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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



Saturday August 3
 4pm **Benoit & Simone & Rita Faucher**
 requested by Don & Liette Goyette

Sunday August 4
 8am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 10:30am **Una Harrington**, 4th Anniversary,
 requested by her family
 6pm **Juliann Hojlo**, 18th Anniversary,
 requested by her family

Monday August 5
 8am For All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday August 6
 8am In Honor of Jesus Christ

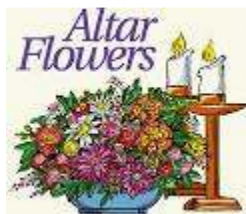
Wednesday August 7
 8am **Florence Brunelle** requested by
 her niece Connie
James A. Casey requested by
 the Haggerty family

Thursday August 8
 8am **Rev. Real Bourque, OMI**
 requested By Mr. & Mrs. Roger
 Turgeon

Friday August 9
 8am No Mass

Saturday August 10
 4pm **David & Armand Berard**
 requested by their family

Sunday August 11
 8am **Mae Stevens**, 14th Anniversary,
 requested by her family
Bud Provencal requested by
 the Provencal family
 10:30am **Dorothy McCarthy**, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by
 Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Mae Stevens, 14th Anniversary, by her family

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 7/28/19

Offertory Envelopes \$6,075

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,266

Total Offertory \$7,341

Faith Life \$1,487

Total Collected \$8,828

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 11 Utility

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

Aug. 18 NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry 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 NH.

Aug. 25 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Sarah LaBrecque by Donna & Laura

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

Movie Night, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, August 6

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 7

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 8

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 9

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

VOCATION

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org
Website: www.liveinbalckandwhite.com



The St. Charles 5K is in its 23rd year of offering a fun-filled, affordable and family-oriented 5K run and walk to benefit St. Charles School in Rochester. Once again, our race will be held on Labor Day, September 2, 2019, at Martin's Point Healthcare on the Pease International Trade port in Portsmouth, NH with a 9:00 AM start. The course is flat and fast – perfect for serious runners and casual walkers. We will have great food, including burgers and hotdogs by our friends at Applebee's, bagels, fruit, and donuts – and yes – even coffee for those that need it to wake up! Cash awards will go to the top four male and female finishers, as well as medals to the three finishers in each category and if you run your personal best, you will receive a PR keychain medal. Pre-registration is just \$20 for those 13 and over, kids 12 and under are always \$10! Race day registration increases to \$30 for those 13 and over. Free performance t-shirts will be given to the first 300 registrations and free kids fun run for ages 2-7 after the race. For more information visit www.runningnuns.com

MOVIE NIGHT

Come join in for popcorn, movie and light conversation. The following Movie will be shown in the Youth Room at the school on Monday night from 7:00-9:00 PM. All are Welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Roberta Wilson at roberta.wil@comcast.net

August 5th – The Apostle Paul

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you know of someone who is in need of comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus warns against greed. He says,

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions. (Luke 12:15)

St. Paul says much the same thing in the second reading:

Put to death then, the parts of you that are earthly: ... the greed that is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

We live in a culture here in today's America that sees far more wealth than in Jesus' time. Think about it: we can go to the store and get anything we want... and if we don't want to go all the way to the store, we can go on-line and get it. And in our impatience, if Amazon Prime can't get it to us in two days, we get upset! We can have anything, almost immediately! While this has made life so much easier, it can create within us a sense of entitlement, as well as cultivate an illusion that money can take care of everything. This, of course, is a lie that we swallow. Money cannot take care of everything. Rich people can still get sick, tired, lonely and depressed. Wealth is not a bad thing, for we can use it for God's glory, but it cannot give us the most important things that we need – love, peace, joy.

At root, greed takes our eyes off Jesus. When we find ourselves relying on things, we forget that only God provides for our needs. We worry about protecting what we have, instead of trusting that God will always provide. When our life perspective is centered around “stuff” we find ourselves in a “zero-sum game,” that is, that if I have more of something, you have less of it, and if you have more of something, I have less, since there are limited resources. This leads to clinging and the inordinate desire for more – to keep ourselves protected and secure now and for the unknown future. This is the heart of greed – that I need to amass more and more. The center of every sin is “I,” and this is especially true with greed. Instead of looking outside ourselves to others or to God, we're focused on our own needs and wants.

