

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 10
4pm	Charles Hudson , 5 th Anniversary, requested by his wife Gloria & children Robert W. Munson requested by his wife Helen & children
Sunday	December 11
8am	Robert R. Dexter , 15 th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
10:30am	Arline Clark , 1 st Anniversary, requested by the parish staff
6pm	Janet Montminy , 7 th Anniversary, requested by her son Scott & daughter-in-law Flora & family
Monday	December 12
8am	Noella & the Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois Rev. Msgr. Charles E. Crosby
Tuesday	December 13
8am	Philip Crete requested by Priscilla LeBlanc Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith
Wednesday	December 14
8am	For all Souls in Purgatory Doris Boule requested by the Women's Guild Members
Thursday	December 15
8am	Mary Ann Crete requested by her godchild Robin
Friday	December 16
8am	No Mass
Saturday	December 17
4pm	The Choquette & Loiselle Families & Rita & Gerry Trottier requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
Sunday	December 18
8am	Aldo Larese , 26 th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
10:30am	James Buscema , 16 th Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm	Christopher & Robert Morgan , 17 th Anniversary, requested by their Grandparents James & Claire Morgan

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 following week:
Offertory 12/4/16 \$9,027

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$9,027

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 12/4/16

\$1,896

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Dec. 18 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Dec. 25 Utility

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

Jan. 1 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Jan. 8 Utility

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

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

**Deadline for Christmas Memorials is on
Monday, December 19th.**



Sunday, December 11

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, December 12

Lectio Divina, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the meeting room

Tuesday, December 13

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 14

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, December 15

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, December 17

Christmas Pageant Practice, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the church
Youth Group Christmas Party, 2:00-3:45 PM, in the school



Christmas Tree Sale St. Patrick Parish

Sponsored by Troop 610 of Pelham
Saturday & Sunday
9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Monday-Friday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
5:00-8:00 PM

Tree pick up and disposal service
Sign-up at tree sales
Proceeds benefit:
BSA Troop 610 and St. Patrick Parish

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

Christmas Eve – December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – December 25th

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM
Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve – December 31st

The Solemnity of Mary 4:00 PM

New Year's Day – January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary 8:00 AM
The Solemnity of Mary 10:30 AM

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

begins January 2nd

Understanding what we **believe** so we can share it with others.

Topics and Dates

Eucharist and Apostolic Authority – January 2

The Bible – January 9

Mary and the Saints – January 23

Confession and Purgatory – January 30

Scandals in the Church

and other questions – February 6

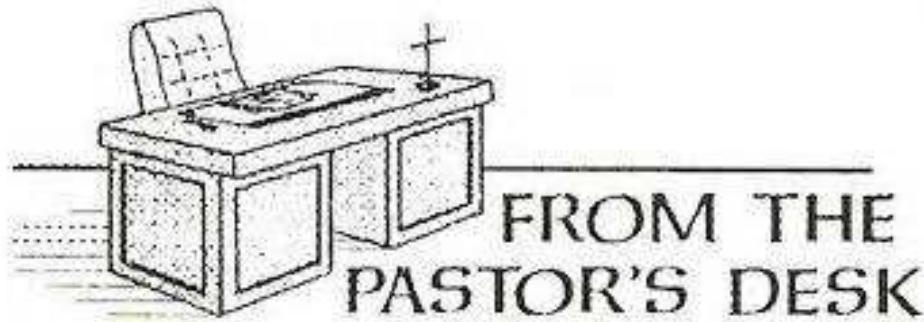
Join us any or all of these **Monday nights at 7:00 PM** in the Meeting Room located in the basement of the church.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Peanut Butter**.

CONFESSION

There will be extra opportunity for you to go to Confession during Advent. You can go a half hour before each Sunday Mass.



My dear brothers and sisters,

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear that St. John the Baptist is in prison. Last week we heard him proclaiming the coming of the Christ as a powerful judge:

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fan is in his hand.

He will clear his threshing floor

and gather his wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:11b-12)

When Jesus begins His public ministry, however, it is not one of clearing the threshing floor and burning chaff – not one of judgment, but of healing and mercy. John is now confused. He sends messengers to Jesus to see if He really is the Messiah or if there is someone else.

How often have we been there?! How often have I heard the cry of the wounded, lonely and depressed, discouraged by circumstances, and without any hope? They so often cry out, “Are you really there, Jesus? Do you really love me?” It is a cry from the heart, and one that hears it aching from the hurt that is there. God doesn't act the way we expect Him to; He doesn't conform to our timetable. There are so many times when I've wondered what in the world (or in Heaven) God had planned because I couldn't see a way out of my circumstances. And yet, He always has a way out, a way through. He has always been there; He has never abandoned me, even in the darkest dungeons of my brokenness.

How does Jesus answer the messengers of John?

Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind regain their sight,

the lame walk,

lepers are cleansed,

the deaf hear,

the dead are raised,

and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me. (Matthew 11:4-6)

He doesn't answer the question directly. What does Jesus do? He points to how God *is* working, what God *is* doing. He does the same with us as well. When we are in our darkness and questioning God's existence or His love for us, He will often gently point to how He is working in our lives:

“Remember how I answered this prayer?”

“See the gifts I have given you.”

“Look at how that person came up to encourage you.”

“Gaze on the beauty of the sunset I created for *you*.”

And a multitude of other ways.

The truth is that God *is* working in our lives. He is here! This day, may we recognize God's holy presence in our midst!

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

Are you interested in learning more about the Gospels? Please consider coming to a Wednesday morning class to study the Gospel Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. This study shows how Jesus, the promised Messiah, relives the life and struggle of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. You will come to see Jesus in a new way and discover what his life and teachings mean for us today. This class will run weekly during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM beginning **January 11, 2017 in the school**. You will read the gospel, answer and discuss questions, and watch a video for each lesson. No prior Scripture Study is required. The cost of the study materials is \$28.00. **Home Schooling** available. Please contact Donna Beals to sign up or for more information (email dbeals1@comcast.net or call 603-898-0308). Looking forward to seeing you there!

St. Patrick Parish has a New App!

We would like you to check out the St. Patrick Parish APP!! Go to Google Play or the Apple Store and search for st patricks pelham nh.

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

ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Date: Saturday, December 17th

Time: 2:00-3:45 PM

Where: St. Therese Youth Room (school)

Bring an inexpensive Yankee Swap to share

Come enjoy Food & Fun!!

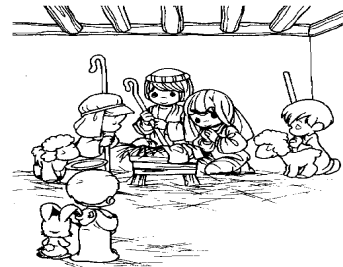
STEUBENVILLE EAST

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION NIGHT

Come and learn more about this life changing retreat. We will be meeting on Thursday, December 15th from 6:00-7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. If you are not able to make this meeting and want to join our group for Steubenville East on July 14th – 16th. Please let Adam Castor know before Friday, January 13th. You can email Adam at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

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### COME ALL YE CHILDREN!!



Please join us this year and participate in

St. Patrick's Christmas Eve Pageant

Before the 4:00 PM Children's Mass

Rehearsals for the pageant

Will be in the church

Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Angels, Shepherds and Singers are needed!

For more information, please contact

Gary & Wendy Williams at 603-635-7669.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Duxbury, MA and March 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org)