

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

I am writing to invite you personally to my MS Fundraiser on Saturday, April 4th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For the past 13 years, I have grown up in this parish and the Pelham community. Many of you may know me from my brief time as a lector and from being one of the young adults to travel to Honduras in the summer of 2007. The first reason I am holding this fundraiser is because in October of 2008, I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. I was diagnosed after a month of spastic episodes and several trips to the hospital. The second reason I am holding this fundraiser is because I believe in the compassion and faith of this community. I have witnessed it as long as I can remember and it has been an inspiration in my life. I have been a benefactor of the power of prayer in the past few months and I believe every prayer has been answered. I have found that I grow stronger each day and have come to see my illness as a blessing. I have been given an amazing opportunity to help others and make a difference, however, I know that I certainly can't do this alone. I ask you to join me on this incredible journey towards a cure and the day that nobody will ever hear the words "you have MS" again. I hope you are able to join me for this wonderful event and display your compassion as you always have. Whether you are able to come or not, I ask that you keep me and all other MS patients in your prayers and in your hearts as we make this dream a reality. Thank you and God bless! Yours in faith, Daniel Bishop.

Please join us on Saturday, April 4th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a Spaghetti Supper with the Easter Bunny in the Parish Center. Adults are \$6.00, Seniors and Children are \$5.00. There will be photos with the Easter Bunny and raffles. The money raised at this event is going toward MS.



The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need of **Peanut Butter**, **Jelly** and **Fluff**. 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.

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Hour Opportunity

For those candidates interested in volunteering at the St. Patrick's Women Guild Penny Sale during the weekend of April 18th & 19th, please contact Therese Soucy at 635-3525.

There will be an opportunity to assist in preparing straws for Family Fun Day on Sunday, April 5th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Parish Center. If interested, please contact Lynne Lindsay at 635-2085 to sign-up.

EASTER BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA!

Back by popular demand, we are once again conducting our Easter basket campaign. Last year's drive was a huge success, enabling us to deliver 140 baskets to area children who otherwise may not have received baskets at all. We contacted 3 of the shelters we delivered baskets to last year and they were happy and grateful to be included again. This year we will also try to reach local families in need through St Patrick Food Pantry & the Good Neighbor Fund. We will be collecting the baskets Wednesday, April 1st through Wednesday, April 8th with drop-off in the Chapel. Please contact Cheryl at 635-3610 or cdbrunelle@comcast.net for details or if you are interested in donating baskets that are age or gender specific. Thank you for joining us in this fun project.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE

Remember the December 12, 2008 ice storm? How many days were you without power? Never again be without the essentials, water, heat, refrigeration! The Men's Club will be holding a raffle for a Gentron 10,000 Watt Generator w/electric start & transfer switch. Also on the ticket is a 2nd prize of a 22" HD LCD TV and a 3rd prize of a \$100 Home Depot GC. Tickets may be purchased after the masses, at the fish fry's and at the Penny Sale. The drawing will be held on May 2nd at the Spaghetti Supper. Tickets are \$10.00.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

| | Your Parish | Total 2008 Appeal |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Cash Received | \$19,350.00 | \$2,997,222.87 |
| Balance Due on Pledges \$ | 50.00 | \$ 53,797.98 |
| Total as of 2/28/09 | \$19,400.00 | \$3,051,020.85 |
| # of Donors Participating – | 126 | |
| Your Parish's 2008 Goal: | \$26,500 | |



Sunday, March 29

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM

Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, March 31

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, April 1

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, April 2

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

Friday, April 3

Fish Fry, 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Alpha, 6:15 PM, in the K of C Hall

Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 6:30 PM, in the church

SEDER-MEAL

On Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM, as part of our Lenten observances, we are planning a modified Seder Meal, which will show the inter-relationship between the Jewish and Christian traditions. The story of how the Jewish people were freed from being slaves in Egypt will be told. We will relate what Jesus did with His Apostles on Holy Thursday and what the early Church did. Following this service of eating lamb, bitter herbs, parsley and matzah, we will have a potluck supper. Please watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for more information and a contact number to sign up for the Seder Meal and Pot Luck Supper.

