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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
to register, go to pelham.formed.org

Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them.

If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at (603)-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am
Friday No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org



Saturday	April 14
4pm	Rita Delisle requested by her family Ruth Foster Lavigne requested by her family
Sunday	April 15
8am	Intentions for all our Parishioners
10:30am	Marguerite McLaughlin "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Pat Lawlor Carol & Andrew Lindquist requested by their family
6pm	Rev. John Sledziona & Pauline Tardiff requested by Donna Smith
Monday	April 16
8am	George & Theresa Muldoon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark Roger Lemay requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon & family
Tuesday	April 17
8am	Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family Philip Crete , 2 nd Anniversary, requested by his sister Priscilla
Wednesday	April 18
8am	Rev. Stanley Piwowar
Thursday	April 19
8am	Michael Groulx requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
Friday	April 20
8am	No Mass
Saturday	April 21
4pm	Helen & Michael Taylor Jr. , requested by the Taylor family
Sunday	April 22
8am	Frank Martin requested by the Martin family
10:30am	Joseph J. Smolko , 5 th Anniversary, requested by Joe & Linda Smolko & family
6pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners

PARISH COLLECTIONS

In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in **\$8,700** per week.

Parish Collections for the following week:

Offertory 4/8/18 \$8,102

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$8,102

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 4/8/18

\$1,715

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Apr. 29 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

May 6 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

May 13 Catholic Communications Campaign

This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs such as PARABLE Magazine and our diocesan website.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is Monday, May 7th.

GOD IS WITH US:

Believing the Good News of God's Love

Join us for a talk by Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, TOR on Monday, April 30th, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.



Sunday, April 15

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Sunday Adult Catechesis, 12:15 PM, in the school

Monday, April 16

Choir Practice 4:00-6:30 PM, in the church
Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, April 17

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 18

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Thursday, April 19

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, April 21

Youth Group, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school



A reminder for all those who have been preparing to receive First Communion.

- If you have signed your child up for the **May 12th First Communion** date we will have rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 9th, at 6:30 PM** in the Church.
- If you have signed your child up for the **May 19th First Communion** date we will have rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 16th, at 6:30 PM** in the Church.

This is a mandatory rehearsal time for all those who will be receiving their First Communion. I would ask that one parent plan on staying for the entire rehearsal time with their child. I look forward to seeing you all there.

MASS FOR THE HEALING OF THOSE AFFECTED BY CHILD ABUSE

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D., Bishop of Manchester and the Diocesan Safe Environment Council cordially invite all the Catholic faithful to a special Mass on Thursday, April 19th, at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we pray for all those who have been affected by child abuse, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral Chapel, 145 Lowell St., Manchester, NH and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, MSW, Director of the Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at jnaff@rcbm.org or 669-3100 Ext. 110.

TECHNOLOGY TIPS: SOCIAL MEDIA

Teens today (as well as adults!) spend a lot of time socializing online. A 2016 survey of 13-24 year olds indicated that the 5 most frequented social media sites are Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Kik, in that order. Other popular sites include YouTube, Pinterest, Vine, Tumblr, OoVoo, and Google Plus. Parents should familiarize themselves with these sites/apps, learn how they work, and talk with their kids about what they are doing online. For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- ___ Instruct the uninformed
- ___ Counsel the doubtful
- ___ Admonish sinners
- ___ Comfort the sorrowful
- ___ Bear wrongs patiently
- ___ Forgive offenses
- ___ Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- ___ Feed the hungry
- ___ Clothe the naked
- ___ Give drink to the thirsty
- ___ Shelter the homeless
- ___ Comfort the imprisoned
- ___ Visit the sick
- ___ Bury the Dead

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, it's time to get back to the commandments. This week, we'll look at the sixth commandment:

6. You shall not commit adultery.

I want to challenge you today to be open to the Church's (and God's) teaching on sexuality. If we believe that God is really Lord of all, and that He truly loves us, than His "requirements" on sexuality *must* be good and *life giving*, not oppressive, authoritarian rules. While following the Church's teaching on sexual morality may be difficult and certainly requires courage (even heroic courage), the Church continues to hold fast to her teaching *because she loves people!* We believe that this teaching is what will *really* fulfill us, really give us life!

So let's get into it. At the heart of the Church's teaching on sexuality is that God made sex *good!* Any teaching that denigrates sex or makes it dirty goes against all that we believe as Catholics. In fact, God's first commandment humanity is to "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28). However, sex is *so* good, that it needs to be respected. Our culture has been very good at making sex recreation. Sex is *NOT recreational* (though it may be procreational)! Sexual intercourse has a meaning; in it our bodies speak to each other (hence, "intercourse").

So what is the meaning of sexual intercourse? The short answer is love. But what is love, and how is sex a loving act? I think we can all agree that there are times when sex is not a loving act – for instance, in rape. This would fall under the sins against the sixth commandment. But what is love? Love is not an amorphous feeling toward another; love is a choice – a choice to *will* the good of the other as other. This means, I want (and actively work for) *your* good, even if it does nothing for me, even if I get nothing out of it, ever. In this context, the opposite of love is not hate, but *using*. We use cars. We use our phones. People, however, by their sacred dignity as made in the image and likeness of God, are *NOT TO BE USED*, but to be *LOVED*.

