



Saturday August 3

4pm ~ Florence & Louise Jacques, Birthday Remembrance, requested by their son
Francis Fitzgerald, 11th Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family

Sunday August 4

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Una Harrington, 9th Anniversary, requested by her family
Isabella Miranda, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Kevin & Karen Martin

Monday August 5

8am ~ Prayers to End World Hunger requested by a friend
Michael Perruccio requested by his family

Tuesday August 6

8am ~ Alice Rancourt requested by her family
Lillian Bemish requested by Donna Smith

Wednesday August 7

8am ~ Lillian Bemish requested by Jeannette Masson
Marie-Elaine Dinter requested by Joan Berard

Thursday August 8

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family
Florence Brunelle requested by her niece Connie

Friday August 9

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday August 10

4pm ~ Dorothy McCarthy, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Sunday August 11

8am ~ Rick Bousquet, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his sister Patty Kennedy
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 6

Women's Bible Sharing, 9:00-10:00 AM, in the youth room at the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 7

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 8

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 9

Youth Ministry Adoration, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the church

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

Saturday, August 10

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Francis Fitzgerald**, 11th Anniversary, by his wife Teresa & family



“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.” Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm back to writing articles now that Nick's assignment is over. When I was thinking of this day, I thought I would be writing more than two articles... but I had no idea at the beginning of the summer that this would be my last summer at St. Patrick Parish. The world is like that, though... our lives can change with a single phone call – for good or for bad. Our part is to live each day with all the love we can, trying to follow God wherever He leads.

This weekend's Gospel is the beginning of the Bread of Life discourse. Last week, we heard how Jesus fed the 5000. They want more, and so come looking for Him. At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus says to them, and to us, **"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst"** (John 6:35). He promises to

fill our emptiness, feed our hunger. He does this in many ways, but primarily through the gift of His very self in the Eucharist.

I am always amazed that God made us in such a way that only He will satisfy us! I think God puts that hunger in us for a reason – so that we will seek Him. He wants us to want Him. He desires for us to be in union with Him – not to be animals or robots, but His free children in a real loving relationship with Him. The problem is that we end up turning that desire inward instead of outward; we seek to satisfy it ourselves, instead of allowing God to. Every sin is because we take our satisfaction in our own hands, not trusting God's providential love for us. It proves to be our undoing. Adam and Eve reached out for the fruit, thinking that this is what they needed to satisfy their hunger... and it was all downhill from there! Think about all the messes you've gotten into in your life. How many of them were caused by the fact that you (or someone else around you) tried to satisfy yourself instead of trusting in God to satisfy your hunger?

Jesus says that we are to work for the food that endures – the works of God. When asked what the works of God are, He replied, **"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent"** (John 6:29). We're invited to believe in Jesus. Belief, though, is not simply an intellectual assent to the proposition that Jesus is God. We might have a full academic understanding of the truth that Jesus is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity hypostatically united to a human nature without confusion or change, without division or separation... and yet not know Him. Belief means that we know Him and trust Him to do as He says He'll do. It means that our lives are formed in such a way that they don't make sense if God is not real. As the old saying goes: If Christianity were illegal, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

The Lord is inviting us to lean on Him, to trust Him, to believe in Him. He gives us His very self in the Eucharist so that we can get a foretaste of heaven, so that we can be united to His Heart. If we only understood the incredible love He truly has for each of us, we would be overwhelmed!

I invite you: if you have not already, before I leave on August 14th watch the short video "The Veil Removed" on YouTube (there is a link to it on the front page of our website). It gives us a glimpse of what is really happening at Mass, and how the Eucharist is Jesus' love for us poured out from the Cross. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, of our lives, because it is Jesus Himself, and that makes all the difference.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Supports the Financial mission of the Knights to
St. Patrick Church, Pelham Food Pantry,
Scholarship, American Red Cross, Good Neighbor
Fund, NH Brain Injury Assoc., Pelham residents in
need, Crochet Mountain and*

Military from Diocese

Monday, Sept. 30th

Campbell's Scottish Highlands

Registration – 7am

Tee Time – 8:30am

Fee - \$175 per player

\$700 per foursome

Registration Fee Includes

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch, use of range prior to event, food at the turn
- Contest and more
- Awards Dinner and Raffles

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Any questions call

Chuck Curtis at

603-404-8623

WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING

Join our Women's Bible Sharing for the summer book club! We will be meeting 5 Tuesdays this summer to discuss the book ***Anxious for Nothing*** by Max Lucado. Grab your copy and join us for any or all dates: August 6th & 27th from 9:00-10:00 AM in the Youth Room at the school.

Contact Jennah Costa at 207-431-4546 or email: jennahcosta@yahoo.com with any questions. We hope to see you!



**FAITH LIFE 2024-2025
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

We are thrilled to announce that registration is now open for our upcoming Faith Life Program for families with children K-12! At St. Patrick's, we understand the importance of providing a nurturing environment where children and parents alike can deepen their faith and strengthen their bonds with one another.

Our program offers a refuge from the daily busyness of life—a sacred space where families can come together to learn, grow, and carve out a place for Jesus in their hearts and homes. Through engaging lessons, meaningful discussions, and community activities, we aim to inspire and empower each participant to live out their faith in daily life.

To register or learn more about our program, please visit the parish office or feel free to contact us directly at (603) 635-3525 or faithlifeformation@comcast.net. There is also a link to find all registration materials: <https://stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

Who should register for our Faith Life program?

- ❖ All families with children in grades K-12

What if my son/daughter is older and has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- ❖ That's okay! Every year we have a group of older students that prepare for Confirmation together.

What if I do not have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament?

- ❖ That's okay too! This program focuses on families growing in faith together year after year.

God Bless,
Jennah Costa
Faith Life Administrator



**A FOND FAREWELL
FOR FATHER VON**

As many of you know, Father Von, our pastor, will be leaving St. Patrick's Parish in mid-August. We are inviting you to a farewell reception for Father Von on Sunday, August 11th, following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. Come and join us to say good-bye and wish him well.

MARY'S MANTLE IN HONOR OF FR. VON

As we all know, Father Von will say goodbye to St. Pat's as he begins a new journey in Meredith August 14th. We would like to invite you to share your memories in pictures or a short note by attaching them to the familiar Mary's Mantle banner hung at the entrance of the church.



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 29, 2024
After the 10:30 AM Mass

Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids Activities

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all our parishioners who made a gift or pledge to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$45,450** toward our goal of **\$54,308**. This includes both pledges and money received. We still need to collect **\$8,858**.

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 7/28/24

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,485
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,952
Total Offertory	\$7,437

Evangelization	\$1,131
Maintenance	\$941

Total Funds Collected \$9,509

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support

~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 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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



Join us October 18-21, 2024
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 at
kathy7421@comcast.net

The retreat is free,
and you sleep at home.
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

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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