

Mass Intentions
for the Week



Saturday August 14

4pm ~ Lt. Donald G. Taylor, 45th Anniversary, and In Honor of St. Joseph requested by Donna M. Taylor

Sunday August 15

8am ~ Ann Gallant requested by her friends Sophia O. Frawley, Remembrance Mass, requested by Stephen F. Wasylak, Jr. & family
10:30am ~ Juliann Hojlo, 20th Anniversary, requested by her family

Monday August 16

8am ~ Birthday Blessings for Jeffrey S. McKenzie requested by his family

Tuesday August 17

8am ~ Theresa Straughan, 5th Anniversary, requested by her family

Wednesday August 18

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Jean-Pierre Bonenfant, 9th Anniversary, requested by his wife

Thursday August 19

8am ~ Phyllis Dexter requested by Andrea Genereux

Friday August 20

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday August 21

4pm ~ Armand & David Berard requested by their family

Sunday August 22

8am ~ Susie O'Toole, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family
10:30am ~ Bud Provencal, 3rd Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family
Edward & Kevin Nabydoski requested by their family

Sunday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 17

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 18

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

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

Thursday, August 19

Holy Hour to Heal Our Land, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

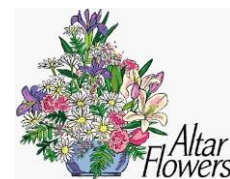
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 20

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

Pray for Vocations
"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Sophia O. Frawley, Remembrance Mass, by Stephen F. Wasylak, Jr. & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Sophia O. Frawley, Remembrance Mass, by Stephen F. Wasylak, Jr. & family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year, our normal Sunday procession through the Scriptures is interrupted by the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. As we've been moving through the Bread of Life Discourse, it has me pondering over the relationship between Mary and the Eucharist.

I have been thinking about a scientific discovery I heard about several years ago called *microchimerism*. This is defined as the presence of two genetically distinct cell populations in the same individual. While there are several reasons for this, one cause of microchimerism is the bidirectional transfer of cells between mother and baby during pregnancy. The baby's DNA can remain in a mother

for decades after the birth of the child.

We know that God taking on a body is not a "fall out" of God's plan to save us, but at the very heart of His plan. Our bodiliness, and His bodiliness are not accidents, but a beautiful part of God's plan for us! When I think of this, I think about how Mary was a tabernacle of God. At the Annunciation, Mary received Almighty God into her – His very being into her being, His Body into her body. She became an Ark of the New Covenant, a Tabernacle for the dwelling of God Most High. Knowing what we know now about microchimerism, this means that after the birth of Jesus, He did not *stop* dwelling in her! She remained a Tabernacle of God. No wonder we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. How could God allow her body to decay if it was united to Jesus?!

Mary's Assumption is a foreshadowing of what we believe will happen to all of us at the end of time – that our bodies and our souls will be reunited for eternity – whether in heaven or in hell. We profess this belief in the Apostles' Creed, as we proclaim our belief in the "resurrection of the body and life everlasting." What happened to Mary is the plan for each of us – we will be bodily in heaven for ever. This is foreshadowed also by those saints who are incorrupt (meaning, that their bodies did not decomposed after death).

Now, let's take this to the Eucharist. When we receive Jesus' Body into our bodies in Holy Communion, we also become Tabernacles of the Most High. As long as we do not reject the life and grace of God (by mortal sin), we will be raised up on the Last Day. This was Jesus' promise in the Bread of Life Discourse:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.
(John 6:54-57)

Jesus promises us that if we eat His flesh He will remain in us and He will raise us on the last day. Or to put it another way, if we have received the Eucharist in faith and not rejected Him (again, through mortal sin), then *our bodies can't stay dead!*

As we meditate on these profound mysteries, I invite you to ask Our Lady to help you allow these truths to permeate your very being. May this not just be something we talk about, or a ritual we celebrate, but may the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist enter our bodies and souls making us Tabernacles of God now and forever.



A FAMILY OF FAITH
Family Catechesis for Our Parish

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022
FAITH LIFE IS OPEN!**

In the Fall we will begin using A Family of Faith by Sophia Press. As we have in the past, we will follow a family based formation model. This model brings the entire family together and involves them in the program. As a family, you will come and grow closer to Jesus!

**Is there a lot of work involved for families?
How much time will this program take?**

No. There are two lessons to teach each month, along with a variety of family and child activities. Each lesson should take no more than 30-45 minutes to complete, and requires minimal preparation on the part of the parent.

For what age children has this program been developed?

Because this program focuses on teaching the faith to parents and helping them make it an organic part of family life, it is perfect for parents with children of all ages. For example, a monthly feature called "Your Catholic Home" gives specific advice for ways to make the Faith a regular part of each day. The Children's Activity Books are recommended for children in grades K-8, and features engaging activities at various grade levels. Parents can skip the activities they believe are too elementary or too advanced for their child.

We invite you to register for the program now and join us in the Fall. All registration materials can be found on the parish website or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please email Adam Castor, Director of Faith Life, at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

HEARING ASSISTANCE AT MASS

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, we have purchased portable hearing assistants that tap into our sound system. If you would like to borrow one for Mass, please check in the Sacristy before Mass.

*Marriage
Banns*

The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in August:

**Richard Muse III
and
Debra Finlayson**

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God



We will be starting up our **Friday Night Community Dinners** again in September and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please call the Parish office at 603-635-3525.



CRAFTERS WANTED

We are looking for crafters for **St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair** to be held on **Dec. 4, 2021**. Cost for is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. It is a fun day with a coloring contest for kids, scrumptious food and homemade goodies at our Bake Table. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org. They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to pelham.formed.org

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Blessing of the Child in the Womb,
September 12th, in the church

Community Dinner, September 17th, from
5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

Healing Mass, September 17th, at 7:00 PM
in the church

Parish Picnic, September 26th, after the
10:30 AM Mass

Blessing of the Pets, October 2nd, at 1:00
PM

Parish Mission, October 17th – 19th, 7:00-
8:30 PM, in the church

Generational Healing Mass, November
12th, 7:00 PM, in the Church

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. If you would like to hear Fr. Von's past homilies, please visit our Parish Website under "Quick Links" under "On-line Masses and Homilies."



**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

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 8/8/21

Offertory Envelopes \$5,643

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,200

Total Offertory \$7,843

Utility \$1,299

Total Collected \$9,142

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~



**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Aug. 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Aug. 29 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Sept. 5 Catholic University

This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at the Catholic University of America and supports the work of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. **Our assessment for this collection is \$1,068**

Sept. 12 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 19 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

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PARISH WEBSITE

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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
2:00-8:00pm

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

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.

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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