



Saturday August 1

4pm ~ Francis Fitzgerald, 7th Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family

Sunday August 2

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Una Harrington, 5th Anniversary, requested by her family

6pm ~ Juliann Hojlo, 19th Anniversary, requested by her family

Monday August 3

8am ~ William Bonner requested by David & Maureen Groff

Joseph & Muriel Caron requested by the Lemieux family

Tuesday August 4

8am ~ Intentions of the Blessed Mother requested by the Lemieux family

Neal Blaiklock requested by David & Maureen Groff

Wednesday August 5

8am ~ John & Gloria Carmody requested by the Lemieux family

Bob Audet requested by Gilbert & Theresa Goupil

Thursday August 6

8am ~ Florence Brunelle requested by Connie her niece

James Crotty requested by Andrea Genereux

Friday August 7

8am ~ For all Souls in Purgatory

Saturday August 8

4pm ~ James Gabby Floyd requested by his family

Sunday August 9

8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona & Ronnie Bedard requested by Donna Smith

10:30am ~ Dorothy McCarthy, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 4

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 5

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 6

Blood Drive, 1:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Friday, August 7

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Francis Fitzgerald, 7th Anniversary, by his wife Teresa & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

First Friday Mass is this Friday, August 7th, at 8:00 AM.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, St. Paul tells us that nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. This is important to remember, that no circumstance, no person – natural or supernatural – can separate us from His love.

In the midst of COVID-19, we might begin to question God's love. Yet, as I mentioned last week, "all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28). Even in the midst of this crisis – or any other crisis that may arise in our lives – God's love will never change.

Sometimes, we might get the impression from life circumstances that God is punishing us. We might feel that when bad things happen, it's a sign that God is fighting against us. The reality is that God is desperately in love with you and me, and there's nothing anyone can do to change that. While God may allow bad things to happen to us, it is because He has a plan to make it work for good.

The truth is that no other creature can keep us from the love of God. Even sin can't keep us separate from God... Jesus went to the Cross and died to destroy the power of sin and death. But **clinging to sin** *can* separate us from the love of God. God must punish sin, because sin is an offense against the very goodness of who God is. If we let go of our sin, if we repent (turn away) from sin, and cling to God's mercy, when God goes to punish sin, He will then pour out His mercy on us. But if we cling to sin, if we hold on to it, then when God goes to punish sin, He has to punish us. So the obvious choice is to let go of our sin and turn to God's mercy.


Why don't we, then? Why do we cling to our sin? I think there are all sorts of reasons why we choose our sin, our brokenness, over God's love and mercy. It could be that our way of life is what we are used to, and we're afraid of change and what that will mean. It could be because we are afraid to let go of our coping mechanisms that keep us numb to our emptiness. It could be that we have built our identity on the lies of sin, and to surrender those sins to God – no matter how merciful and loving we are told He is – makes us feel that our very identity will be destroyed. There are probably all sorts of other reasons, as well.

When it comes to dying to ourselves, it can be very frightening. The evil one whispers lies to our hearts saying that our sin is our identity, our desires are our identity, our brokenness is our identity. When we have to give up what seems to be our very identity, we may react violently. Yet, God tells us not to be afraid. He reminds us that we are worth every drop of His Blood. He loves us THAT MUCH!

And He tells us that our identity is NOT our brokenness, our desires, or our sin. Your identity and mine is simply this: **YOU ARE A BELOVED CHILD OF GOD.** Any other way of identifying ourselves is secondary. Our sexual desires, our sinfulness, our brokenness from how others have wounded us by their sins – none of these speak to who you are, who I am! Only this: You and I are beloved children of God.

Living in this truth, by surrendering to the mercy of God and not clinging to our sin – then we can cry out with St. Paul:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)



“They all ate and were satisfied...” Are you called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

ATTENTION LADIES

St. Gianna’s Place, a caring home in Hudson NH for pregnant women in crisis, is looking for volunteers. Our current need is for Catholic women 25 years old and older who can volunteer at our home on weekends. Whether you can volunteer for a couple hours in the daytime once a month, or you could commit to an overnight now and again, if you are able bodied and want to help please call 603-521-8440 or send an email to Admin@StGiannasPlace.org. Also, as the state begins to open and schools and activities return to normal, we will need women to assist our residents with transportation. If you have a reliable vehicle and wish to volunteer please let us know! Thank you!

Great News-Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone “Virtual”

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14th to October 26th from 7:00-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

FOOD PANTRY

Attention: Gardeners if you end up with a surplus of fresh produce we will be glad to take it off your hands. Thank you for your generosity!

A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Living in God’s Time

Friday, September 11-Sunday, September 13
Join us from the comfort of your own home as we dive deeper into what it means to live in God’s time. This virtual experience will include thought provoking talks, times for prayer and reflection, and some social time to get to know other young adults from both Maine and New Hampshire, and a live/stream Mass to conclude the weekend. Register at <https://2020yaretreat.eventbrite.com> For more information or questions, please call Mary Jane Silvia at 603-663-0172 or Hannah Gonneville at 207-773-6471.

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

The mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa. It has 83 parishes and 1200 mission churches with 1.2 million baptized Catholics. Drought, famine and poverty are always the major challenges faced by much of the population since they depend on agriculture for their livelihood. The effects of malnutrition, HIV/AIDS and now Covid-19 plus other diseases common in third world countries are the major causes of death for many especially the young children. Your generosity will help to continue with construction of an Elementary School and a High School, tuition for these schools, maintain 4 orphanages, drilling of wells to provide clean water for the people, a hospital, 21 Group Homes for disabled children and programs to rehabilitate street children. On behalf of the Bishop of Machakos and the faithful people. Thank You for your generosity.



FAITH LIFE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

My hope and prayer is that we will never again take for granted the gift it is to come together as a Catholic Community, for in this coming together we help each other draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

I invite every family to [register](#) and [participate](#) in our [Family Faith Life Program](#) for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration materials can be found on our parish website: <https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

God Bless each and everyone of you. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

~Adam, Director of Faith Life

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 7/26/20

Offertory Envelopes \$ 3,930

Offertory Electronic Giving \$ 1,570

Total Offertory \$ 5,500

Faith Life \$1,223

Total Offertory \$6,723

As of 7/26 we have an offertory deficit of \$ 2,167

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 9 Utility

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

Aug. 9 Parish Mission Appeal

The Mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa.

Aug. 16 NH Missionaries Abroad Migrant & Refugee Ministry in 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 New Hampshire.

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

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

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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.

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

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