What does love look like? Look at the Cross – this is real love; this is Divine Love. On the Cross, Jesus gives the gift of Himself to us. This love is a total gift of self, freely given, faithful to the ones He loves, and is fruitful and gives life. Love speaks the language of gift and reception – I give myself to you, I receive you to me. This is what love is. Love is not about taking. Love is not about how you make me feel. Since the sexual act speaks this language of love with our bodies, it is a loving gift of self to another. We must look at each sexual act and see if falls into this category. Instead of looking at Catholic sexual morality as a bunch of "don'ts," we should see it as it really is, a litmus test for whether it fulfills the meaning of our bodies and souls in *love*.

The first thing to note is that since sex speaks of a total and faithful gift of self to another, given freely, this requires a commitment – a lifetime commitment. Sex speaks the language of permanence and total gift of self (which can be seen in the biology of sex – listen to "Green Sex" by Jason Evert, or "Sexual Revolution" by Chris Stephanick on FORMED.org for more on the biology of sex), so anything less than a lifetime commitment goes against what the body communicates in sex. This total and permanent commitment we call *marriage*. In this context, then, any intentional genital stimulation that is not a gift of self to another in this permanent relationship of marriage goes against what sex is and what it is meant to be. So instead of saying "masturbation is a sin" (which it is), we can see that masturbation does not fulfill the purpose of the sexual act, since it turns the person in on him or herself, instead of outward as gift to the other. We don't have to say that fornication (any sex outside of the marriage commitment) is a sin (which it is), because we see that fornication goes against what sex is supposed to be, the total and faithful gift of self to another in the security of a loving permanent commitment.

How about within marriage? Is every sexual act okay? No. Again, I think you would all agree with me that marital rape is a sin. Why? Because love is a free gift of self, and rape, even in marriage, is *taking by force*, not receiving a gift freely given. So let's look again at what sexual love is – it is a total, free, faithful, and fruitful/life-giving gift of self to the other. The fruitful part means that each and every experience of the marital act is to be *open* to life. (Again, when we look at the biology of sex, not only does it speak of permanence, but it speaks of procreation.) Purposely to withhold your fertility within the marriage act is to say with your bodies, "I give my whole self to you... except my fertility," or "I want all of you... except your fertility." This is, then, *not*, a total gift of self.

Amazingly, the Church is not prudish or puritanical in her view of sex. Here I will get a bit graphic, but it is the truth about what we teach. Pope Saint John Paul II said in reference to our bodies – *every* part of our body is *good*, so good it is kissable. But, stimulation must not be for the sake of stimulation or pleasure, but for love – drawing the married couple closer together in union and with an openness to life. Anything that purposely hinders either of these two purposes of the sexual act, is speaking a lie with the body.

So, instead of creating a "don't" list of what is a sin against the sixth commandment, I hope this helps you to see the incredible "do" list of the incredible goodness of our sexuality, and God's plan for sex. I encourage you to continue learning about the true meaning of sex. Some good resources are John Paul II *Theology of the Body*, Christopher West's *Theology of the Body for Beginners*, and corproject.com.



**College Night! Represent your current,
former, or favorite college!**

Friday, April 20, 2018

Merrimack College:

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher

7:30 PM – 12:00 AM

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 20 different young adult Catholic groups, for its first college campus event! The event is geared towards young adults, 18-35 years of age, but is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the JESUS aCROSS the Border mission. The evening begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharistic Adoration and acoustic Praise & Worship led by Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. She will be accompanied by Frank Connell. A young adult Mass will follow at 9:00 PM with Fr. Carlos Suarez as the main Mass celebrant. Mass will be followed by our signature networking pizza social. This is a fantastic opportunity for over 20 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey! FREE: Parking lot.

Please email Bill Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSStheBORDER@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page for more information.

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their **19th Annual Scholarship** for \$2500.00. The criteria to qualify is as follows:

- Formal Acceptance to a 2 or 4 year College or Technical School or College
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the College
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Provide a copy of your High School Record of Academic Achievement
- Work, Community and/or School Activities

You can pick-up an application at the Guidance office at the Pelham High School. The application must be returned by Saturday, May 26, 2018 and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076

CATHERINE OF SIENA: A WOMAN FOR OUR TIMES

Saint Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH, has the joy of welcoming Sister Nancy Murray, O.P., who will present a one-woman performance based on the life of Saint Catherine of Siena. This presentation will be offered in the church on Sunday, April 29th, at 3:00 PM. Sister Nancy, a Dominican Sister from Adrian, Michigan, brings to us a wonderful performance, revealing to us the greatness of Saint Catherine and the beauty and depth of her relationship with Jesus Christ. There is a general admission for this performance, so register NOW for complimentary tickets: <http://catherine-of-siena.eventbrite.com!>

We only have enough tickets for the number of seats in the church. Once they are gone, they are gone-so don't delay! For additional information, please contact Charlene Maniotis in the parish office at 603-882-7793.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy of the Church. Application should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Friends of the Library in Pelham, NH (FLIP) are offering one \$500 scholarship to any high school senior. Guidelines include residing in Pelham for at least the past 12 months, planning to attend a college, university or vocational school, and completing an application by May 1, 2018. Application can be picked up at the Library and found at pelhampubliclibrary.org/friends

Everybody wants to be HAPPY!

What is Happiness?

Join us on

Monday Night Teachings

April 23

May 7, 14, 21

7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the school

The Parish Spring Clean-up is on Saturday, May 5th, at 9:30 AM. We are looking for volunteers to help rake and clean up the parish and school grounds. If you have rakes, gloves, wheel barrels, please bring them with you. Thank you!