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**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)

**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).

**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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 his daughter Diane Beaulieu & family  
**Phyllis Dexter**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
 10:30am **Isabella Miranda** requested by the Martin family  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday August 19**  
 8am **Patrick Naughton** requested by the Nee family

**Tuesday August 20**  
 8am **Lorraine Sunseri** requested by Maureen & David Groff  
**Rev. Robert A. Marchand**

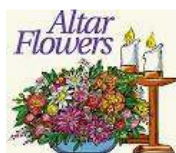
**Wednesday August 21**  
 8am **Dennis Murphy**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Will & Ginnie Thesier

**Thursday August 22**  
 8am **Nicholas Betancur** requested by his family

**Friday August 23**  
 8am No Mass

**Saturday August 24**  
 4pm **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**Michael, Victoria & Anthony Sarno** requested by Carmine & Annette Sarno

**Sunday August 25**  
 8am **Robert Scruton, Sr., & Robert Scruton, Jr.**, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon  
 10:30am **Mira D'Silva** requested by the Martin family  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

<p><b>PARISH COLLECTIONS</b></p> <p>In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in <b>\$8,700</b> per week.</p> <p>Parish Collections for the week of 8/11/19</p> <table> <tr> <td>Offertory Envelopes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,972</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Offertory Electronic Giving</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,339</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Offertory</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$6,311</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utility</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,483</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Collected</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$7,794</b></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your faithful &amp; generous support ~Fr. Von~</p>	Offertory Envelopes	\$4,972	Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,339	<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,311</b>	Utility	\$1,483	<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$7,794</b>
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**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Aug. 25 Faith Life Formation**  
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Sept. 1 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 \$2,164.

**Sept. 8 Capital Improvements**  
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Sept. 15 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.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Terry Evans by her mom & family



**Sunday, August 18**

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

**Tuesday, August 20**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, August 21**

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church


**Thursday, August 22**

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, August 23**


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



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

**Michael McCarthy & Maria Casipe**  
and  
**Joseph Rosko & Aleesha Kosik**

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



Please join us for our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Can't wait to see you there!

**VOCATIONS**

“Run the race which lies ahead.” Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven 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](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org) Website: [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com)

**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



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 of **5, 25 or 50 years**, to attend the **Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 P.M., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by September 20, 2019**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years will be asked to register later for a spring celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's second reading, we hear that "**we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**" (Hebrews 12:1). This comes directly after when the Letter speaks about the Old Testament saints – Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets (see Hebrews 11). The writer speaks about how they acted in faith – a supreme act of trust in God. He uses this to encourage us – you and me – to

**rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.**  
(Hebrews 12:1-2)

What a great analogy – running the race of our lives. When I was young, my parents used to take us cross-country skiing. I was never good at it, but, as I grew older, I enjoyed it. When I was about 12 years old, I was in a race. I started out well, but very quickly I lost my breath, and had to "slog" my way through the race. My older cousins (who were excellent skiers) were part of the race as well, but in an older division. They had to go through the route I was doing... but twice. Each time they passed, they shouted great encouragement to me. But I knew, that, being *way* behind everyone else, I had no chance of winning, and was not encouraged about even finishing.

As I came around the last turn of the course, I was shocked to find my family – including my cousins who had finished the race – waiting at the finish line, crying out my name, encouraging me to keep on. Suddenly, everyone in the crowd – most of whom I did not know – were calling out my name, saying I could do it, that I could finish strong. With that encouragement, I was able to muster a last bit of energy, and I truly raced past the finish line. (All told, I think I came in 23<sup>rd</sup>... I don't know if there were more than 23 people racing in my division.) That experience has stayed with me. The great encouragement of my family, and then the crowd, gave me the "umph" (to use a technical word) to give my all and to finish the race.

