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Saturday

4PM

Sunday

8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

9am

Tuesday through Thursday

8am

Friday

No Mass

First Friday and First Saturday

8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day

8am & 7pm

When school is in session

10am

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 erick.wright@myfairpoint.net. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 25
4pm	Emile, Mabel, Lorraine & Pete requested by the Bedard family
Sunday	April 26
8am	Richard & Kathleen Yamamoto requested by Cara-Jean & Family
10:30am	Joseph P. DelOrfano, Sr., 4 th Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela
6pm	John Castelhana, 18 th Anniversary, requested by his daughter
Monday	April 27
9am	Diane McGrade requested by Roland & Therese Soucy
Tuesday	April 28
8am	Sarah LaBrecque requested by Rosemary
Wednesday	April 29
8am	Ralph DeAmato requested by John & Kathy Walton-DeAmato
Thursday	April 30
8am	James Stadtmiller, Jr., 10 th Anniversary, requested by his family
Friday	May 1
8am	In Honor of Saint Francis
Saturday	May 2
8am	Women of Mary
4pm	Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their family
Sunday	May 3
8am	Elizabeth Strong requested by her family
10:30am	Emile Martin, 4 th Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners

WOMEN OF MARY

All Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on May 2nd. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother followed by the rosary at 8:30 AM and then join us for a potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com or call Linda at 603-930-6436. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the chapel.

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 4/19/15 \$7,573

Fuel \$1,632

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$9,210

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

- May 3 Capital Improvements**
This collection helps with projects around the parish.
- May 10 St. Patrick Catholic School**
This collection helps with the school assessment from the Diocese.
- May 17 Catholic Communications**
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.
- May 24 Faith Life Formation**
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
- May 31 Groundskeeping**
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.
Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Mother's Day weekend, May 9th and 10th, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for BirthRight outside the church after each Mass. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please make checks out to the Knights of Columbus. All money collected will be donated in memory of Doug Colinge, who started and ran this worthy cause for many years. Carnations will be given to any Mothers who wish to have one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 26

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

Monday, April 27

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church
Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Tuesday, April 28

Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 29

Men's Morning Group, 6:00 AM, in the meeting room
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Thursday, April 30

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

Spring is finally here and so is the 15th Annual St. Patrick Catholic School Golf Tournament!!! Please join us on May 12, 2015 for the 15th annual St. Patrick Catholic School Golf Tournament, to be held at the prestigious Four Oaks Golf Club in Dracut, MA. The event will include a 4 person scramble, dinner and awards. **Non-golfers do not feel left out** join us for dinner only at 6:30 PM, after the tournament! To register and pay online go to www.stpat's.golf.com. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating an auction item (e.g. Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins tickets, a weekend getaway, etc.) you may also do that by contacting John Keslo at 603-635-9843 (email: john_keslo@yahoo.com) or Will Thesier at 315-783-0770 (email: wthesier@verizon.net).

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

This Summer at St. Patrick's
please join us as we experiment with fun and
excitement at SonSpark Lab VBS!

July 13th-17th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

For children in grades 1-5

Games, experiments, crafts,

Bible stories and snacks galore!

For more information, please email Christine
Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Students from the **Saint Patrick Catholic School** band program were recently invited to attend **Bishop Guertin High School** on Thursday, March 26th as a part of their Celebration of Music in our Catholic Schools. Bishop Guertin Band director, Brian Starck, collaborated with Music Directors **Leon Grande** from SPCS and David and Alison Bailey from St. Christopher School in Nashua throughout the school year to determine the format and select the musical pieces to have students present in this first ever event. Students in each of these schools then worked on practicing those pieces to prepare for the performance. The evening included performances by St. Christopher's School Band and String ensemble, Bishop Guertin High School Honors Choir and Band, and the St. Patrick Catholic School Band.

SPCS band students performed three pieces: "This Land is our Land", "All Through the Night", and "Man in the Mirror". At the end of the program all three school bands and the BG Honors Choir came together to perform "What a Wonderful World". For this performance older high school students from BG were paired up with younger students from St. Chris and St. Patrick. BGHS Flute player **Brigid Nale** was paired up with SPCS flute player **Penelope Marzullo**.

The SPCS School Band was conceived by **Mr. Leon Grande** three years ago. SPCS currently has 14 students in the band and 7 students in the new string program that was instituted this year under the direction of Music teacher **Mrs. Mary Quigley**. SPCS band members go on to participate in band programs at Pelham High School, Bishop Guertin, and Alvirne High School. The March 26th performance marked the first ever out of school performance by the SPCS band. The Bishop Guertin Marching Band has many Pelham residents as members including SPCS alumni **Brigid Nale**, **Theron Zajchowski**, and Pelham Middle School alumni **Kathleen Atkinson**, **Jessica and Emily Dupuis**, **Nick Kathios**, **Rachel LaPolice**, **Rachel Marion**, **Megan Nohelty** and **Sunny Shaidani**.



My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear Jesus call Himself the “Good Shepherd”. He says that the “good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Have you thought about this lately? You are worth it! He gave everything for you. He looks at you, and His own life, and He chose you; He wants you to live! That’s amazing.

