

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**St. Patrick Parish**

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 23
4pm	Rita Delisle requested by Georgette & Andrea
Sunday	April 24
8am	Richard & Kathleen Yamamoto requested by Cara-Jean & family
10:30am	Joseph J. Smolko , 3 rd Anniversary, requested by Joe & Linda Smolko & family
6pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners
Monday	April 25
8am	Rita Delisle , 1 st Anniversary, requested by her family
Tuesday	April 26
8am	Mario Matos , 1 st Anniversary, requested by his wife Rita
Wednesday	April 27
8am	Leon Bousquet requested by his daughter Patty Kennedy
Thursday	April 28
8am	Maria Moujaes , 1 st Anniversary, requested by Ronnie, Kathy, Ashley and Alyssa Jean Theodore Price requested by Donna
Friday	April 29
8am	No Mass
Saturday	April 30
4pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners
Sunday	May 1
8am	Mary Larese , 5 th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
10:30am	Emile Martin , 5 th Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm	Marietta Potter , 2 nd Anniversary, requested by her family

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 4/17/16	\$7,474
Groundskeeping	\$1,509

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,983**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 1 Capital Improvement

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

May 8 Catholic Communications

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

May 15 Fuel

This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

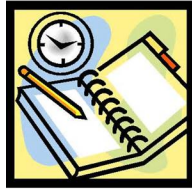
May 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 29 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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



Sunday, April 24

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, April 25

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, April 26

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 27

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

Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, April 28

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

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 28th at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we pray for all those who were abused as children, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at the Parish of the Holy Spirit, St. Bernard Church, 185 Main Street, Keene and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, LICSW, Director, Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at jnaff@rcbm.org or 669-3100 Ext. 110.

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. The Spring **Women's weekends** are April 28 - May 1 and June 2-5. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (603-635-3525).

The Crowning of Mary will take place on Sunday, May 1st at the end of the 10:30 AM Mass.



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Rehearsal dates and times:

We have set dates and times for upcoming First Communion rehearsals in May. These rehearsals are mandatory and I would ask that all families please attend the correct day and time. All rehearsals will take in the church.

For children receiving First Communion on **May 15th at 10:00 AM** – rehearsal is Wednesday, May 11th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

For children receiving First Communion on **May 15th at 1:00 PM** – rehearsal is Thursday, May 12th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

For children receiving First Communion on **May 21st at 10:00 AM** – rehearsal is Wednesday, May 18th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

For children receiving First Communion on **May 21st 1:00 PM** – rehearsal is Thursday, May 19th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

To Western Rockingham County churches, welfare offices and others interested, Catholic Charities will be facilitating a three-session financial fitness workshop on May 2nd and May 16th. The sessions will be held both in the afternoon (2-4 pm) and in the evenings (6-8 pm). The location of the sessions will be at the Catholic Charities Salem office, 95 Stiles Rd, Salem. If you know of someone who is interested in reviewing their financial fitness, please ask them to call 603-893-1971 or e-mail jnelson@nh-cc.org to register.

Fr. Von will be doing a series of talks about the Mysteries of the Rosary. They will take place after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Church on the following weekends: May 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Before we get into the study of each Sacrament, I want to examine another aspect universal to the Sacraments – the “Sacramentals”. The word *sacramental*, could be an **adjective** that means something of or related to the Sacraments. *Sacramental*, when used as a **noun**, though (as it is here), are objects or actions which have been blessed for the purpose of drawing us closer to God. So a rosary or a crucifix could be a sacramental. I’m going to speak of the Sacramentals used in the Sacraments, specifically the Holy Oils.

Let’s back up, though. When speaking about these seven gifts of God called the **Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Confession, Anointing of the Sick)**, we speak about them being celebrated *validly* and *licitly*. Being licit means that it is lawful – it follows the prescriptions of our mother, the Church, in how the Sacraments are supposed to be celebrated. Being valid, means that they are really and truly Sacraments. So, if I were to celebrate Mass with pizza and beer, it would NOT be a valid Mass, since it was not bread and wine – therefore, the pizza and beer did NOT become the Body and Blood of Christ.

