

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Go, Make, Baptize, Teach)

Matthew 28:19-20

St. Patrick Parish Mission Statement

We are a community of Catholic Christians who desire to grow closer to the living God. It is seen in the way we...

- **build Christ-like relationships with others (Go),**
- **help people to fall in love with God (Make),**
- **fall deeper in love with God by entering the life of the church through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Baptize),**
- **serve and witness inspired by the Holy Spirit (Teach).**

We do this because we are children of God who long for all to share in eternal life.

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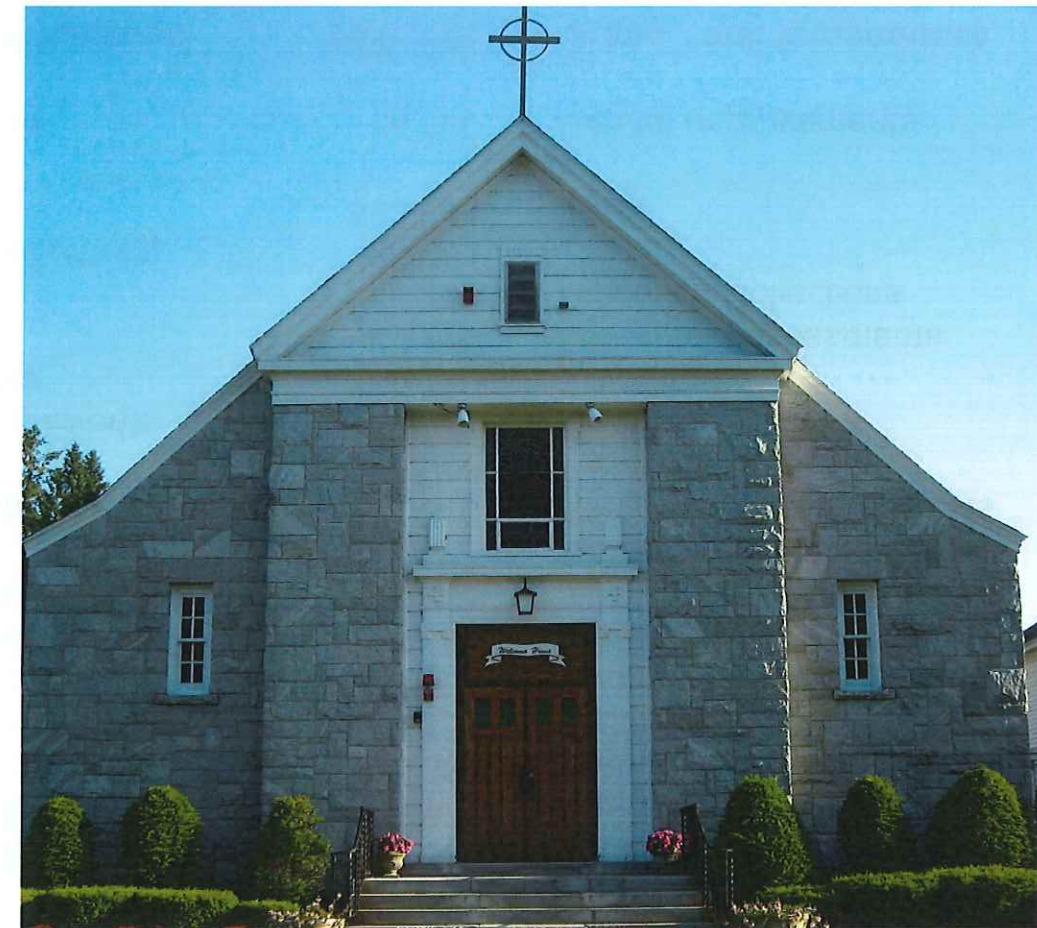
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St. Patrick Parish 2020-2021 Annual Report



Pelham, NH

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we all know, 2020-21 has been a difficult year. While we have been able to have in-person Mass all year – thanks be to God – many of our brothers and sisters have not returned to Mass. Our numbers reflect much of the trend in our culture that puts faith as a secondary activity, and not the *core* – the source and summit of our lives.

Despite all of this, we have been able to continue evangelizing and bringing people to Christ. We have continued to have Mass televised live on PTV, as well as uploaded to our parish website. We have begun praying the Parish Mission Prayer again, and we just had an incredible parish mission with Casting Nets a few weeks ago which spoke so well to all that is in our Parish Mission Statement.

This summer, we were able to have Vacation Bible School again! We had 98 excited kids, and 20 adult volunteers learning how each of us is a *treasure*. Didn't we all need that in the midst of COVID?!! We have also continued to offer the Sacraments. In addition to regular Masses and Confession, we baptized 39 children, 209 people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation (including 6 adults), 79 people made their first Holy Communion, and one man walked through the RCIA process to become Catholic. Adoration of Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist has continued every day before daily Mass from 6:30-7:40am, and on Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30am, and 2:00-8:00pm. Jesus *is* the answer to every problem we have: I invite you to spend time with Him!

