

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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 December 14
 4pm **The Choquette & Loisele**
Families & Rita & Jerry Trottier
 requested by the Choquette family
Robert Dexter, 19th Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & family

Sunday December 15
 8am **Joseph M. Ferreira**, 2nd
 Anniversary, requested by his
 wife Molly & family
 10:30am **Gloria Battles Hall**, 1st
 Anniversary, requested by the
 Provencal family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday December 16
 8am **Fr. Donald F. Gauthier, Jr.**
Fr. Richard Tetu

Tuesday December 17
 8am **Francis Silva** requested by
 friends from Beaver Brook

Wednesday December 18
 8am **Lorraine Mendes** requested by
 the family
Skee & Mike Bedard requested
 by their family

Thursday December 19
 8am **Kevin Molloy** requested by
 Ronnie, Kathy, Ashley & Alyssa

Friday December 20
 8am No Mass

Saturday December 21
 4pm **Rose Buckley** requested by
 her daughter Barbara Agrella
Dickie Bedard requested by
 Blanche Godek

Sunday December 22
 8am **Robert Hall** requested by
 his family
Janet Montminy, 10th Anniversary
 requested by Scott & Flora
 Montminy & family
 10:30am **James Buscema**, 19th Anniversary,
 requested by his family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

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 12/8/19

Offertory Envelopes \$6,015

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,249

Total Offertory \$7,264

Total Collected \$7,264

As of 12/8 we have an offertory deficit of \$6,619

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Religious Retirement

collected as of 12/8/19

\$2,467

Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly Offerings

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Dec 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Dec. 29 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

WEDNESDAY ADORATION

If school is cancelled, Adoration will be cancelled. If school is delayed, there will be no morning Adoration but there will still be Adoration from 2:00-8:00 PM.

In either case, we will still have a morning Mass.

NEWS & events

Sunday, December 15

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Christmas Pageant Practice, 11:30 AM, in the church

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

Tuesday, December 17

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 18

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

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

Confession, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, December 19

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, December 20

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

Confessions times in Advent: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM and Sundays 7:30-7:45 AM, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM. Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM and Monday, December 23rd at 7:00 PM.

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

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS

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 5:30 PM

New Year's Day – January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. St. Patrick Parish will begin a weekly Scripture study, Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come on January 8th at 9:00 AM in the school classroom. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation or a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, contact Donna Beals at 603-898-0308 or dbeals1@comcast.net. Cost for the workbook and online video access is \$27 per person. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue to move through Advent. We remember the constant cry of “*Marana tha*, come Lord Jesus” (*marana tha* literally means “Come, our Lord”). He is coming! I again invite you to enter into prayer with me for that coming.

Lord Jesus, in this weekend’s Gospel, we see how our way of thinking is so often clouded by the struggles of this world. Your cousin, St. John the Baptist, was so sure of Your identity when You were Baptized, when he witnessed the Holy Spirit come down upon You. When he ended up in prison and the Kingdom of Heaven did not come as he expected, however, he started to doubt. We, too, start to doubt because You are not always the Messiah we expect.

O Jesus, why is it that when we face adversity, pain and suffering, we so often begin to doubt Your existence, or at least that You are *good and loving*? And yet, when we look at how You endured Your Passion and Cross for us, when we look at the suffering that those closest to You endured – Mary, the disciples, all of the saints throughout the centuries – why do we think that suffering is a sign that You are angry or non-existent? *Marana tha*, come Jesus, and heal our way of thinking, give us strength to endure our trials, and faith to trust in Your love!

Jesus, when Your Kingdom doesn’t come in the way we expect it to, help us to see the truth of Your love. When our politicians, our bosses, our Church leaders, our family members, our friends don’t meet our expectations, help us to see how *You are in charge*, how Your hand is reaching out and leading the world. *Marana tha*, come Jesus, and conform our expectations to Yours!

