

**CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rivier Retreat:** All forms and fees are due by March 6<sup>th</sup>. You may drop these off at the Rectory or mail them to:

Religious Education Office  
c/o Dawn Pavlini  
12 Main Street  
Pelham, NH 03076

**Confirmation II Mandatory Meeting:** Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the K of C Hall.

**Confirmation I Mandatory Meeting:** Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the K of C Hall.

**Service Hour Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed to help at the Fish Fry during Lent. The Fish Fry will begin on Ash Wednesday and run each Friday during Lent (excluding Good Friday) from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Please e-mail Dawn Pavlini at [confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com](mailto:confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com) by the Wednesday before each week if you are interested in helping at one or more of these.

**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.

**PELHAM'S FARMERS MARKET**

In as much that there is still snow on the ground, summer is really just around the corner which means fresh produce from area farmers. This year we need your help. Anyone interested in helping to organize and help work the market are asked to call St. Patrick parish at 603-635-3525. The market is a lot of fun and brings community spirit. Hope to hear from you.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

This weekend the **Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held in the chapel. All are welcome to come and have their Blood Pressure checked.

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for enrollment for 2009-2010 school year for grades K-8.

**FISH FRIES**

The Annual Fish Fries return beginning Ash Wednesday this year, and then every Friday except Good Friday. Our times and prices have changed and as you remember you got a hearty meal. Prices are adults \$9.00 and seniors & children \$8.00 and hours are from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are ordering take out, please call 635-3829. All take out orders are \$9.00. All are welcome.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

Next Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Lent begins. The Masses on Ash Wednesday are 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Our weekday Masses will be Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM and Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. On Friday evening's there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30 PM.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Each week the 4:00 PM Mass is shown live on channel 22 on Comcast and 5-6 times during the week. We are in need of volunteers to work the cameras during the Mass. If interested, please contact Dennis Hogan through the rectory office at 635-3525. We will provide training.

**FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS**

- Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 10 spots available
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 8 spots available
- Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6 spots available
- Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> closed-full

Forms are due in Religious Education Office no later than **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Workbooks are due **COMPLETED** in the Religious Education Office by **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember to keep Clinton Updyke in your prayers.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Feb. 15, 2009</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>
Envelopes 271	\$ 3,641
Loose	\$ 888
<b>Sub-Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4,529</b>
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
<b>Parish Deficit (YTD)</b>	<b>\$33,720</b>
Fuel	\$ 2,040
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,855</b>

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Your Parish    Total 2008 Appeal**

Cash Received	\$19,350.00	\$2,946,599.10
Balance Due on Pledges	\$ 50.00	\$ 69,132.01
Total as of 1/31/09	\$19,400.00	\$3,015,731.11

# of Donors Participating - 126

**Your Parish's 2008 Goal: \$26,500**

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, February 25**

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer  
 Fish Fry, 4:00 PM, in the parish center  
 RCIA, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room  
 Knights of Columbus Officers, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

**Thursday, February 26**

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

**Friday, February 27**

Fish Fry, 4:00 PM, in the parish center  
 Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 6:30 PM, in the church

**FOCA PETITION**

Next weekend we invite you to join with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Knights of Columbus, and concerned citizens throughout our country to voice your disagreement with the FOCA Act. This act is a challenge against life and the protection of the unborn. Your support of the petition is deeply appreciated.

**A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL**

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25th. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:00 AM Mass and 7:00 PM Mass on Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday the collecting for the support of the Church in Eastern Europe will be taken. To assist us in our Lenten practices you will find at the doors of the Church this weekend the little black books which you are familiar with. Starting the First Sunday in Lent their will also be weekly inserts similar to the one we had during Advent and Christmas. The Operation Rice Bowl will be at the doors of the Church this weekend also.

Our Liturgical schedule for Lent will be Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM, an evening Mass on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30 PM on Friday evening. The Lenten Penance Service will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Salem.

As you may have noticed we are broadcasting the 4:00 PM Mass live on Saturday night on PTV and it will be repeated during the week. I wish to thank Dennis Hogan, the Men's Group, Jeanne Glasheen and Jim Greenwood for their dedicated work bringing this project to completion. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in broadcasting the Mass. Please contact the church office for more information.

With the harsh winter and the challenging economics times our parish offertory has taken a significant hit. Hopefully with the change in the weather we can catch up somewhat from our deficit. It would help if you could make up any envelopes that you missed. Thank you!

Take care

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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.

Thank you for your support

The RCIA team

### **FOOD PANTRY**

The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need of **Coffee, Tea** and **Hot Chocolate**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671. Next weekend is Brown Bag Sunday.

#### **Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009**

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**FEBRUARY 22, 2009**



*Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." - Mk 2:11-12*

**Monday February 23**

8:00 AM Bernard & Thibault Families  
requested by Bernadette

**Tuesday February 24**

8:00 AM Helena Fells requested by Lillian  
Murgia

**Wednesday February 25**

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by Helen  
& Robert Massicotte  
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
7:00 PM Richard Koch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his wife

**Thursday February 26**

8:00 AM John Lawlor Jr. requested by his  
wife & family

**Friday February 27**

8:00 AM Scot Lesniak requested by Mom  
& Dad

**Saturday February 28**

4:00 PM William "Red" Gibson requested  
by Donna Smith

**Sunday March 1**

8:00 AM Albert Descoteaux requested by  
Frank & Rose Lessard  
9:30 AM Yvonne M. Martineau, 45<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary & Henri J. Martineau  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by  
Don & Diane Brunelle  
11:00 AM Scot Lesnaik requested by his  
family

**SECOND COLLECTION**

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