The Letter to the Hebrews speaks the same to us – that we need encouragement in the on-going race of our lives. To switch the metaphor a bit, our race is not a sprint, but a marathon. He says that there is a "**great cloud of witnesses**" (Hebrews 12:1)... and they are cheering us on, encouraging us, spurring us to keep on running the race. The Church speaks about this "cloud of witnesses" as the Communion of Saints – those who have run the race already and are watching us from Heaven. They want to encourage us and help us along our road of life.

St. Paul says that the Church is the Body of Christ (see Romans 12:5, I Corinthians 12:12, 27, Ephesians 3:6, 4:12, 14, Colossians 1:24). Since there is only one Christ, we, who are here on earth, are still connected through this one Body to those who have gone before us into Heaven. As such, we can have a relationship with them in Christ.

Who are the saints that you know, that spur you on? Often times, we have a saint we're named after (I do not since, as of yet, there are no Saint Volneys... but I'm working on that!). Our confirmation saints, or other saints to which we feel an affinity can be a great inspiration to us, their lives can give us hope, and they can pray for us from heaven.

I have a devotion to a number of saints – the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Philomena, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Gemma Galgani, St. John Vianney, St. Pio, St. John Paul II, St. Fasutina ... just to name a few. Each of these saints have somehow affected me, shaped my relationship with Jesus – by the example of their lives, or through my prayer to them over the years.

The thing to remember is that the saints are *real people* who do really care for us, and help us from Heaven. They are crying out as part of the great cloud of witnesses, encouraging us to live holiness, to keep going in the tough times, to seek intimacy with God. I encourage you to cultivate a relationship with the saints; they will help you in your hardest times, and rejoice with you in your joys.

I pray that the faith of the saints may inspire you and encourage you in your life of faith. May their successes... and their failures in trial help you to keep going, to finish the race well, and so run into the arms of our loving Lord and God.

Sr. Monica

Sr. Agnes Therese



**FRANCISCAN SISTERS, T.O.R.**

*of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother*

Ongoing Conversion

Parish Mission

September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

*St. Patrick Parish*

**Monday and Tuesday** – in the Church

6:30 PM – Adoration and Rosary

7:00 PM – Mission begins

**Wednesday** – in the Parish Center

with desserts and finger foods

7:00 PM – Mission begins

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

My Sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Learn how God is calling you to more in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are September 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and October 18-20, 2019 in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



Thank you so much to everyone that participated, donated, sponsored, volunteered and supported the Car Show of Pelham on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a fantastic day, which had over 330 show cars while raising 4,600 pieces of food and \$4,400 for the Pelham, NH Food Pantry. Thanks again to everyone and looking forward to next year! Tentative date is Saturday, July 11, 2020. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook at [CarshowofPelham](https://www.carshowofpelham.com/). You can also check us out at <https://www.carshowofpelham.com/> and <https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/food-pantry/>. All pictures and results are posted on the car show website.



**Orientation Meeting for all Families and Registration Night September 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 PM**

This is a meeting for all families with students in grades K-12 who will be participating in our Faith Life Program. This will give parents an opportunity to meet Adam, the Faith Life Director, and to learn more about the program we offer at St. Patrick Parish. This will also give parents an opportunity to register their children if they are not already. This meeting will take place in the cafeteria of the school.

**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](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com) for the information. There will be an Orientation Meeting and Registration Night on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM for all families. First classes for the Faith Life Program will begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Summer is flying by so get your registrations in as soon as you can. Thank you.

**Are You Called to be a Catechist?**

Planning for Faith Life Classes has been taking place for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in sharing your unique skill set and giving back to the parish, we are looking for Catechists. To be a teacher of the faith and pass it on to future generations is truly a privilege. If you are interested in learning more, please email Adam Castor, Director of Faith Life at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net)

**FAMILY LIFE’S QUOTES**

I enjoy coming because it allows me the downtime to connect with Jesus, my family and other faithful.

~Parent

I enjoy seeing my friends and learning about God.

~Child