Jesus, very often our way of thinking is skewed. Our understanding of justice, mercy, and joy is so often different from what You have revealed to us is at the heart of who You are. Jesus, when our hearts cry out for vengeance and retaliation, give us the gift of being able to forgive – Your true justice. When we justify our wrong and evil actions by saying, “God will understand,” give us a true understanding of Your mercy, which requires a true repentance, trust and surrender to Your Will. When we seek after happiness by seeking pleasure and the passing things of this world, give us the grace to see how joy comes not from *taking*, but by generously giving, not by seeking immediate gratification, but by delaying the immediate for the eternal good. *Marana tha*, come Jesus, and renew our minds, how we think about the world.

Marana tha, come Lord Jesus.

LECTIO

Do you want to learn more about Mary? Join Fr. Von for this Video Series by Dr. Brant Pitre. **Topics include:** The New Eve, The New Ark, Mother of the Messiah, The Queen Mother, The Perpetual Virgin, Mother of Sorrows, The New Rachel. On Monday nights January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th, February 17th & 24th, March 2nd & 9th, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.

THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND 50th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee is asking for your support so that we will be able to help individuals and families during Christmas with food, clothing and toys for the children who live in Pelham. We are asking individuals, families, businesses, organizations, schools, civic and church groups to be as generous as possible. Volunteers will be accepting food and cash donations on Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the parking lot at the Pelham Plaza. If you would like to make a donation on line, please visit our website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org or you can make your check payable to the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, P.O. Box 953, Pelham, NH 03076. Your cash donation is tax deductible since we are a 501(C) (3) charitable organization. The committee also uses the money collected during the drive to provide financial assistance 52 weeks a year for food, heat, rent, electricity, and other household expenses for Pelham residents. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated so we can help our Neighbors In Need.

Brenda Blake 603-339-0679

Priscilla Pike-Church 603-508-8131

Karen Fournier 978-319-8650

Dennis Hogan 603-557-5152

You can call Priscilla Pike-Church or Dennis Hogan anytime, Brenda Blake and Karen Fournier after 6:00 PM during the week and after 10:00 AM on the weekend. Your call for help will be handled in strict confidence.

VOCATIONS

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org

The Blessing Cup is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. If you are interested in hosting the Blessing Cup please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

The Vocation Ministry at St. Patrick's Church is called The Harvest. Our purpose is to create a culture of vocations by helping parishioners discern God's will for their specific vocations. The word "vocation" is derived from the Latin word "vocare," which means a calling or summoning. We believe that if we create an environment at St. Patrick's where young people can **hear** God's call to the priesthood, religious life, or marriage; the Holy Spirit will do the rest. With the holidays upon us, many of you may be looking forward to having returning family members or college students back at home. According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) survey of newly ordained in 2019, we learn that 70% of these men first heard the call between birth and 18 years of age! We thought we'd share the enclosed insert entitled **Frequently Asked Questions from Parents about Vocations** to assist if you find yourself fortunate to have a conversation about religious life with your child.

CANA COUPLES

St. Patrick's is starting a new ministry called Cana Couples. If you are still interested in signing up the sheets are in the front entrance of the Church. For couples who were married 20+ years please contact Kathy Jean at kathy7421@comcast.net or 978-621-8272. For couples who were married less than 20 years please contact Jayna Monaco at 603-508-8124 or jaybyrd28@gmail.com. For couples who have been married more than once please contact Walter & Norma Bacigalupo at 603-508-6039 or nmcgowan19@comcast.net.

Dear Families,

May God's peace be with you. The Catholic School Office in the Diocese of Manchester has launched a state-wide research project to learn more about the perception and influence of Catholic Schools. To that end, each parish in the state has been asked to contact their registered families and request participation in this state-wide survey. Please help our schools by completing this survey at the link below. Your input is critical to the future of our Catholic Schools!

If you have any questions, you may email research@maguireassoc.com. Thank you!

Take the survey now:

<http://tinyurl.com/DioceseOfManchestersurvey>