



Saturday August 8

4pm ~ James Gabby Floyd requested by his family

Sunday August 9

8am ~ Rev. John Sledziona & Ronnie Bedard requested by Donna Smith

10:30am ~ Dorothy McCarthy, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday August 10

8am ~ Rev. Real Bourque, OMI, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Intentions of the Blessed Mother requested by the Lemieux family

Tuesday August 11

8am ~ Mario Matos requested by his wife Rita

Albert & Dolores Lemieux requested by the Lemieux family

Wednesday August 12

8am ~ Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Intentions of the Blessed Mother requested by the Lemieux family

Thursday August 13

8am ~ Bob Audet requested by Janet Hertze

Mary Frances Dufault requested by the Lemieux family

Friday August 14

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday August 15

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

4pm ~ David & Armand Berard requested by their family

Sunday August 16

8am ~ Mae Stevens, 15th Anniversary, requested by her family

Maureen Boyden, 3rd Anniversary, requested by her husband, family & friends

10:30am ~ Lt. Donald G. Taylor, 44th Anniversary, and **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by Donna M. Taylor

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 10

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 11

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 12

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

Friday, August 13

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Susie O'Toole, 1st Anniversary, by her family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of James Floyd, Sr., by the Floyd family

VOCATIONS

"Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the first reading today, we hear about the prophet Elijah. Let's look at the context of this passage. Prior to the passage we hear at Mass this weekend (I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a), Elijah has had what could be considered the pinnacle of his ministry. After years of drought (the LORD withholding rain until Elijah should speak the word), Elijah tells the wicked king Ahab to assemble the people of Israel with all of the prophets of Ba'al (a pagan god being worshiped in Israel). They call on their "god," but get no response. Elijah, then, calls on the LORD, and fire comes down and consumes the offering. At this, the people of Israel finally make a decision and recognize

the LORD as God, not Ba'al. And then Jezebel (Ahab's evil wife), threatens Elijah with death.

At this point, Elijah runs for his life to the mountain of God, Horeb (Mt. Sinai). Here he encounters the LORD. As he waits for the LORD, he finds many distractions – a strong and heavy wind, crushing rocks, an earthquake, and fire (I Kings 19:11-12). Ultimately, he finds the voice of God in the "tiny whispering sound" (I Kings 19:12).

This incident can show us how God typically speaks to us. First, we may have to be humbled, like Elijah. If we are finding great success, we may not take the time to listen for God. We may be more like the Pharisee in Jesus' story of the Pharisee and the Publican (see Luke 18:9-14), out in front, glorying in our success and judging the people around us. But God speaks to us in humility – because God is humble. Sometimes, God has to humble us in order for us to hear His voice.

Second, as I mentioned in my article on July 19, prayer is a battle. We have many distractions. For Elijah, these distractions manifested in a physical way – wind, rocks smashing, an earthquake and fire. For us, the distractions may not be so extreme, but it may still take a great effort of the will to bring ourselves from those distractions back to the Lord. I was on retreat several years ago, and just outside the windows of the chapel at the retreat house were a number of birdfeeders. As I sat there, I noticed a *very* determined squirrel trying to get at the birdfeeders, despite the numerous "anti-squirrel" devices. As I watched this squirrel reach from a neighboring branch... and fall to the ground, reach and fall, reach and fall, I was engrossed in his pursuit and persistence. Eventually, he was able to reach the birdfeeder, and sat and ate. ... And I lost about 10 minutes of prayer time, focused on a determined squirrel, and not on the Lord.

There will always be distractions, things that try to get us to take our focus off of the Lord – be they external (like a squirrel, or a phone) or internal (like fantasies, the problems of the day, the dishes that are waiting in the sink crying out to be washed). Our job in prayer is to work to bring our focus back to God.

