

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

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 29
4pm	Connie Edwards , 30 th Anniversary, requested by her sister Andrea & Georgette Phyllis Dexter requested by the Bereavement Group
Sunday	December 30
8am	Gail Whitehead requested by the Chandonnet family
10:30am	Richard Koes requested by the Koes family
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners
Monday	December 31 New Year's Eve
8am	Christian Paul Gualtieri requested by the Gualtieri family
5:30pm	John Williams , 2 nd Anniversary requested by his family
Tuesday	January 1 New Year's Day
9:30am	William Costa , 7 th Anniversary, requested by his family
Wednesday	January 2
8am	Paul McLaughlin requested by Brian & Michele McCormack
Thursday	January 3
8am	Andre Turgeon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon Gerald O'Rawe requested by Trisha Yankowskas
Friday	January 4
8am	Matthew Lavertue requested by Janet & Spencer Hertze
Saturday	January 5
8am	Women of Mary
4pm	John Fitzgerald , 15 th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
Sunday	January 6
8am	Rev. John Sledziona & Teresa Evans requested by Donna Smith
10:30am	Raymond Letendre , 16 th Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine
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 12/16/18

Offertory Envelopes \$6,581

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,262

Total Offertory \$7,843

Maintenance \$1,564

Total Collected \$9,407

As of Dec. 16th we have a deficit of \$**5,673**

Thank you for your
faith & Generous support

~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 6 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Jan. 13 Utility

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

Jan. 20 Diocesan Seminarian Fund

This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood. Our assessment for this collection is \$2,248.

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of The Morgan, Driscoll & Diaz Families by Mary Morgan and Donna & Ryan Driscoll

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 30

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

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

Wednesday, January 2

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

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-4:30 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, January 3

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

Grades 6-8 Youth Ministry, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the youth room in the school

Grades 9-12 Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the youth room in the school

First Friday Mass is this Friday, January 4th, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, January 5th, at 8:00 AM.

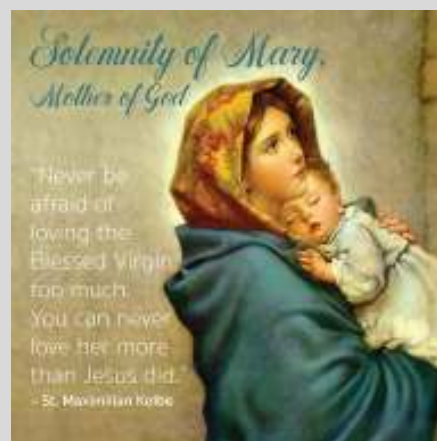
Acts of Mercy

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



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



TRUE REFORMERS

Saints of the Catholic Reformation

Monday Night Teachings

Learn about the saints who brought about the true reform to the Catholic Church: St. Thomas More, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Philip Neri, St. Francis de Sales and St. Teresa of Avila.

January 14th, 21st and 28th, February 11th, 18th and 25th 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.

For more information, contact Fr. Von: fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2019, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, December 31st, at noon and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd. We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was reflecting on how we will be beginning this New Year on Tuesday. It made me think about the last few years. In 2015, we celebrated 50 years since the end of the Second Vatican Council. In 2016, we celebrated an extraordinary Year of Mercy. 2017 was the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima. This year, 2018, we celebrated 50 years from the incredible and prophetic encyclical of Pope St. Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae* (if you are interested in reading it, go to www.vatican.va).

So I started wondering, as we enter 2019, what significant events do we look back to? This is what I found on-line: 100 years ago, **1919**, marked the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, bringing World War I to an end. **1919** also was when Congress passed the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. Hmm... those are both pretty significant! 75 years ago, **1944**, marked the D-Day invasion, which signaled a turning point in World War II. In **1969** – 50 years ago – we saw the historic moment of man walking on the moon for the first time. When looking up **1994** (25 years ago), most of the references I found were pop-culture (*Forrest Gump*, *The Lion King*, PlayStation...). At least one significant event happened in 1994, though much more low-key than anything else mentioned... I graduated from high school!

With all of this, it can make us wonder what will 2019 bring? Another way, and maybe a better way, to look at it is to ask “What can **I** bring to 2019?” I can't promise the significance of major treaties, moon landings, or even great movies in 2019, but what I can promise is that if each of us – you and I – makes a sincere effort to follow God more closely, to become a better-version-of-ourselves in the little things, it will mean we find **eternal significance**! When we stand before Almighty God in judgment, He will not look at you or me and say, “Well, you never walked on the moon, so you can't be that important.” Nor will He condemn us for not making a blockbuster movie (or even a B-movie!). Rather, He will look at our circumstances, our gifts and weaknesses, and ask if we tried our best, if we loved until it hurt, if we struggled to follow Him even when it was difficult. Of course, we can't get to heaven by our own merit – it is all Jesus' work – but we enter heaven by accepting that grace on a day to day basis, by striving to grow greater than ourselves. This happens in the little things.

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Today (Sunday), we celebrate the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Relationship is at the heart of both of these feasts; specifically family relationships. Mary takes an important role, showing us how to relate to God. You see, it is by relationships that we grow most easily. What do I mean by that?

If we see God as distant, a lawmaker who doesn't really understand what it means to live our lives with our struggles, how do we see the moral law? It is a bunch of rules (as one teen said to me once, “stupid rules”) that we are forced to follow if we want to be happy in the end. Because we want the prize (heaven), we will try, and “white-knuckle it” through, but it will be pretty miserable, and we will fall more than we fly.

But, if we see God as a gentle and loving Father, deeply in love with you and me, then we will see that His “rules” are there not as random laws to be followed, but as the loving guidance of One who wants us to flourish and truly be happy. The rules won't be “stupid rules” but the guidance we need to become who we were meant to be. We will also recognize that if we don't understand a rule, our first reaction should be, “God, I don't understand why I have to do this... or why I can't do that... please help me to understand and follow Your love,” instead of, “Just *another* impossible thing He wants me to do!”

When we are focused on relationship, we also notice that the motivation changes. Instead of “following the rules” to be seen as “the good one” or to curry favor, or so we're not punished, we do it because we love the One who made the rules, and we want Him to know we love Him and *trust* His love. It's the difference between a mother answering the “why?” question of an irate child: “Because I'm the mother and I said so,” versus, “Would you do this for me because I love you?” (Of course, like children, *we* don't always respond to that gentle love... that's why the “rules” have to be followed, even if we don't understand, or feel the love.)

Mary helps us to recognize God's great love, and gives us the example and grace to love back. If we ask her, she will help us to love God. That love, then, will be the motivating factor for change in our lives. And that will make 2019 a significant year.

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website www.stpatrick-pelham.com and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link ptv.viebit.com

PTV – SCHEDULE – CHANNEL 22

For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday – 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM – **4:00 PM “LIVE”**

Subject to change

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

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CHRISTMAS VACATION

ST. ANDREW DINNER

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We would like to invite **college students** who are home on vacation and other men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations team, and dinner. This dinner will be held here at St. Patrick Parish on Friday, January 4th, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

CREATE A LEGACY

Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church

In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

PRAYER LINE

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at Lmurgia871@comcast.net or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or email at Lmurgia871@comcast.net



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Toilet Paper** and **Paper Towels**.

