

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 their 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

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.

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.

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 following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in December:

Bonnie Caggianelli
and
Matthew Arseneault

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

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. The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be Dec. 27th & 28th after all Masses in the chapel.

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.

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Parish Office
will close for the
Christmas Holiday on
Tuesday, December 23rd
at 11:00 AM
the office will reopen on
Monday, December 29th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 14, 2008	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 123	\$ 1,993
Loose	\$ 387
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 2,380
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
Parish Deficit (YTD)	\$24,796
Retired Religious	\$ 1,602
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
Total to date	\$ 1,855

The Second Collection for Christmas is for Groundskeeping.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 22

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 25

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

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 AM Mass

NEW YEAR EVE

4:00 PM Mass

NEW YEAR DAY

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

Hopefully we have recovered from last week's storm and everyone has their power back and our lives are returning to normal just in time for Christmas. Hopefully one lesson we have learned from last week is our need to look out for our neighbor and to help them in their time of need.

The Shepherds, Angels, and Townspeople need to be at the Church in the K of C Hall for 2:30 PM on Christmas Eve. The Church will be open at that time for seating for the 4:00 PM Mass.

Thank you for your generous response to the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund Tag Drive. Your response has truly made the difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you again!!!

If perchance your travels take you away from Pelham this Christmas, on behalf of Deacon John, The Rectory Staff, Mr. Dumont, The Faculty of St. Patrick School and Myself we wish you and your loved ones the fullest Blessing of the Christmas Season and may 2009 be a year of Blessings for you and your loved ones.

Merry Christmas!!!

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SONSHINE SOUP KITCHEN

The Sunshine Soup Kitchen in Derry is collecting original Shaw's receipts to redeem in their rewards program. They will receive 1% of all Shaw's receipts they collect. This will not impact St. Pat's Food Pantry because it is a soup kitchen, not a food pantry and St. Pat's doesn't use this program. We have a basket at the main entrance of the church for receipts and will make sure they get to the Soup Kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign up for Altar Flowers for 2009, please contact the rectory office at 635-3525

DECEMBER 21, 2009

ALPHA IS COMING!

Alpha has run in 150+ countries and 62 languages.

There is Hunger for meaning and purpose

-What am I doing of earth?

-What is the point of life?

-Where am I heading?

Jesus said: "I am the way"

Does it matter what we believe?

We want to understand Truth

And experience Truth

Jesus said: "I am the truth"

Come renew; come and learn; now is the season; now is the time.

Alpha will have an introduction evening on **January 16th at 6:30 in the K of C Hall.**

Come with a friend; your spouse; your high school students.

Call the office and register or register on line at St. Patrick's website

www.stpatricks-pelham.com/

Is There More to Life Than This?

REGISTER FOR ALPHA

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2007

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

DECEMBER 21, 2009



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:20-21

Monday December 22

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by Bob & Helen Massicotte

Tuesday December 23

8:00 AM Jacqueline Curran requested by the 8'0 Clockers

Wednesday December 24

4:00 PM Theophile & Roseanne Boule requested by their family

7:00 PM Raymond Jean Sr. requested by his family

12:00 Midnight Pasquale & Anne Ruzzo requested by the family

Thursday December 25

9:30 AM Scot Lesniak requested by his family

Friday December 26

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday December 27

4:00 PM Matthew L. & Matthew J. Janos requested by Joan Janos

Sunday December 28

8:00 AM Connie Edwards, 20th Anniversary, requested by her sisters

9:30 AM The Cashman Family requested by Pat & Sid

11:00 AM Daniel Gionet requested by his family



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