

Mass Intentions
for the Week



Saturday August 5

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

Sunday August 6

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Una Harrington, 8th Anniversary,
requested by her family
Florence Brunelle requested by her niece
Connie

Monday August 7

8am ~ Health & Blessing for Fr. Piotr Dudek,
OMI requested by a friend
Gail Cunningham requested by Molly Ferreira

Tuesday August 8

8am ~ Alice Rancourt requested by her family
Henry C. Greaves, 15th Anniversary, requested
by his family

Wednesday August 9

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday August 10

8am ~ Rick Bousquet, Birthday Remembrance,
requested by his sister Patty Kennedy

Friday August 11

8am ~ No Mass
7pm ~ Healing Mass

Saturday August 12

4pm ~ David & Armand Berard requested by
their family

Sunday August 13

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Isabella Miranda, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by the Martin family
Maurice Pelletier, 2nd Anniversary, requested
by his wife & family

Sunday, August 6

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

Tuesday, August 8

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 9

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 10

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

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
William & Irene Toupin by Therese & Normand
Clermont



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of
Michelle Lemieux Kana, Birthday
Remembrance, by her family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, instead of having the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. This grace was given to strengthen Jesus in His humanity in preparation for His Passion and the Cross. But it was not just for Jesus – it was for Peter, James and John. Almighty God shows these three Apostles, without a shadow of a doubt, that Jesus is the Son of God – while human, also divine. While this truth may have made them be overly confident that nothing could happen to Jesus, it also helped them deal with the consequences of His arrest and crucifixion. Jesus' Transfiguration shows that He is God, and so can help them trust even through the darkness of not understanding.

But the Transfiguration was not just to strengthen Jesus and the Apostles – it was meant for us, too. What does the voice of God say? **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him”** (Matthew 17:5, emphasis added). This event was meant for us to know that we need to listen to Jesus as we struggle with our lives. And what are the first words Jesus says after the Father speaks? **“Rise, and do not be afraid”** (Matthew 17: 7). Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Over and over again, we hear this in Scripture, yet, I'm not sure that we believe it. We do not have to be afraid!

Psalm 136 is an incredible Psalm that speaks of God's work in the history of Israel, and is interspersed at every line with “for his mercy endures forever” (NABRE). Another translation is “for his *love* endures forever.” That word translated as “mercy” or “love” is *hesed*. While hard to translate into English, it means zeal for covenant fidelity. This means God is zealous (not just passive) for fidelity to His covenant with you and me. This covenant, made in the Blood of Jesus, is the promise of eternal life, the promise of forgiveness, the promise that God is going to be faithful to you and me. And how long will He be faithful? “His *hesed* endures forever.”

This is why we don't need to be afraid! God is faithful to His covenant with you and with me... forever. And He is not just faithful to it; He is zealous in His faithfulness!

I think about the other nine apostles as well – what were they doing while Peter, James and John were on the mountain? They were at the bottom of the mountain trying to drive a demon out – with no success. When Jesus comes down and drives out the demon, they ask why they had been unsuccessful. Jesus replies, **“Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you”** (Matthew 17:20). I imagine the disciples attempting to drive out the demon on their own, by their own power. I wonder... if they had looked up the mountain, would they not have seen Jesus shining in His glory (even from a great distance)? Would they not have had the faith they needed? Yet they kept focused on themselves and the problem at hand.

Jesus invites us to look up to Him when we're in the midst of trouble and trials. Too often, we keep looking only at the trouble, and Jesus says, “Look up to Me. I will take care of it. Trust Me: I am God. Do not be afraid!” May we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who drives out our fear!



**JOIN US FOR THE 2023-2024
FAITH LIFE YEAR!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

All families are encouraged and welcome to join us for Faith Life this fall. 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!

Who should register for the 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 preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What if I do not have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament?
-That's okay! This is a program that helps all families grow in faith together year after year.

I look forward to seeing you all!

To find registration materials please follow this link:
<https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

You can mail registration materials back to the parish office or stop by and drop them off. The office is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

In Christ,
Adam Castor
Director of Faith Life
St. Patrick Parish
Pelham, NH



**WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING
SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

For the last four months, the Women's Bible Sharing group has met weekly to discuss scripture, build community and grow closer to God together. With summer upon us, we invite you to join us for Women's Bible Sharing summer book club where we will meet on Tuesday morning August 22nd, from 9:00-10:30 AM exploring *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado. For more information, please contact Jennah Costa jennahcosta@yahoo.com. We hope you'll join us!



SAVE THE DATE
October 20th – October 23rd
The Light of the World
is coming to
Saint Patrick's

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$38,665** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$14,615**

VOCATION

"This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Are you being called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



Our family would like to say a big thank you to our parish family at St. Patrick's. We are beyond grateful for the love, prayers, food, gifts, visits, and hugs that have been extended to all of us during the last seven months. Thank you to Father Von for recognizing that Will was having a stroke and calling 911 on December 12th. It was a true blessing that Will was with Father at the time and received immediate care. Will spent a week at Lahey Hospital, three weeks at Encompass Acute Rehab in Woburn, MA, and was moved to Courville at Manchester on January 9th. He was determined to walk again and worked so hard each and everyday. His goal was to be home by July 4th. He came home in the pouring rain on July 2nd to a large group of people lining our road with balloons, posters, and blowing horns. He was so surprised and happy to have that amazing welcome back home. He continues with therapy and will be going to outpatient therapy as soon as all the paperwork is completed. When we joined St. Patrick's Parish in 2010, we knew that we had made the best decision and we were welcomed with open arms. We are truly blessed to be part of the parish family, and so grateful and appreciative for all of the support during this difficult time. THANK YOU!!



SAVE THE DATE!
 Annual Parish Picnic
 Sunday, September 24, 2023
 After the 10:30 AM Mass
 Join us for Food, Fellowship, Kids activities

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 7/30/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,633
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,878
Total Offertory	\$6,511
Maintenance	\$2,430
Total Collected	\$8,941

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~



**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Aug. 13 Utility

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

Aug. 20 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Aug. 27 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Sept. 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Sept. 10 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.

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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