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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

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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 August 10**
 4pm **David & Armand Berard** requested by their family
- Sunday August 11**
 8am **Mae Stevens**, 14th Anniversary requested by her family
Bud Provencal requested by the Provencal family
 10:30am **Dorothy McCarthy**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday August 12**
 8am **Bertha Maahs** requested by Pat Fitzgerald
- Tuesday August 13**
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by his wife Rita
Gerry Gibson, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her daughter Kathy
- Wednesday August 14**
 8am **Christopher Battles** requested by his family
- Thursday August 15 Assumption**
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona** requested by Donna Smith
 10am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 7pm **Claire Y. Grondin** requested by Annette & David Descoteaux
- Friday August 16**
 8am No Mass
- Saturday August 17**
 4pm **Lt. Donald G. Taylor** requested by the Taylor family
George & Theresa Straughan requested by Doug & Laura
- Sunday August 18**
 8am **Maurice Parent** requested by her daughter Diane
Phyllis Dexter, 1st Anniversary, requested by her family
 10:30am **Isabella Miranda** requested by the Martin family
 6pm **Intentions of 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 week of 8/4/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,299
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,241
Total Offertory	\$6,540
Total Collected	\$6,540

Thank you for your continued support
 ~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 8/4/19
 \$1,517

Thank you for your generosity!

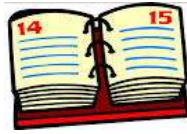
SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 18 NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry NH
 This collection supports **The Good Samaritan Home** in Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin. In addition, a portion of this collection supports the diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of NH.

Aug. 25 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
 Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of David & Armand Berard by their family



Sunday, August 11

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, August 13

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 14

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, August 15

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 16

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Thursday, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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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



The following couples will enter the Covenant of Marriage in September:

Michael McCarthy
and
Maria Casipe

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love the God.

VOCATIONS

“Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for.” If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, “God with us”. We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-8:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459 or jacquelinehynes@gmail.com



Parish Mission: On-Going Conversion: Through the eyes of St. Francis of Assisi

On September 9-11, Monday through Wednesday, the Franciscan TOR Sisters will be leading us closer to God through a parish mission focused on St. Francis of Assisi. We will be welcoming back Sr. Agnes Therese, TOR. Make sure to set the dates aside!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What struck me in this weekend's readings was the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. In this passage, the author speaks about *faith* and how it "looks like something" in the life of Abraham. The first line is a definition of faith:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

Faith is evidence within our souls of things not seen. If they were seen, then it would not be faith. One of my professors used to say that *faith is a way of seeing*. We all have lenses through which we see the world. Faith is a type of lens through which we see God's finger of love moving in our lives... hidden at times, yet still present. It's basically why I don't believe in coincidence, but, rather, God-incidents – that God has a plan and a contingency for each and everything.

The Letter to the Hebrews continues by describing Abraham's faith: how he left his homeland with no clear idea of where he was going, trusting in God's promise of a new land. God tested Abraham's faith when He asked him to sacrifice Isaac. Remember, Abraham and Sarah had Isaac when they were 100 and 90 years old, respectively! Isaac was the child of the promise of God, the child through which God promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars of the sky. Yet, here was God telling Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. This was not a test of "blind" obedience to the will of God, but of faith – faith that **"God was able to raise even from the dead"** (Hebrews 11:19). Abraham took the step – the *leap* – of faith that God would raise his son from the dead and give Isaac back to him. The reading goes on to say that Abraham **"received Isaac back as a symbol"** (Hebrews 11:19). A symbol of what? A symbol of Jesus' resurrection from the dead – you see God *is* able to raise from the dead.

