



Saturday August 20

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

Sunday August 21

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

10:30am ~ **Lt. Donald G. Taylor, 46th** Anniversary, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by Donna M. Taylor

Monday August 22

8am ~ **In Thanksgiving in Honor of the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague** requested by Teresa Fitzgerald

Tuesday August 23

8am ~ **Jeannette Byrnes** requested by her brother John
Roger Parent requested by Andrea

Wednesday August 24

8am ~ **Health & Blessing for Angela Cukier** requested by Joyce & family

Thursday August 25

8am ~ **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family

Friday August 26

8am ~ **No Mass**

Saturday August 27

4pm ~ **Blanche Turcotte Day, 21st Anniversary**, requested by Patty Kennedy

Sunday August 28

8am ~ **George Straughan, 24th Anniversary**, requested by Doug & Laura Masson

10:30am ~ **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 25, 2022

After the 10:30 AM Mass

Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities and our First Parish Cornhole Tournament
(More information to follow)



Sunday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 23

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 24

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 25

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


Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 26

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 **Maurice Pelletier, 1st** Anniversary, by his wife & family



“Make straight paths for your feet.” Will your path of holiness be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.)

Next weekend, we'll have our Mission Coop speaker at all the Masses.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us that getting to Heaven is not as easy as we seem to think it is. It seems that most people (most people who believe in God, anyway) think that getting to Heaven is very easy and most people get there, while going to hell is next to impossible, and only those like Hitler and Stalin end up there. When asked directly, however, Jesus replies in a way that shows us it is the exact opposite: **"Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough"** (Luke 13:24).

"Many ... will not be strong enough." Harrowing words. It makes me wonder, am I strong enough? What do I need to do to be saved?

The truth is, of course, that none of us can save ourselves. St. Therese was once lauded for her great virtue. In a show of impatience, she said (and I paraphrase), "Oh, it's not that! Our good works condemn us if we rely on them!" We cannot earn Heaven. Only Jesus can earn Heaven for us; only the Cross and Resurrection can save us. No amount of good works or growth in virtue can save our souls. It is only by entering the narrow gate – Jesus Himself – that we are saved.

Being strong enough, then, means not our own strength, but relying totally and constantly and explicitly on Jesus' strength. We must be conformed to Christ in order to enter through that narrow gate. Our good works have a place, however, as they help us to receive His grace and be conformed to Him. On our own, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible. They're not necessarily easy, but they are *now possible!*

I was reflecting on this recently. In my early days of priesthood, I went into the ER to pray with a family whose young son had a TV fall on his head. As they were stitching him up, he was streaming bloody-murder! With the screaming, I realized I was having a vagal reaction. As the nauseous feeling overwhelmed me, sweat poured out of my body, and I felt light-headed, I was looking for a place to sit or at least lean against – and I found nothing! I started praying to God, "Keep me vertical!" The last thing the family needed at that point was to deal with a priest passed out on the floor. I kept thinking, "Jesus, take care of this." It took a while, but the reaction finally faded... after the child stopped screaming. I realized that Jesus hadn't taken away the cross of the moment, but He had kept me standing – He didn't suddenly make it easy, but He made it possible for me to remain standing.

In God's mercy, getting to Heaven is not easy, but Jesus's love on the Cross, it is now *possible* for us. Why is it not easy? Because we keep *desiring* to be conformed to the world and not to Jesus. If we allow ourselves to be swept up with worldly things, with worldly thinking, with worldly desires, with worldly ways, then we won't be swept up into Christ. To enter the narrow gate means that we need to say "No" to ourselves, to our worldly desires. I'm going to say this straight: The worldly is bring us to Hell! We have to keep our eyes on Heaven when the desire for pleasure or leisure (or whatever else from the world) puts a wedge between us and God, we need to say "No," renouncing it for the sake of the Kingdom. This may be hard. Okay... this *is* hard! But *it is now possible* with the grace of God, and *it is absolutely necessary* for us to enter the narrow gate – Jesus Christ. So, let's ask God to help us through the narrow gate, to reject all within us that rejects God, and so be saved.



Join us October 21-24, 2022
 For a life-changing retreat!
 Light of the World
 Held at St. Patrick School
 Sign up by contacting
 the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
 The retreat is free,
 and you sleep at home.
 Please indicate dietary restrictions.



