD)	\$ 21,931
Human Development	\$ 1,732
Religious Education	\$ 1,711
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
Total to date	\$ 1,855



Wednesday, December 10

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
 Baptism Sewing Group, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, December 11

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
 Bible Study, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Saturday, December 13

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



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Eleanor Barbara Chadwick, Jacob William Chafe, Brody Keith Croteau, Gavin Matthew Drouin, Casey Joseph Lindsey, Sebastien Martin Masse, Dylan Timothy Newcomb, Kate Alexandra Richardson, Ella Rose Simoneau, Grace Elizabeth Soucy and Aiden Stephen Turgeon.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

The Rectory Office is closed Thursday, December 11th.

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

The initial response for the Christmas pageant was good, however we still need a number of Angels, Shepherds, Townspeople, Kings and Joseph for our pageant. Rehearsals are Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.

Then to assist the musical celebration of Christmas we are looking to form a couple of children's choirs. The first would be at the 4:00 PM family pageant Mass and this group could be young people from grades 3-6. There rehearsals are Saturday morning at 9:00 AM downstairs in the Church. For our 7:00 PM Mass we are looking for junior high and high school students to form this choir. There rehearsals will be with the regular choir on Thursday nights between 7:30 and 9:00 PM.

A reminder that the Advent Penance Service is Wednesday, December 10th, 7:00 PM. At this time there will be 5 Priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What greater gift we can give to the Christ Child than our heart's open to the power of His Love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Just a quick reminder that the Tuesday evening Mass is at 6:30 PM and that the tags are due on December 14th for the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund. Thanks for all that you do.

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SISTERS OF MERCY

On Saturday and Sunday, December 27th & 28th the Sisters of Mercy will be selling raffle tickets on a Quilt they made. The Quilt is Queen Size. The money they collect will be sent to benefit the Women of Plaisance, Haiti. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10.00.

The deadline for Christmas Memorials is on Monday, December 15th.

DECEMBER 9, 2008

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 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.

Thank you for your support
The RCIA team

THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee is asking for your financial support so that we will be able to help individuals and families during Christmas with food, clothing and toys for the children. There are so many families in Pelham who are going to need our help this year because of the tough economic times which has resulted in loss of jobs along with the high cost of food and energy. We are asking individuals, families, businesses, organizations, schools, civic and church groups to be as generous as possible. **We are in desperate need of people who would like to sponsor a child or family for Christmas or if you need help during the holidays, please call one of the people listed below. Please call ASAP. Your call will be handled in strict confidence.**

Jean Robarge 635-3363

Susan Tisbert 882-0213

Bonnie Ward 635-8537

Gerty Sousa 401-4065

Nancy Vachon 635-3040

Volunteers will be accepting donations of food and money on Saturday and Sunday, December 6th & 7th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Pelham Plaza in front of Hannaford Supermarket. If you would like to make a credit card donation on line, please visit our website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org If you would like to make a donation of a turkey or other food items, please call Jim Roche at 893-1713 or Frank Sullivan at 421-9111. The committee also uses the money collected to provide assistance 52 weeks a year for food, heating oil, electricity, rent and other household expenses.



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6

Monday December 8

- 8:00 AM Germaine Lafortune, 6th Anniversary, requested by her family
- 10:00 AM School Mass
- 7:00 PM All Souls Intentions

Tuesday December 9

- 8:00 AM Gordon Clark Sr. requested by his family
- 6:30 PM Terence Pavlini, 6th Anniversary, requested by his daughter Dawn Pavlini

Wednesday December 10

- 8:00 AM Robert Martineau requested by Caroline Zannoni
- 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday December 11

- 8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

Friday December 12

- 8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday December 13

- 4:00 PM Etta, Joseph & Robert Sr. Haverty requested by their family

Sunday December 14

- 8:00 AM Robert Dexter, 8th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
- 9:30 AM Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois
- 11:00 AM Laura Mulligan Heyler, 3rd Anniversary, requested by her family



This week the second collection will be for **Capital Improvement**. Next week the collection will be for **Retired Religious**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.