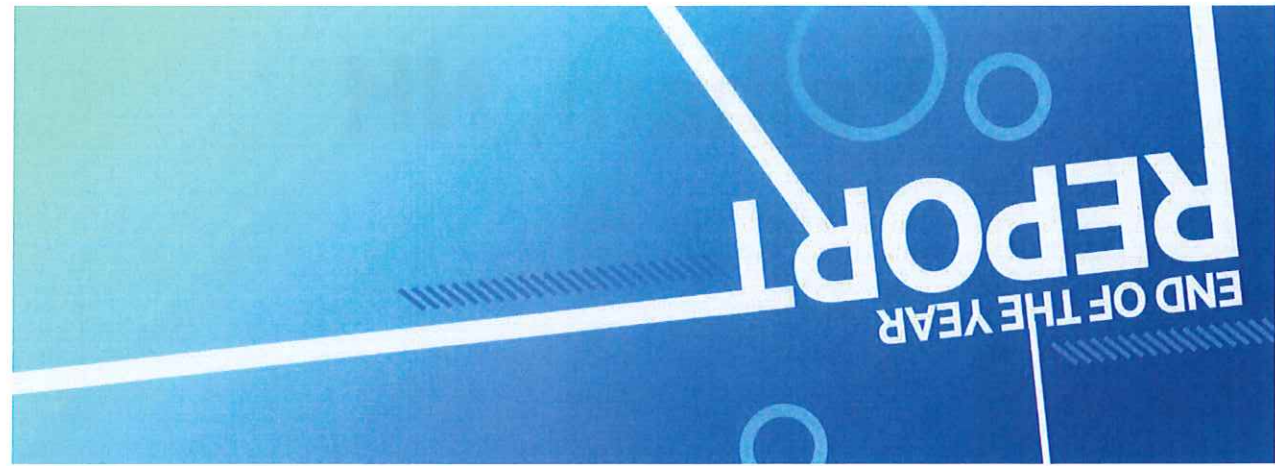
I encourage you now, more than ever, not to stop learning about and growing in your faith. We are starting up our Monday Night Teachings again, and have plans for another Light of the World weekend in the spring. We still have our FORMED.org subscription, which has all manner of video and audio teachings, e-books and movies for you and your family. And they're free for you! You can subscribe by going to pelham.formed.org. Check it out!

Over the past year, we repainted the exterior of the Church. We also installed LED lighting in the Church to give more light and to decrease the on-going expenses. In the future, we're going to need to repaint the interior of the Church and replace the carpeting. Overall, this past year, we ran in the **red**. As I said, many have not yet returned to Mass. I encourage you to **pray** for those you know who are not going to Mass – either because of COVID or for other reasons – and then – gently, lovingly – to **invite** them back to Mass. We don't just have to watch people walk away; we can *do* something!

I also encourage you prayerfully to examine if you can give more in terms of time, talent and treasure to St. Patrick Parish. As a people, we need to give – not for God's sake (He doesn't need money), but for our sake. Each of us has a need to be generous. I know that for my own life, I have, at times, struggled with giving when things are tight. Yet, God always provides – even *more generously* than I could ask or imagine! Sometimes we don't know the joy of generosity until after we have felt the pain of sacrifice! Yet God is always faithful to us. As Chris Stewart said in the recent mission, God invites us to test Him, that if we tithe (give the first ten percent to God), he will "open the floodgates of heaven" (Malachi 3:10 NABRE), meaning that He will not be outdone in generosity.

Thank you for continuing to support St. Patrick Parish and our mission to bring Jesus' healing love to Pelham and the surrounding community! Please pray and help me to make 2021-2022 a year where we glorify God in even greater ways!

Grace and Peace,
Lynn Moran



*Parish wide operating costs includes: contracted services, maintenance contracts, equipment repairs & purchases and all items for the good of the whole parish.

Accounts Payable \$3,018

Parish Checking Account \$91,610
Savings-Capital Improvement \$78,898

Balance of Funds as of 6/30/2021

Expenditure		Revenue	
Salaries & Benefits	184,087	Offertory – Envelopes	282,397
Insurance	40,320	Offertory – Electronic Giving	90,576
*Parish Wide – Operating Costs	37,694	Utilities	22,669
Liturgical Expense	23,120	Holy Days	40,158
Church – Operating Costs	25,110	Donations	22,155
Parish Center –		Flowers & Memorials	7,155
Operating Costs	10,670	Maintenance – Grounds	7,965
School – Operating Costs	17,475	Stole Fees	17,568
Rectory – Operating Costs	14,491	Rental Income	1,310
Parish Office Costs	14,685	Rebates	6,000
Faith Life Program	57,201	Fund Raising Events	2,423
Programs	23,843	Other Income	6,710
Diocesan Assessments	101,824	Faith Life	27,775
Diocesan Collections	28,701	Programs	149
Total	568,590	Total	563,711
Capital Improvements	26,686	Building Fund	24,190
Grand Total Expenditure	\$595,276	Grand Total Revenue	\$587,901