4:00 PM MASS BROADCAST

The times that the 4:00 PM Mass is rebroadcast is Sunday 7:00 PM, Monday 1:00 PM, Tuesday 7:00 AM, Wednesday 1:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM, Friday 4:00 AM and 10:00 PM and Saturday 2:00 PM and LIVE at 4:00 PM.

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

I made it through the surgery and made it home last Monday. The Doctor has kept me on a short lease for the time being so my thanks to you the parishioners for your patience and to my brother Priests for their coverage of the weekday Masses. Again a warm welcome to Fr. Jason Jalbert who is covering me this weekend. Hopefully by Tuesday I should be back in the saddle.

Recently a number of parishioners have come up to me with a concern about wheat allergies and with the reception of Holy Communion. We have received special host which are liturgically approved for these parishioners. If you have these allergies please **stop by the sacristy before Mass** so I can make the proper arrangement for you to receive one of these special host.

In the bulletin you will find some information about a modified Seder Meal on the Wednesday of Holy Week. If you wish to attend the Modified Seder Meal and pot luck supper, please call the rectory office to register. This will help us in ordering the food for the Seder Meal and to coordinate the pot luck supper.

Now that spring has sprung and the promise of good weather has arrived, hopefully our offertory will be on the increase. Any help in catching up with missed envelopes would be deeply appreciated.

Take care

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MARION MASS

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, there will be a Marion Mass and breakfast with Bishop McCormack at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Mass is at 8:30 AM. If you are interested in attending this Mass, please contact Therese Soucy during the day at 635-3525 or nights 635-2117. We will gather as a group and carpool up to the Mass. Please respond by April 24th as a count needs to be sent to the Diocese.

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**ST PATRICK SCHOOL
PRE-K PROGRAM**

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for enrollment for 2009-2010 school year for Pre-K. Pre-K children would have to be **4 years of age by September 30, 2009**, and also be **toilet-trained**. The same *criteria for acceptance* that guides us for students at all grade levels will be utilized for the pre-Kindergarten program. The projected pre-K program would follow our annual school calendar, and these students would also be allowed to participate in our extended-day (before and after-care) programs if necessary. The daily times for the program would be the same as the times for the other students...8:45 AM to 2:50 PM. The tuition rate will be set as the budget for next year becomes clearer and receives Diocesan approval. The tuition rate will definitely be competitive (and probably lower) than the rates set by other local private pre-Kindergarten programs, and the student-teacher ratio will likewise be in accordance with stat standards. More information will be forwarded as the process unfolds. If you (or someone that you know) are interested in being considered for the pre-K program, kindly notify the school office at 635-2941.

**THE PENNY SALE IS COMING.....
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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 15th Penny Sale on April 18th and 19th. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate items to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office in the rectory basement or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on April 18th & 19th.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are looking for an upright freezer, for little cost or donated, please call Frank Maglio at 635-2251.

EASTER MEMORIALS

The deadline for Easter Memorials is Monday, April 6th.

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Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Monday March 30

8:00 AM Anita Boule requested by her niece

Tuesday March 31

8:00 AM Blanche Krapian requested by Jackie & Vince Messina

6:30 PM Clinton Updyke requested by Jackie & Vince Messina

Wednesday April 1

8:00 AM Dorothy Matthews requested by Lorraine & Jim Haight

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

Thursday April 2

8:00 AM Rev. Joseph Cote

Friday April 3

8:00 AM Linda Bousquet requested by Armand & Joan Berard

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday April 4

4:00 PM Gloria Masraum requested by Raymond & Rosemarie Graham

Sunday April 5

8:00 AM John F. Connolly requested by his family

9:30 AM Sophie (Sally) Matyczynski requested by the Gasdia family

11:00 AM John Castelhana, 12th Anniversary requested by his daughter Lori



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

REMEMBRANCE

Please remember to keep Rev. Joseph Cote in your prayers.