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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
to register, go to 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.

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

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. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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**

Monday August 26
 8am **Doris Boule** requested by her family
George & Theresa Muldoon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Tuesday August 27
 8am **George & Theresa Straughan** requested by Doug & Laura
Kevin & Edward Nabydoski requested by a relative

Wednesday August 28
 8am **Blanche Turcotte, 18th** Anniversary, requested by Patty Kennedy

Thursday August 29
 8am **Geri Hollywood** requested by Lillian Murgia

Friday August 30
 8am No Mass

Saturday August 31
 4pm **Jacqueline Norkiewicz, 11th** Anniversary, requested by her family
Florence & Louis Jacques requested by their family

Sunday September 1
 8am **Irene Tallard** requested by Theresa Goupil
Gerard Bibeau requested by the Michaud family
 10:30am **Roland Gonsalves**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Helen Gonsalves & family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

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 8/18/19

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| Offertory Envelopes | \$5,537 |
| Offertory Electronic Giving | \$1,116 |
| Total Offertory | \$6,653 |
| Assumption | \$1,410 |
| Total Collected | \$8,063 |

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

NH Missionaries

collected as of 8/18/19
\$1,108

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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 Una Harrington by Virginia Chiasson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 25

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

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

Tuesday, August 27

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 28

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 29

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 30

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

VOCATIONS

"Make straight paths for your feet." Will your path of holiness be 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

Website: 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

Marriage Banns

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.



On August 31 and September 1st, a representative from Franciscan Mission Service will be visiting to raise awareness and financial support for their organization. As a Catholic, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, FMS relies on the prayers and financial support of U.S. church communities to serve communities in Central America, the Caribbean, and here in the United States. In anticipation of this message, Franciscan Mission Service invites parishioners to reflect on Pope Francis' words from *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." How might you be called to be engaged in evangelization? Some give by going on mission, and some go by giving – with both prayers and donations.

To find out more, look for Franciscan Mission Service on August 31st and September 1st or visit www.franciscanmissionservice.org. Our guest speaker is Laurel O'Connor.

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of the Child in the Womb*. Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers and families gathered after the 10:30 AM Mass on the weekend of September 8th.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Someone asks Jesus an important question in today's Gospel: "**Lord, will only a few people be saved?**" (Luke 13:23). Most people in today's culture hear Jesus' response as, "Many will enter, but only a few will be lost." This is actually the exact opposite of what Jesus says. He says,

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)

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says something similar:

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few. (Matthew 7:13-14)

At the heart of Jesus' message is that we have to work to get to heaven.

Now just to clarify – it is NOT that we *earn* heaven. We can do nothing to *earn* Heaven. By our sin, we had broken off our relationship with God. God Himself opens the gates of Heaven to us so that we can enter in. So, to be clear, it is by the passion (suffering), cross, and resurrection of Jesus that we are able to enter into Heaven.

That being said, our lives, our choices we make, are choices to enter through the narrow door ... or not. Our basic tendency is for the "not" choice. Why is that? It is because of Original Sin. You remember the Original Sin – when Adam and Eve chose to reject the Fatherhood of God by grasping at the forbidden fruit, and then refusing to take responsibility for their sin. This sin broke the universe, so to speak. Now the close relationships we had with God, with each other, within ourselves, and with nature are now askew, and we are not at peace. Our desires have been messed up, and now, instead of reaching for the infinite (God), we reach to fill our emptiness with finite things (relationships, pleasure, power, selfishness, etc.). This traditionally has been called *concupiscence*.

Baptism washes Original Sin away, but the effects of Original Sin – *concupiscence* – remains. As such, we still desire the wrong things – we still have the basic tendency to choose immediate gratification instead of the eternal love of God. I think this is why Jesus says that many try to enter the narrow door but are not strong enough: they – we – don't say "no" to our disordered desires, and so we end up saying "no" to God. This is why we fast, especially during Lent – so that we can build up our self-control, saying "no" even to good things, so that we can have the strength to say "yes" to God. Our desires, for instance, for cookies may overwhelm our knowledge that too many cookies are bad for our health. So, we give up cookies for Lent – not because cookies are bad, but because our desire for cookies are disordered and need to be held in check. In other words, if we had a proper desire for cookies, we would be able to eat one or two, enjoy them tremendously, giving thanks to God for the gift of our taste buds ... and not eat the whole container of cookies!

Apply this to every area of our lives – whether it be food, the sexual embrace, our use of entertainment, work, money, power, or anything else. We need to strive to say "yes" to God, which means curbing the "runaway" desires that turn inward on ourselves.

So how do we enter the narrow door? First, *we need to ask God for help*. Remember that we are weaker than we like to think. And that's okay. The problem is not that we are weak, but that we refuse God's help. Pray. Ask God for the grace to re-order the disorder in ourselves. Second, take stock of your life. You know the areas that are "out of whack" ... if you don't, just ask the people with which you live – I'm sure they'll be glad to tell you. Look at these desires that are out of proper order, and think about one small step you can make today to reorder one desire within yourself. Ask God for clarity with that, and let Him lead you. Each small step helps us on the journey.

The choice to want to follow Christ is a BIG STEP toward making it through the narrow door... and Jesus *wants* us to go through. May we find in Him the strength to overcome ourselves and receive the saving power of God.



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!

BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT 2019

This year our Parish will be participating in the Baby Bottle Benefit to support St. Gianna's Place, Inc. of Hudson, New Hampshire. On Saturday and Sunday, September 14th and 15th, you will have the opportunity to take an empty baby bottle home. Throughout the week, you can drop your spare change, bills or even a check into the bottle and return it on Saturday or Sunday, September 21st and 22nd. "St. Gianna's Place provides shelter for homeless pregnant women and their babies. They offer a safe home, job and life skill training, and emotional support to pregnant women in need. Their vision is to promote healthy families by providing expectant moms with resources to give birth to their babies and move their lives in a positive direction." Your support for this worthwhile Catholic mission, both with your prayers and your spare change is very much appreciated. For more information about St. Gianna's Place, Inc., visit their website at www.stgiannasplace.org. If you would like to assist us with passing out or collecting the bottles, please contact Laura at mrsr908@comcast.net.

Please join us for our annual **Parish Picnic** on Sunday, September 29th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Can't wait to see you there!

Sr. Monica



Sr. Agnes Therese



FRANCISCAN SISTERS, T.O.R.

of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother

Ongoing Conversion

Parish Mission

September 9th – 11th

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

Orientation Meeting for all Families and Registration Night September 4th, 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.

FAMILY LIFE'S QUOTES

I enjoy having discussions with everyone and learning about my faith.

~Parent

I have enjoyed learning about Reconciliation.

~Child

We now say the Rosary on a regular basis. At least once a week.

~Parent

I enjoy learning about Jesus.

~Child

SHH... it is Mary Birthday and we are celebrating it on Sunday, September 8th after the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Center.