This Sunday is also *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. While each person has a vocation – a calling from God to follow Him – we often look at vocations to mean a priestly or religious call. My own journey to the priesthood began by looking at the good priests I knew, and seeing how they laid down their lives for the Church. I admired them, and saw them as heroes, of a sort. This inspired me at the ripe old age of ten to tell my parents that I wanted to be a priest when I grew up.

As my vocation matured and changed over the years, one thing I always kept in sight was that if I was to be a shepherd – a good shepherd – I needed to lay down my life for the sheep of the parishes to which I was assigned. This is a very romantic idea when it is in the abstract, but the practical day to day living is not so easy. Let’s be honest, when the phone rings after I am in bed – for the third time – it is not easy to die to myself and charitably answer. When *that annoying person* (you know, priests can get annoyed, too) comes to talk to me, it is hard to smile and respond with love. And more than this, when I see wolves coming after the sheep, it is difficult to cry out “DANGER!” when they don’t want to hear it, and shout at me that I am keeping them from their freedom. Yet, in all of this, I know that this is the call – to lay down my life for the sheep, for I *must* imitate the Good Shepherd, Jesus.

I was at Bishop Guertin a couple of weeks ago, sharing my vocation story and answering questions about Catholicism. One question that was asked about my vocation was: “Is it worth it?” The answer is a resounding, “YES!” Following God’s call always has great rewards, even if they are not tangible in this life. Even the call to take up our crosses, to die to ourselves, to lay down our lives for others – this call truly brings life.

I ask you this day (and every day) to pray for our priests and religious; we need your prayers to keep us faithful to the call to die to ourselves for you. Please also pray for more good priests and religious to take up the call to be a hero – a hero in the everyday, ordinary things of life, a hero that looks to live for others rather than self. Join me in this prayer:

**O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.**

**Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Junior Youth Program:

- May 17th Note change of time: 9:45 AM in the K of C hall followed by 10:30 AM Mass with May Crowning, this is the last class of the year.

A prayer for our Confirmation teens:

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen you, making you a witness of Christ's love. May you always live your faith with joy. God's blessings to you on your Confirmation Day

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed

Justine Catherine Aho, Kathleen Mary Atkinson, Fabrizio Michael Balzanelli, Alexander Patrick Becker, Kiera Rose Bussiere, Alyssa Catherine Caouette, Laura Brigitte Chenelle, Samantha Cecilia Chiodi, Emily Vickie Coakley, Patrick Sebastian Collins, Robert John Coulter, Alexander Michael Deacon, Kayla Anne Deluca, Cassidy Theresa Diaz, Carolyn Anne Doherty, Ryan Francis Driscoll, Elizabeth Anne Goyette, Robert Peter Haverty, Jr., Rachel Joan Hennessey, Emmaline Anne Johansen, Ethan Olaf Johansen, Abigail Anne Joncas, Thomas Kelly, Sarah Catherine Kwiatkowski, Rachael Mary Lister, Joshua Maximillian Mackey, Jackson Michael Merrill, Brooke Rose Milinazzo, Kaitlyn Catherine Minichiello, Sarah Morin, Shannon Rose Morin, Ryan Mark O'Donnell, Joseph Pantaleo, Emily Catherine Paquin, Georgia Bridget Pendergast, Katarina Cecilia Pugsley, Matthew Robichaux, Catherine Rose Santangelo, Mikayla Catherine Sequeira, Kyle Surprenant, Matthew Thistle, Morgan Elizabeth Walsh, John Ward and Shannon Grace Weisensee

A thank you prayer for our Catechists:

Loving God, thank you for all the good people of faith that you have raised up among us for the work of the gospel. Thank you for the gift of our catechists who have shared their love of you with our children and teens this year. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters, strengthen them with whatever graces they need. Amen.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Friends of the Library in Pelham, (FLIP), is offering 2 scholarships to Pelham residents. One is for an Undergraduate scholarship, open to any high school senior and the other is a nontraditional scholarship, open to any student 24 or older. The scholarships are for \$500.00 each. Applications and more information may be obtained from the Library or the Pelham High School Guidance Office. Deadline for application is May 1, 2015.

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their 16th Annual Scholarship for \$2500.00. The criteria to qualify is as follows:

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

You can pickup an application at the Guidance office at the Pelham High School. The application must be returned by Saturday, May 16, 2015 and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076

ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE

St. Patrick Men's Club is selling raffle tickets for Renovation to the Parish Center Bathrooms, The Pelham Food Pantry and Community Project. The drawing for the prizes will take place on Saturday, May 9th, at a Spaghetti Supper after the 4:00 PM Mass. The Spaghetti Supper is \$5.00 per person. The raffle tickets are available at the parish office. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

**1st Prize: 150 Mass \$5 Scratch Tickets
(\$750 value)**

2nd Prize: \$500 Cash

3rd Prize: 2 Tickets to a Red Sox Game

4th Prize: 2 Tickets to a Patriots Game

5th Prize: \$100 Cyr Lumber Gift Card

Need not to be present to win; if present, winner can choose any remaining prize.