FAITH FORMATION
Join Us for the 2022-2023
Faith Life Year!

All families are encouraged and welcome to join us for Faith Life this year. 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! To find registration materials please follow this link:

<https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

Our Program begins in September. You can bring your completed registration materials to the parish office or mail them in. We are open Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

ROSARY CHALLENGE

During Lent, the St. Patrick’s Mission Team offered a Lenten Challenge that focused on prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Part of this challenge was praying the Holy Rosary daily. We are proud to report that at least **5,000 Rosaries** were said during that time! Fortunately, the majority of us (if not all!) found such benefit from our daily Rosaries that we have not stopped! One Rosary prayed is so powerful and to imagine the power of thousands is astonishing. Sister Lucia dos Santos writes, “The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary. To such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” Many of us have continued these daily Rosaries, but we would like to offer a Rosary Challenge starting in October, which is a month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. As October gets closer, we will provide more details about the Rosary Challenge! Stay tuned!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Healing Mass**, Friday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM in the church
- Men of St. Joseph**, Saturday, September 10th, from 7:00-9:00 AM in the parish center
- Community Dinner**, Friday, September 16th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the parish center
- Parish Picnic**, Sunday, September 25th, after the 10:30 AM Mass

**COME JOIN THE
 BEST KEPT SECRET IN TOWN**

If you are a woman 18 to 108, the **Women’s Guild** is for you. We meet once a month usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Our first meeting of the year will be on **September 6th, at 6:30 PM.** We will discuss the agenda for the year. Every year we have a fundraiser, **The Penny Sale**, to fund our charitable causes. We have the Shawl Ministry, Baptismal Gowns, Food Pantry, Samaritan’s Purse, etc. At our meeting we go through our agenda, sometimes we have a guest speaker or we may do a fun thing like painting! We have a Yankee Swap at our Christmas party with a sing along with Steve Caruso. Sometimes we also have added entertainment! We end our year with a Mystery Dinner in June. **Every month we always, share desserts, fellowship and laughter.**

So join us for a fun filled year!

Thank you St Patrick’s Parish for your prayers and donations in support of my Eagle Scout project of construction of outdoor Stations of the Cross.

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE

A Catholic home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, will be holding a baby bottle campaign beginning September 10th until October 9th. Our doors have now been open for 3 years and we've been able to offer a loving, formative and supportive home to 17 women and their children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer to our moms. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin at the entrance of the church. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

In 1985 Patriarch Bartholomew initiated the liturgical *Season of Creation* in the Orthodox Church. Many other Christian churches followed and adopted the season and in 2015 Pope Francis welcomed the *Season of Creation* officially into the calendar of the Catholic Church. The liturgical *Season of Creation* begins on September 1st with the *World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation* and ends on October 4th, the *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*. During the *Season of Creation*, we renew our relationship with our Creator, ourselves, our neighbors and all creation through prayer, instruction, reflection and action for our common home. This year's theme, *Listening to the Voice of Creation*, focuses on the story of Moses and the Burning Bush where through the flames of the thorn bush that was not consumed God tells Moses to remove his sandals on this sacred ground and listen to his instructions to liberate his people. In 2022, we too are being called to listen to God's voice as he speaks through his creation so that we can hear the cry of the earth, the poor and future generations while we commit to walk more lightly and reverently on the sacred ground of our common home. seasonofcreation.org Consider participating in the online prayer service on September 1st, at 7:00 PM marking the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation. Sign up for daily reflections during the *Season of Creation* authored by the Creation Care Team of the Paulist Center, Boston, MA. Interested in receiving them? Please email: seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com

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 8/14/22

Offertory Envelopes \$4,862

Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,022

Total Offertory \$6,884

Utilities \$2,044

Total Collected \$8,928

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 28 Evangelization

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

Sept. 4 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

40TH ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT!

All Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 40th Annual Scout Retreat on Friday, September 16th - Sunday, September 18th, at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. The cost is \$13 per scout and \$10 per adult. The retreat is very active, like a Camporee, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities. It includes a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and dance! To register online: go to <https://2022scoutretreat.eventbrite.com/> For Information: www.catholicnh.org/scout Email: FrRay3@gmail.com or call: 603-224-4393 Ext 1. Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee.

To see past retreats go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat

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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
2:00-9:00pm

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