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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
 to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday December 7**  
 4pm **Charles Hudson** requested by his wife & family

**Sunday December 8**  
 8am **Germaine Lafortune**, 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family  
 10:30am **Julia Lawlor**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday December 9**  
 8am **Christopher Edwards**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea  
 10am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
 7pm **Michael Carrier** requested by Donna Smith

**Tuesday December 10**  
 8am **Nicholas Betancur** requested by his family

**Wednesday December 11**  
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**Gerry Gibson**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her daughter Kathy

**Thursday December 12**  
 8am **Aurora Sullivan**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Kathy Blanchette  
**Raymond Patchen** requested by Jackie Hynes

**Friday December 13**  
 8am No Mass

**Saturday December 14**  
 4pm **The Choquette & Loïselle Families & Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by the Choquette family  
**Robert Dexter**, 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & family

**Sunday December 15**  
 8am **Joseph M. Ferreira**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Molly & family  
 10:30am **Gloria Battles Hall**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Provencal 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 11/24/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,397
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,504
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,901</b>

Parish Collections for the week of 12/1/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,865
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,253
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$8,119</b>

**Total Collected \$16,020**

**As of 12/1 we have an offertory deficit of \$6,482**

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

**Human Development**

collected as of 11/24/19  
\$1,449

Thank you for your generosity!

**Capital Improvements**

collected as of 12/1/19  
\$1,732

Thank you for your generosity!

**Emergency Fund Thanksgiving Day**

collected as of 11/28/19  
\$606

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Dec. 15 Maintenance**

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

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

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day. Masses are at 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, December 8

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school  
 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

### Monday, December 9

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

### Tuesday, December 10

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school  
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

### Wednesday, December 11

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Thursday, December 12

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Friday, December 13

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

### Saturday, December 14

Youth Ministry Christmas Party, Grades 6-12  
 6:00-7:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

### SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

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### NEW YEAR'S MASS

#### Christmas Eve - December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

#### Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup>

Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

#### New Year's Eve - December 31<sup>st</sup>

The Solemnity of Mary 5:30 PM

#### New Year's Day - January 1<sup>st</sup>

The Solemnity of Mary 9:30 AM

**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.

### VOCATIONS

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason at 603-663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### 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



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.

Jesus, Your cousin St. John the Baptist went before You crying out, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:2). John knew something that we too often forget: that You desire to be one with us. We also forget that sin is not just breaking of Your law, but *breaking Your Heart*. O Jesus! Your Heart loves us so much, and yet is so little loved! Jesus, help us to recognize how we need to repent from our sin so that we can show You all the love for which You thirst! Jesus, break our hearts from what breaks Yours. Jesus, help us to repent of the sin that separates us from You and Your love.

Jesus, too often in our world today, we try to live our own lives, in control of our little kingdoms. By doing this, we foster the illusion that we really have control over the world and our lives, and we reject Your Kingdom. We believe the lie that we are really in control over what is good and evil, right and wrong in our lives. Jesus: *Break that illusion!* Do what is necessary to help us to see how we are to surrender our illusions of control, of our little kingdoms, so that we can enter into the incredible Kingdom You have prepared for each of us before the world began. Jesus, break the tyranny of relativism so that we can see clearly that You are the moderator of what is good and evil, right and wrong. Jesus, show us that by living in *Your* morality, we become fully human! *Marana tha*, come, Lord Jesus, and give us the grace to repent of our control.

Jesus, too often we believe the lie that Satan tells us – that he told Adam and Eve in the Garden – that You are against us, that You will NOT fulfill the deepest desires of our souls. Because of this lie, Jesus, we end up trying to fill our emptiness with things that cannot bear the weight. O Jesus! How we have fallen from You by thinking that drugs or alcohol or food or sex or relationships or entertainment or social media or anything else in this world will fill the void that only You can fill. Jesus, speak the truth to us, the truth that You so long, so desire to satisfy the infinite longing within our hearts. Give us the courage to repent of our misplaced, disordered desires, and *re-order them back to Your love!* *Marana tha*, come, Lord Jesus, and give us the grace to repent of our disordered desires.

Jesus, to repent – to change our actions, our decisions, our way of thinking, to surrender our desires to You – is so hard! You know that it is one of the most difficult things we can do, since we have been saturated by the lie that we need to seek after “number one”. Give us the strength and courage to overcome our resistance to Your love, so that we may surrender ourselves to You, and find the joy, the love, the fulfillment for which we were made.

*Marana tha*, come Lord Jesus.

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**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+ please contact Kathy Jean at [kathy7421@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:research@maguireassoc.com). Thank you!

Take the survey now:

<http://tinyurl.com/DioceseOfManchestersurvey>

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of **Toilet Paper, Paper Towels , Juice & Sports Drinks**. Thank you for your Generosity!

### THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND 50<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**If you need help during the holidays, please call one of the people listed below or email us at [pelhamgoodneighborfund@outlook.com](mailto:pelhamgoodneighborfund@outlook.com). If you would like to sponsor a child or family for Christmas, please also call one of the people listed below or go to St. Patrick's Church to pick out a code number.**

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. We need to hear from you no later than Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Your call for help will be handled in strict confidence.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.