Yet, God is a generous God, and He is generous with His children! When we trust in Him, He takes care of our needs (note: not always our wants, but our needs). Greed comes from the lie of the Devil. In fact, it comes from the first lie he told humanity – that God is NOT generous, that God does NOT love us, that He is NOT going to take care of us. In the Garden of Eden, He convinced Eve that God wasn't going to take care of them, and that He was keeping something desirable from her (see Genesis 3:1-6). As a result, instead of waiting for the generosity of God to give it to her, she greedily reached out to take it for herself. Do you see this? The Devil tells us that God is NOT a loving Father (a “good, good Father”) and that He will not fulfill the very desires He placed in our hearts.

And we still believe this today. If we didn't believe the lie, we would have no need to gather more and more and more, no need to worry about tomorrow (Jesus specifically tells us not to, since our Father will provide for us: Matthew 6:25-34).

So how do we fight this greed in our lives? Two ways: **generosity and trust.**

Generosity is the antidote to greed. Generosity speaks to the heart of who God is. He is always giving to His children – giving all good things! If you find that you are struggling with a stingy or greedy heart, the best way to overcome this is to be generous. This Spring, some of us watched Father (now Bishop) Robert Barron's series on the seven deadly sins and the seven lively virtues. One point that struck me was a way of being generous when we buy an automobile. He suggested, in order to combat the greed in our lives, when looking for a new car: when you find the car you want, a car you can afford, get a car which is the next step down and give the difference to some charity: being generous by sacrificing something of ourselves. Sacrificial generosity is powerful – it calls us out of ourselves to see the people around us. It changes our hearts. St. Teresa of Calcutta shares a story of a young girl who asked that all the money that was for her First Communion dress, party and gifts be given instead to “Mother Teresa.” What sacrificial generosity!

Trust is the other way we break down greed. Building our *trust in God*, that He is really a good Father who cares for our every need. We can do this by saying often, “Jesus, I trust in You,” or by reading trust passages from the Bible (such as Matthew 6:25-34). In the moment of worry about the future, a good prayer is, “God, I don't know what's going to happen, but I know You love me, and You have promised to take care of me. Help me to choose to follow You, even when I can't see Your Hand in my life.”

May God root out from our hearts every sinful inclination to greed. May we grow every day in generosity and in trust that our God loves us and provides for our every need!

FAITH LIFE QUOTES

I really enjoyed deep-diving in the Sacrament of Baptism and also learning about the individual books of the Bible.

~Parent

I enjoy coming to class because I like learning about God. He is a nice and peaceful person.

~Child

These classes remind me to stop and remember that Jesus is always with me.

~Parent

My favorite part of the year was learning how to pray the Rosary

~Child



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 for the information. There will be an Orientation Meeting and Registration Night on Wednesday, September 4TH, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM for all families. First classes for the Faith Life Program will begin on September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. 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



YOUTH MINISTRY

All are welcome to Picnic & Praise

On Thursday, August 8TH, St. Christopher Parish in Nashua will be hosting a night of Praise and Adoration. We will be meeting (weather permitting) at Sergeants Park, 31-35 Sergeant Ave in Nashua, NH at 5:00 PM for a picnic. I would ask that all families please bring in your own dinner and blankets/chairs. I will bring a Frisbee! This will give us time before we head to the church to reconnect and share a meal together. The Praise and Worship Adoration starts promptly at 7:00 PM so we will head over to the church around 6:30 PM as a group. If you are just able to come to the church for 7:00 PM that is fine too. I look forward to seeing you all there!

PRAYER LINE

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at Lmurgia_871@comcast.net or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line or praying for other people, please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or email at Lmurgia_871@comcast.net.

JESUS aCROSS the Border

Collection & Community Service Day on August 16th & 17th. Join us on August 16th at Stewart Electric at 6pm to make lunch bags. Then on August 17th, at St. Anthony's Shrine in Boston for prayer & orientation followed by the service event at Boston Common. (Groups will be sent off in mission to deliver food, love, faith, and hope to the homeless)