



Saturday August 10

4pm ~ Dorothy McCarthy, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday August 11

8am ~ Rick Bousquet, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by his sister Patty Kennedy
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday August 12

8am ~ Thomas Toivonen requested by your
Pelham family

Tuesday August 13

8am ~ Larry Morrison requested by David &
Maureen Groff
Marilyn Enaire requested by Joyce

Wednesday August 14

8am ~ Prayers for the Conversion of Souls
requested by a friend
Patricia Babineau requested by Paul & Candy
Picard

Thursday August 15 Assumption

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10am ~ Ruth Thesier Gaebel requested by
John & Kathy Flynn
7pm ~ Michael Medeiros, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by Christine & Scott Belmonte and
Josh & Chris Medeiros

Friday August 16

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday August 17

4pm ~ Theresa Straughan, 8th Anniversary,
requested by Doug & Laura Masson
David & Armand Berard requested by their
family

Sunday August 18

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Lt. Donald G. Taylor, 48th
Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested
by Donna Taylor

Sunday, August 11

Farewell Party for Fr. Von, 11:30 AM, in the
parish center

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

Tuesday, August 13

Youth Group, Grades 4-6, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the K
of C Hall under the church

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 14

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

Thursday, August 15

Youth Group, Grades 7-9, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the K
of C Hall under the church

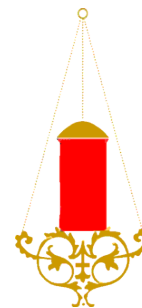
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 16

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

The Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday, August 15th, we will reopen on
Friday, August 16th at 8:00 AM.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Stephen Straughan, 1st Anniversary, by Ronnie &
Kathy Blanchette

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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the coming of my last weekend in the parish, there is much sorrow and tears, but also hope for the future. I always saw this day as sometime “in the not too distant future” ... and now it is here. Being a priest means that I belong to everyone... and to no one but God alone. To be a good priest, I have to give my heart away, and also to be willing to have that heart broken over and over again. It would be easy to harden myself and say I won’t do it again... but that would make me distant, aloof, working a job, not being a father. And so, I have to have my heart broken as I say goodbye to yet another family.

Yet, I belong to God and God is faithful. I have spoken about the Hebrew word “Ḥesed” (see Psalm 136) which means zeal for covenant fidelity – that God is not just faithful to His covenant, but He is so full of zeal, of fire, for the covenant that He “can’t help Himself” so to speak. And I know that He is faithful to me and to you, and so I can trust as I leave that He is taking care of you and me. This gives me hope and joy, but it doesn’t stop the tears! And that’s ok, since even Jesus wept at the death of His friend Lazarus, knowing full well that He was going to raise Him up. We are experiencing a true loss and grieving is appropriate... even as we have great trust and hope in God.

As we continue through the Bread of Life Discourse in John, we are brought deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist. There are many different names for the Eucharist. One of the names is “food for the journey.” What is the journey? It is the journey to God. Most often, it is used in reference to our final journey as we pass from this life to the next, but it is what is needed to strengthen us. We see this in the first reading as the story with Elijah prefigures the Eucharist. At first, the food given by the angel did not seem to energize Elijah (he lay down again), but when put to the test, it gave Him the strength He needed for the journey... walking 40 days and 40 nights to Mount Horeb (Sinai).

As we continue our journey of life following the Lord, we are invited to run to the Eucharist, the food for the journey, so that we can be strengthened for the impossible road ahead. There are many mountains we must climb, but with Jesus, we will be strengthened. He will help us to trust in the difficult moments of grieving and saying goodbye. He will help us to know He is with us through the pains and struggles of life. He will show us His healing love through the sicknesses and injuries... and He has been known to heal us. He is faithful to us. He is zealously faithful to us. When He made the new covenant with us in His Blood, He made us blood with Him, made us family. This covenant bond He will never break, even if we are unfaithful. But stay close to the Eucharist, so He can strengthen you!

I end my last article with a tearful farewell, and I say to you:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Your brother and Father,

Fr. Von



Come, **BE FRENCH** with us at this **FREE CONCERT** with **Marie-Line Morin and Friends**. Recalling French Canadian history & cultural traits with various songs – some from *Les Miserables*, Marie-Line leads us to the heart of the French heritage, **FAITH IN CHRIST**. At Mary Queen of Peace Church – 200 Lawrence Rd. Salem, NH.

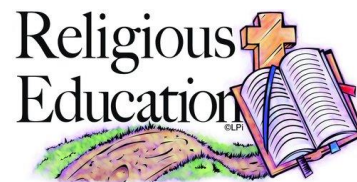


“I will raise him on the last day.” Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



A FAREWELL FOR FATHER VON

Father Von will be leaving St. Patrick’s Parish on August 14th. There will be a farewell reception for him on Sunday, August 11th, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center. Come and wish him well and to say good-bye.



FAITH LIFE 2024-2025

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We are thrilled to announce that registration is now open for our upcoming Faith Life Program for families with children K-12! At St. Patrick’s, we understand the importance of providing a nurturing environment where children and parents alike can deepen their faith and strengthen their bonds with one another.

Our program offers a refuge from the daily busyness of life—a sacred space where families can come together to learn, grow, and carve out a place for Jesus in their hearts and homes. Through engaging lessons, meaningful discussions, and community activities, we aim to inspire and empower each participant to live out their faith in daily life.

To register or learn more about our program, please visit the parish office or feel free to contact us directly at (603) 635-3525 or faithlifeformation@comcast.net. There is also a link to find all registration materials: <https://stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

Who should register for our Faith Life program?

- ❖ All families with children in grades K-12

What if my son/daughter is older and has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- ❖ That’s okay! Every year we have a group of older students that prepare for Confirmation together.

What if I do not have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament?

- ❖ That’s okay too! This program focuses on families growing in faith together year after year.

God Bless,
Jennah Costa
Faith Life Administrator



Is God calling you to work for Him? St. Gianna's Place is seeking a mature, caring individual to work directly with our residents. Responsibilities include supporting residents on a daily basis with their

immediate and long-term goals. Previous experience working with families and knowledge of early childhood care is a plus. Contact Donna Meade at DMeade@StGiannasplace.org if interested.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Supports the Financial mission of the Knights to St. Patrick Church, Pelham Food Pantry, Scholarship, American Red Cross, Good Neighbor Fund, NH Brain Injury Assoc., Pelham residents in need, Crochet Mountain and Military from Diocese

**Monday, Sept. 30th
Campbell's Scottish Highlands**

Registration – 7am
Tee Time – 8:30am
Fee - \$175 per player
\$700 per foursome

Registration Fee Includes

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch, use of range prior to event, food at the turn
- Contest and more
- Awards Dinner and Raffles

Make **check payable** to
Knights of Columbus 6902

Mail checks to
Knights of Columbus 6902
c/o St. Patrick Parish
12 Main St.

Pelham, NH 03076
Any questions call
Chuck Curtis at
603-404-8623

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 8/4/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,072
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,114
Total Offertory	\$8,186

Total Funds Collected **\$8,186**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 8/4/24
\$1,734

Thank you for your generosity!



**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Aug. 18 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Aug. 25 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Sept. 1 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the Parish.

Sept. 8 Utility

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

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

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

12 Main St.
Pelham, NH 03076
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

PARISH WEBSITE

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

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.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or Lmurgia_871@comcast.net

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM

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

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:45pm
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.

FORMED

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

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