

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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St. Patrick Parish 2021-2022 Annual Report



Pelham, NH

Dear brothers and sisters,

2021-2022 has been another trying year for so many of us. Despite this, I can also see so many of God's blessings pouring out on us. Since the height of COVID, we have been able to open up again – almost everything is back to pre-COVID methods. We were able to restart our new parishioner meetings, and I've been making a concerted effort to greet people before the Sunday morning Masses (apologies if I still haven't learned your names!).

This past summer, we were able to have Vacation Bible School again. We had 82 excited kids, 40 teen volunteers (yes, teens get excited about VBS) and 15 adult volunteers learning about trusting Jesus. We have also continued to offer the Sacraments. In addition to regular Masses and Confession, we baptized 50 children, 42 youth and 10 adults received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, 30 children 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 have our Monday Night Teachings, and in a few weeks we'll start watching and discussing *The Chosen* series. In the spring we had our fifth Light of the World weekend. This incredible weekend was one of the most powerful we have had... and it's not too late to sign up for the retreat next weekend. We still have our [FORMED.org](https://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!

Many have returned to Mass, but many are still away. I encourage you **to pray** for those you know who are not going to Mass 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'll be talking more about this in November, as we move toward Christmas.

Last year, we ended the year in the red. At the end of the fiscal year (June 30), I was pleasantly surprised to see that we ended this year in the black... significantly in the black. Our income was more than \$62K higher than last year, while our expenses were only about \$11K higher. All told, we ended the year \$43,606 in the black – because of your generosity! Last year in my article, I wrote:

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.

You have been so generous! You have stepped it up! Thank you!!! Thank you for continuing to support St. Patrick Parish and our mission to bring Jesus' healing love to Pelham and the surrounding community!

As I've mentioned, the Catholic Church in the U. S. is having a Eucharistic Revival over the next few years. This is the time to get closer and closer to the Lord, allowing His love to embrace us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is our source and summit, so may we allow His grace to permeate everything we do!

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Von



Revenue

Offertory – Envelopes	291,949
Offertory – Electronic Giving	102,753
Utilities	25,050
Holy Days	45,231
Donations	30,367
Flowers & Memorials	6,953
Maintenance – Grounds	10,396
Stole Fees	16,606
Rental Income	1,720
Rebates	9,858
Fund Raising Events	4,715
Other Income	6,839
Faith Life	27,193
Programs	1,211
Diocesan Collections	32,369
Total	613,210

Building Fund 37,012

Grand Total Revenue \$650,222

Balance of Funds as of 6/30/2021

Parish Checking Account	\$87,969
Savings–Capital Improvement	\$115,795

Expenditure

Salaries & Benefits	174,172
Insurance	38,748
*Parish Wide –Operating Costs	44,040
Liturgical Expense	20,517
Church – Operating Costs	23,940
Parish Center – Operating Costs	15,804
School – Operating Costs	26,107
Rectory – Operating Costs	16,320
Parish Office Costs	13,449
Faith Life Program	64,270
Programs	35,076
Fund Raising Expenses	746
Diocesan Assessments	101,058
Diocesan Collections	32,369

Grand Total Expenditure \$606,616

Accounts Payable	\$8,899
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*Parish wide operating costs includes: contracted services, maintenance contracts, equipment repairs & purchases and all items for the good of the whole parish.