Finally, God speaks to Elijah in a whisper. God doesn't shout. He whispers. A syllogism: A good and loving father speaks to his children; God is a good and loving Father; therefore, God speaks to His children. You are a child of God by your baptism. God is speaking to you! We often don't hear God, though, because He is whispering, and we are so surrounded by noise that we can't hear. If we are to hear Him, then, we must allow time for silence. Prayer can have times of music, praise, and reading, but there also *needs* to be times of silence. It is only in silence that we are able to hear God whisper.

I encourage you to take time each day this week to be in silence with God. It may be hard at first. Maybe you can only endure a minute of silence. Over time, though, your time listening for the whisper will become easier, and you'll be able to expand that time. Eventually, if you allow yourself to be humbled, work to drive out distractions, and sit in silence with God, you *will* be able to hear God whispering His words of love to your heart.



May the faith you confirm today be your key to open the doors... HOPE, when all seems lost, JOY, when despair consumes you, LOVE, when hatred afflicts you, and PEACE, when turmoil surrounds you. Guard it well and keep it close, this precious key, for when it is lost all is lost. But when it is found, it will set you free and always guide you HOME.

Congratulations to our Students who received Confirmation and First Eucharist on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

Addison Rose Breault, Alexis Lily Breault, Michael James Cawley, Jillian Elyse Clements, Meghan Elisabeth Clements, Stella Jayne Clements, Scarlett Grace Cooper, Isabella Marie Ferragamo, Jack Henry Foster, Julia Grace Foster, Liam Thomas Foster, Sophia Therese Hodgson, Bethany Jane Lemieux, David Christopher John Lemieux, Madeleine Rose Lemieux, Kaylee Ann Mulligan, Brayden Francis Murphy, Jordan Maiya Nordelus, Somtochukwu Emmanuel Okoye, Adam Thomas Puzkarczuk, Anna Maria Puzkarczuk, Aubrey Kathryn Reiss, Payton Rylie Smith, Joshua Daniel Todino, Matthew William Todino.

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FAITH LIFE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

My hope and prayer is that we will never again take for granted the gift it is to come together as a Catholic Community, for in this coming together we help each other draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

I invite every family to **register** and **participate** in our **Family Faith Life Program** for the **2020-2021** school year. Registration materials can be found on our parish website: <https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

God Bless each and everyone of you. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

~Adam, Director of Faith Life

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is offering a Transfer Incentive Program (TIP) for students in grades 1-8 students who transfer from a public or charter school until 8/31/20. “TIP” will provide a \$1,000 tuition credit for your first year, \$500 in the second year; per student. Additional ways to save on tuition are also available. For more information email info@sjrcs.com or visit online www.stjosepheagles.org.

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, “God with us”. We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-8:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459 or jacquelinehynes@gmail.com

**Saturday, August 15th, is a Holy Day.
Mass is at 8:00 AM. But not a day of
obligation.**

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

The mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa. It has 83 parishes and 1200 mission churches with 1.2 million baptized Catholics. Drought, famine and poverty are always the major challenges faced by much of the population since they depend on agriculture for their livelihood. The effects of malnutrition, HIV/AIDS and now Covid-19 plus other diseases common in third world countries are the major causes of death for many especially the young children. Your generosity will help to continue with construction of an Elementary School and a High School, tuition for these schools, maintain 4 orphanages, drilling of wells to provide clean water for the people, a hospital, 21 Group Homes for disabled children and programs to rehabilitate street children. On behalf of the Bishop of Machakos and the faithful people. Thank You for your generosity.

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

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 8/2/20

Offertory Envelopes \$5,284

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,096

Total Offertory \$6,380

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**As of 8/2 we have an offertory deficit of
\$3,187**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who
have been supporting us during this
pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 8/2/20

\$1,197

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Aug. 9 Utility

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

Aug. 9 Parish Mission Appeal

The Mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa.

Aug. 16 NH Missionaries Abroad Migrant & Refugee Ministry in 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 New Hampshire.

Aug. 23 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.

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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.

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

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