

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM and on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. We are in need of **Everything**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671. In case of inclement weather or if there is no school the Food Pantry will open the following Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

**HEALTHCARE MINISTRY**

A Reminder from Your Healthcare Ministry

**December is Hand Washing Awareness Month.**

Hopefully, you had a chance to practice good hand hygiene at the Health Fair last weekend. If not, here are a few reminders:

- Wet hands with running water and apply soap. Lather well.
- Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Get all surfaces, including backs of your hands, wrists and between your fingers. Do under your nails.
- Dry hands with a clean or disposable towel or air dry. Use towel to turn off the faucet.

Hand sanitizer is an excellent choice if you don't have access to soap and water. For more information, see [www.mayoclinic.com/health/hand-washing](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/hand-washing).

**This weekend the Blood Pressure Clinic will be held in the chapel after the 4:00 PM, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. There will be no one there after the 11:00 AM Mass.**

The Healthcare Ministry wishes everyone a happy and Healthy Holiday Season. Merry Christmas!!!

**VOCATION**

“All were questioning in their hearts.” Are you considering a vocation as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jason Jalbert (603)669-3100, or write: [jjalbert@rcbm.org](mailto:jjalbert@rcbm.org).

**Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009**

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**“ALPHA IS COMING”**

What's the point of life?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives.

ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed non-threatening setting.

**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](mailto:meltzerd@aol.com) or call Rosemary Dole at 6352486.

**RECONCILIATION**

To assist in your spiritual preparation for Christmas the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday evening, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the Church.

**ST. PATRICK'S MEN'S GROUP**

St. Patrick's Men's Group will be meeting in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 6, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 238	\$ 4,318
Loose	\$ 713
<b>Sub-Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,031</b>
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 5,500
<b>Parish Deficit (YTD)</b>	<b>-\$ 69</b>
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,087

### RETIRED RELIGIOUS

**Religious face rising costs.** Data submitted to the national Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection.

### CONFIRMATION

**Finishing Touch Classes:** 5 points is required in this area each year of Confirmation. An updated schedule is on the Parish website. Registration for the classes needs to be completed the Thursday before the class is to begin. Please e-mail Dawn Pavlini at [Confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com](mailto:Confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com)

**Nuts and Bolts:** 10 points is required in this area each year of the Confirmation Program.

**Reconciliation:** Is required once a year for each year of Confirmation. St. Patrick's will have Confessions on December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:30 PM.

**Service Hours:** 15 service hours are required each year of Confirmation (10 hours within the Parish). The next Service Hour Opportunity will take place on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the parish center. This will be cutting fabric to make blankets for Lazarus House. Please e-mail Dawn Pavlini if you are interested in signing up.

## MARK THIS DATE



**Sunday, December 13**

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM, in the school

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**Tuesday, December 15**

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM, in the trailer

**Wednesday, December 16**

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

**Thursday, December 17**

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

**Saturday, December 19**

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

### CHRISTMAS TREES

St. Patrick School will be selling Christmas Trees in front of the school. Wreaths are also available.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for helping to keep all of our brothers and sisters warm for the winter.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**3:30 PM Music Program**

**4:00 PM Children Mass**

**6:15 PM Music Program**

**7:00 PM Mass**

**11:15 PM Music Program**

**12:00 Midnight Mass**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**9:30 AM Mass**

### NEW YEAR EVE

**5:30 PM Mass**

### NEW YEAR DAY

**9:30 AM Mass**

*DECEMBER 13, 2009*

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**THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND  
ANNUAL DRIVE**

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, school, 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 no later than Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** Your call will be handled in strict confidence.

Jean Robarge	(603)635-3363
Gerty Sousa	(603) 401-4065
Nancy Vachon	(603 521-4045
Bonnie Ward	(603) 635-8537

Volunteers will be accepting donations of food and money on Saturday and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Pelham Plaza in front of Hannaford Supermarket. If you would like to make a credit card donation on line, please visit our web site at [www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org](http://www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org). There is also a container for food donations at the food pantry located behind St. Patrick's Church and inside Hannaford Supermarket. If you would like to make a donation of a turkey or other food items, please call Jim Roche at (603) 893-1713 or Frank Sullivan at (603) 204-5299. The committee also uses the money collected during this drive to provide financial assistance 52 weeks a year for food, heating oil, electricity, rent and other household expenses. We need to bring the true meaning of Christmas to our Neighbors In Need in the Town of Pelham.

Please make your check payable to:

**THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND  
P.O. BOX 953  
PELHAM, NH 03076**

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*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16*

**Monday December 14**

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by her sister Noella & Sam

**Tuesday December 15**

8:00 AM Rev. Paul F. Ruzzo

**Wednesday December 16**

8:00 AM For all Souls

**Thursday December 17**

8:00 AM Divine Office, Morning Prayer

**Friday December 18**

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

**Saturday December 19**

4:00 PM Antoinette St. Jean requested by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Colby

**Sunday December 20**

8:00 AM Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois

9:30 AM Robert Hall requested by his family

11:00 AM James Buscema, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family



This week the second collection will be for **Retired Religious**. We thank you for your continued support.

Next week the collection will be for **St. Patrick School**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

The deadline for the Christmas Memorials is Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.