The natural question with all of this is: where is my faith in God? It's one thing to have an intellectual faith that says, "I believe that God is out there, and He has manifested Himself in the person of Jesus." It is a completely different thing to say, "My faith in God shapes my life so much that if God didn't exist, then my life would make no sense." We say this every time we say, "Amen." The word *amen* comes from Hebrew, which is based on a word meaning "firm" or "solid." When we say "Amen," we are saying "I believe God (and His promises) are so real, so firm, so solid, that I am going to lean over onto Him – in such a way that were He not there, I would fall over." When we finish stating the Creed at Mass, do we really mean, **"Amen"** – "I believe in all of this in such a way that if it were not true, my life would fall over"? When we receive Communion and we say, **"Amen,"** do we really mean that "I believe so much that this Eucharist is really and truly Jesus, and He is the solid foundation on which my life is built"?

Does this make sense? Do you get it? *Faith is the realization of what is hoped for* – that we are able to "see" God's presence so real in our lives that we step out *without a safety net*, because we know He is there, we know He can even raise from the dead.

So here is the test of our faith – When everything in our lives is falling apart, do we lean so far onto God that we know we would fall over if He were not there? When there seems to be no way out, when sickness and death appear in our lives, do we still have faith that God has a plan for this, and He will raise us from the dead? Even if we don't see it? Faith is the *evidence of things not seen*.

Okay, I get it, you're not there... and neither am I; not all the way. So how do we work on this so that we have faith like Abraham? First, by acknowledging that faith is a gift – a gift from God. We can't make ourselves have this faith, forcing our will. Because it is gift, we need to start by asking God for the gift of faith, for greater faith. Like the father begging Jesus for his son's healing, we can cry out, **"I do believe, help my unbelief!"** (Mark 9:24). When we ask, God does give (though not always in the time or way we think). He will give us opportunities to practice faith. Don't be surprised that if you ask for more faith, God will put some difficult circumstances before you which will give you the chance to practice faith. While this may seem scary, remember that He is a faithful God, and will honor His promises – so that if we take that first step in faith, *He will show us that He is faithful* – He will be with us in the trial, and show us His love.

Let us ask God for the gift of greater faith, and also for the courage we need to step out in faith, trusting in His incredible love, that He *is able to raise even from the dead*. **Amen!**

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website www.stpatrick-pelham.com and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link ptv.viebit.com

PTV – SCHEDULE – CHANNEL 22

For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday – 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM – **4:00 PM “LIVE”**

Subject to change



COME JOIN THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN TOWN!

If you are a woman 18 to 108, the **Women's Guild** is for you. We meet once a month usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Our first meeting of the year is on September 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center starting with the Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary then on to a pot luck supper.

Every year we have a fundraiser, **The Penny Sale**, to fund our charitable causes. Every month we collect items for the food pantry, we support our adopted daughter in Honduras, etc.

At our meeting we go through our agenda, sometimes we have a guest speaker or we may do a fun thing like painting! We have a Yankee Swap at our Christmas party with a sing along with Steve Caruso. Sometimes we also have added entertainment! We end our year with a Mystery Dinner in June. **Every month we always, always share desserts, fellowship and laughter.**

So join us for fun filled year!



Faith Life Registration Forms and Schedules were sent out at the end of June. If you have not received a form and schedule you can call the office at 603-635-3525 or go to our website- www.stpatricks-pelham.com for the information. There will be an Orientation Meeting and Registration Night on Wednesday, September 4th from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM for all families. First classes for the Faith Life Program will begin on September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Summer is flying by so get your registrations in as soon as you can. Thank you.

FAITH LIFE'S QUOTES

I enjoy learning more about my religion and the sense of community in coming and spending time with the other families.

~Parent

My favorite part of the year was planting flowers and learning about St. Therese.

~Child

I am reminded that spending time with my family is more important than being on the phone.

~Parent

I enjoy coming to Faith Life Classes because we learn about God.

~Child

CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY

Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Location: Camp Fatima, Upper Suncook Lake in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH

Prices for this one-day event:

\$20/adult (ages 16 & up)

\$15/child (ages 3-15)

2 & under are free

Register online:

<http://vitanova.org/catholic-family-weekend>

Games, prayer, swimming, biking, Mass, Confession, music and fun! Lunch and dinner provided.