



**Saturday August 12**

**4pm ~ David & Armand Berard** requested by their family

**Sunday August 13**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ Isabella Miranda**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Martin family

**Maurice Pelletier**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & family

**Monday August 14**

**8am ~ Suzanne M. Coffin**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

**Henry C. Greaves**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his family

**Tuesday August 15 Assumption**

**8am ~ Phyllis Dexter** requested by Andrea  
**Birthday Blessings for Jeffrey S. McKenzie** requested by his family

**10am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**7pm ~ Philip & Joanne McColgan** requested by their family

**Wednesday August 16**

**8am ~ Louis & Shirley Stagnone** requested by a friend

**Brenda Gabriel** requested by Doug & Laura Masson

**Thursday August 17**

**8am ~ Theresa Straughan**, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

**Friday August 18**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday August 19**

**4pm ~ Lt. Donald Taylor**, 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by Donna Taylor

**Sunday August 20**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ Jean-Piere Bonenfant**, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife



**Sunday, August 13**

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

**Tuesday, August 15**

**Parish Office Closed**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, August 16**

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

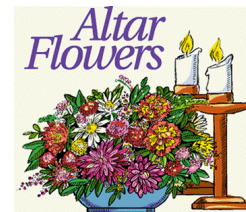
**Thursday, August 17**

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

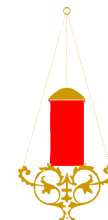
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, August 18**

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



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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Jim Narragon**, Birthday Remembrance, by David & Maureen Groff

**WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**  
 We pray for Liette Goyette. We extend our sympathy to her family.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel this weekend is a testimony, not only to the power of God, but also of how God can work in our lives. Not only does Jesus walk on the water through the storm, but, at His command, Peter is able to walk on the water, too. To believe that God can do impossible things: that's part of being Catholic. To believe that God can do impossible things *through me...* that's a whole other ballgame!

Here's the great mystery – God doesn't just want us to be spectators in our redemption; He gives us an active role. This is God's great generosity – that He allows us to take part. In Baptism, God transformed us, making each of us a Temple of the Holy Spirit. God's very life and love abides in us. We hear throughout the New Testament of the mighty deeds done by those who followed Christ. Ill people are healed, prisoners released from prison, the lame walk, the dead are raised, and the Gospel is preached to those who have ears to hear!

And that same Holy Spirit is still active in each of us. He wants us to take part!

Why do we not see these signs and wonders today? There are many theories about this. Some say that the miracle stories were all fairy tales. Others say that those were signs only for the first age of the Church, but once the Apostles died, there were no more signs and wonders. Others say that those things can only be done by the saints. The argument against all of these is just to look at the history of the Church – miracles have been done throughout the history of the Church (and even *today!*), and some of them have been recorded with such accuracy and scientific acumen that there is little doubt that they are indeed miraculous. Many of these miracles were done by saints, it is true, but many are done by ordinary Christians who have a deep faith in God's loving power in our midst. St. Francis Xavier was called upon by many people to bring them healing, but there weren't enough hours in the day! So, he trained the children to go and pray with faith, and through their little faith, many people were healed.

And this brings us to the crux of the matter: do we have that faith that God is working in us and through us? Of course, we can't control God, we can't force a miracle. Yet, when we act in trusting faith, God comes through; sometimes in miraculous ways. We too often have an "I'm not worthy" attitude. On one level, of course we're not worthy – no one is. On the other hand, it's not about our worthiness, but about God's fidelity to us. When Jesus called Peter, Peter's reaction was "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8) – yet Jesus called him, Jesus used him. Peter would go on to walk on water... and sink. He would deny Jesus three times, and then profess his love for Him three times. He would put his foot in his mouth more times than can be counted, and then would become the Pope.

Our unworthiness is not an excuse for God not using us... it is an invitation *to trust in Him*. In our brokenness, in our woundedness, in our sinfulness, in our littleness, God's greatness will shine through **that much more boldly!** What made Peter different was not he was worthier than the other disciples, but that he stepped out of the boat, trusting in Jesus.

Will I do that? Will you?



“Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid!”  
Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God’s call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)

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

**FIRST GRADE TEACHER  
NEW POSITION!**

St. Joe’s continues to thrive and grow as a faith-filled Catholic school! In response to our increased enrollment, we are adding a second 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Will you answer the call to work in a welcoming environment that promotes our Church’s teaching?

Preferred applicants will:

- have a love of learning and a desire to share that enthusiasm with joy.
- should be acquainted with and at ease working with students at the primary grade level.
- be willing to work in a welcoming, warm faith-filled environment.
- be a practicing Catholic with a New Hampshire teaching certification for elementary education (or be eligible for certification).

All individuals who work with students will be required to complete Safe Haven Online Training as well as a criminal background check. Interested applicants must complete a Diocesan Teacher Application and forward it along with a letter of interest, resume, college transcripts, and 3 letters of reference to:

**Principal Mary Croteau**  
**St. Joseph Regional Catholic School**  
**40 Main Street**  
**Salem, NH 03079**  
[principal@sjrcs.com](mailto:principal@sjrcs.com)



**JOIN US FOR THE 2023-2024  
FAITH LIFE YEAR!  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

All families are encouraged and welcome to join us for Faith Life this fall. So much more than Sacramental preparation, this program reaches into the daily craziness of family life and seeks to carve out a place for Jesus. Welcome Him into your homes this year!

Who should register for the 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 preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What if I do not have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament?  
-That’s okay! This is a program that helps all families grow in faith together year after year.

I look forward to seeing you all!

To find registration materials please follow this link:  
<https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

You can mail registration materials back to the parish office or stop by and drop them off. The office is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please email Adam Castor at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net)

In Christ,  
Adam Castor  
Director of Faith Life  
St. Patrick Parish  
Pelham, NH



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Annual Parish Picnic  
Sunday, September 24, 2023

After the 10:30 AM Mass

Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Stand on the mountain before the Lord”**

1 Kings 19:11: “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by.” Matt 14:27: “Jesus spoke and said, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” Take shelter in the Lord. The Lord is always with you. He will shelter you and sustain you in your marriage. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. He will guide you in your relationship. The dates are:

**August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, Ct**

**August 25-27, 2023 in Derby Line, Vermont**

**September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

For more information, or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or

<https://wwmema.org/>.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE SHARING**

Our Women’s Bible Sharing group will resume weekly meetings starting in September and we’d love to have you join us! Our goal is to grow deeper in our faith while also building faith-filled friendships. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 9-10AM starting 9/5 and continuing weekly throughout the year. Each week, we focus on reading and discussing the readings for that week. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.” - Matthew 18:20 Please contact Jennah Costa with any questions [jennahcosta@yahoo.com](mailto:jennahcosta@yahoo.com) or (207) 431-4546.

**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 8/6/23

Offertory Envelopes \$5,678

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,017

**Total Offertory \$7,695**

**Total Collected \$7,695**

Thank you for your continue support

~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvement**

collected as of 8/6/23

\$1,879

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Aug. 20 Maintenance**

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

**Aug. 27 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Sept. 3 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Sept. 10 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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we will reopen on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.



**Have you ever thought about God’s Love for us?** The Light of the World Retreat is coming to Saint Patrick’s on October 20-23, 2023.

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

12 Main St.  
Pelham, NH 03076  
603-635-3525 (office)  
603-635-3919 (fax number)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Website: [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

### **Pastor**

Rev. Volney J. DeRosia - Ext. 15  
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### **Priest in Residence**

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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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)