In order for a Sacrament to be valid it needs three things: proper **form**, proper **matter**, and proper **intention**. The **form** of the Sacrament are the actions and words. Part of the form of Baptism are the words: “*I Baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*” The **matter** of the Sacrament is the “stuff” that makes it. So, you need *water* to baptize, not oil, and you need a *human*, not a cat. No matter how hard you try, you cannot baptize a cat as a Christian (and I wouldn’t recommend trying, unless you’re fond of being scratched!). This is why when we have Mass, we can use a “low gluten” host, but not “gluten free”: without it being wheat bread, it doesn’t have the proper matter, and so is not consecrated. The **intention** of the Sacrament is that you want to do what the Church does. Therefore, if, for instance, a teen comes to Confirmation with the explicit intention not to receive Confirmation, not believing that Jesus is God and not wanting the Holy Spirit, no matter how valid the form and matter are, the teen has not been Confirmed. This is a bit harder to tell, since you can look at the Sacrament to see if form and matter are proper – you never know what the intention of another person is.

Okay, now that we have covered that, we’ll move on to some of the Sacramentals. I will write about specifics for each Sacrament as we get to them, but I want to focus on the Sacred Oils which are used in different Sacraments. These oils are the **Oil of the Sick**, the **Oil of Catechumens**, and the **Sacred Chrism**. They are blessed by the bishop during Holy Week, and then presented to the parish on Holy Thursday. An early teaching of the Church, called the *Jerusalem Catechesis*, says this about the oils:

After the invocation of the Spirit it is no longer ordinary oil but the gift of Christ, and by the presence of his divinity it becomes the instrument through which we receive the Holy Spirit. While symbolically on our foreheads and senses, our bodies are anointed with this oil that we see, our souls are sanctified by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

These oils are sacred and are to be used only as part of the Sacraments. Other oils can be used for healing prayer and other such things. These other oils might be blessed with a certain saint in mind (such as St. Padre Pio Oil) and are used with the intention of having the saint praying for those who are anointed. These can be used by anyone of Faith. The **Sacred Oils**, however, should only be used in the proper Sacramental context.

Each of the oils is made out of olive oil, and reminds us of how people in the Bible were anointed for healing, for battle, or for ministry. The **Oil of the Sick** is used specifically with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and follows the letter of James which tells the Church to have priests come and anoint sick people with oil for healing and for strength. The **Oil of Catechumens** is used on people (usually babies) who are to be baptized. The breast plate is anointed, and is a sign of protection and strength, to help the soon to be Christian fight the good fight of faith. The **Sacred Chrism** is the most sacred of the oils. It has a balsam perfume poured into it, and is not just blessed, but consecrated (made holy) by the bishop and his priests. The Sacred Chrism is used in Baptism, Confirmation, it anoints the priest’s hands at ordination, and the bishop’s head at his ordination. It is also used to consecrate churches and altars. It anoints as Christ was anointed (Chrism – Christ = Anointed) priest, prophet and king.

This day, may we enter more fully into the mystery of Christ through His Sacraments!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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 and in the Parish Office and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick Parish Office by Friday, May 6, 2016.

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their 17th Annual Scholarship for \$2,500.00. The criteria to qualify is as follows:

- Formal Acceptance to a 2 or 4 year College
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the college
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Provide 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 21, 2016 and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076

PRAYER SHAWL

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Ramen Noodles (no cups)** and **Macaroni & Cheese**.

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations to Birthright on Mother's Day weekend, and handing out flowers to any mothers who wish to have one. Birthright is a non-profit organization whose philosophy is: "The essence of Birthright is love. Birthright is unique and committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child." Your generous donations were just over \$600 last year, and we hope you can match or exceed that this year. Please make any checks out to "Knights of Columbus Council 6902". To see more about birthright, please check out their website at: birthright.org/en/

You are invited to join us for a **Concert** called **It's All About Love**, with soprano **Marie-Line Morin**, accompanied by pianists Lucille Fortin and Jan Bordeleau, on Saturday, **April 30th** at **7:00 PM** at **St. Anthony of Padua Church** in Manchester. Dr. Morin will sing sacred, classical and popular songs, including French songs, while sharing reflections about her journey as a French Canadian immigrant. Professor at Laval University in Quebec, she recently came to the U.S. to care for two of her siblings having a disability, which led to a Listening Ministry project, associated with the Institute of Psychoreligious Counseling that she founded. Suggestion donation: \$20.00 per person will benefit this project. Details at bit.ly/1V9W2Sk or 603-625-6409.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 11TH - 15TH
More information to follow