

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 February 9
 4pm **Clint Updyke**, 10th Anniversary,
 requested by Barbara, Adam &
 Sean
Ashley Drolet requested by
 Christine Simmons

Sunday February 10
 8am **Arthur Lapointe** requested by
 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
 10:30am **Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr.**, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by his
 wife Angela
Francis Haight requested by
 John & Paulette Jacobs
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday February 11
 8am **George Dallaire** requested by his
 family
Most Rev. Robert E. Mulvee

Tuesday February 12
 8am **Arthur "Buddy" Provencal**
 requested by Dennis & Irene
 Groulx
David Chapman requested by the
 Bedard family

Wednesday February 13
 8am **Edesse Paquette** requested by
 Theresa Goupil
Madalyn & Dorothy Birdzell
 requested by the 8 O'Clockers

Thursday February 14
 8am **Roger Sullivan** requested by
 Trisha Yankowskas

Friday February 15
 8am No Mass

Saturday February 16
 4pm **Bernadette Bouchard**, 34th
 Anniversary, requested by
 Joan Janos

Sunday February 17
 8am **Leon Bousquet**, 3rd Anniversary,
 requested by Patty Kennedy
 10:30am **Frances Lawlor**, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by
 Pat Lawlor
 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 2/3/19

Offertory Envelopes \$5,605

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,297

Total Offertory \$6,902

Total Collected \$6,902

As of Feb 3rd we have a deficit of **\$5,266**

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Catholic School Week

collected as of 2/3/19

\$1,304

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 17 Utility

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

Feb. 25 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Terry Evans by her mom & family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 10

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, February 11

Choir Practice, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church
 Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
 True Reformers, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, February 12

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
 Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, February 13

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 school classroom
 Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

Thursday, February 14

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

Friday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

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



Join us March 22-25, 2019
 For a life-changing retreat!
 Light of the World
 Held at St. Patrick School
 Sign up by contacting
 the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or
kathy7421@comcast.net
 the retreat is free,
 and you sleep at home.
 Please indicate dietary restrictions.

STEUBENVILLE EAST REGISTRATION

All high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for a truly life changing weekend. This summer July 12-14 over 3,000 teens will gather on UMAS Lowell Campus to have a face to face encounter with Jesus. Music, good food and good fellowship all weekend long. It may seem early but, registration for this retreat opens in January and it does fill up! Let our Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, know you want to attend ASAP. You can email him at faithlifeformation@comcast.net or call 603-635-1447.

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
___	Instruct the uninformed
___	Counsel the doubtful
___	Admonish sinners
___	Comfort the sorrowful
___	Bear wrongs patiently
___	Forgive offenses
___	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
___	Feed the hungry
___	Clothe the naked
___	Give drink to the thirsty
___	Shelter the homeless
___	Comfort the imprisoned
___	Visit the sick
___	Bury the Dead



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. **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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we hear in the first reading the beautiful song of the Angels. We may not always pay attention to it since we pray it all the time at Mass, but it truly is a powerful prayer:

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!

All the earth is filled with his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Before I get more into this prayer, a little background. Isaiah says that the Seraphim are the ones singing this song of praise before the throne of Almighty God. Catholic theology (based on the Scriptures) points out that there are nine different Choirs of Angels: **Seraphim** (who are the closest to God, “afame” in the intensity of the presence of Almighty God), **Cherubim**, **Thrones**, **Dominions**, **Powers**, **Principalities**, **Virtues**, **Archangels**, and **Angels**. When God created the Angelic Choirs, from the very beginning of their existence they have always been angelic. Never were they anything else (like humans), but always pure spirit. They have superior intellects to ours, and, like us, they have free will. However, their free will is such that they don't “hem and haw” over a decision; once they make a decision they have made it forever.

This explains where the demons came from. When God first made the Angels (and by Angels, I mean all the Choirs of Angels), He gave them a choice. We don't know exactly what that choice was, though there is a lot of good theological speculation about it. In any case, Lucifer, who was a Seraph, from the highest Choir of Angels, and so with the most natural power, beauty and intelligence, chose *not* to serve God. From the book of Revelation we can surmise that in his rebellion he took one third of the angelic beings with him. Their choice is irrevocable; they will never repent, never choose God. They always will hate and oppose God, and all God loves... which is us.

The unchanging nature of the will of the Angels may be hard for us to understand, but think of it from the other perspective – you have a Guardian Angel to look after you your whole life and to be with you for all eternity. His role is to watch over you, protect you, and help you to make the proper decisions that will lead you toward God's Heart. Imagine if your Angel was suddenly able to change his mind... that he didn't want to follow God anymore. That would be *really* scary; he would now be opposed to *you*! While we may not be able fully to understand how Angels work, we can be glad that our Angel is always, always, *always* going to be by our sides, willing our good.

The incredible thing about the story in Revelation about Satan being driven out of Heaven is that Michael did it. Michael is an Archangel, which you may have noticed is second to the lowest on the scale of “natural” power. St. Michael's power was vastly lower than Lucifer's, yet he was able to drive out Satan, who was a Seraph. Why? Because Michael conformed his will to God's. God used a much lower being to humble the pride of the powerful Seraph, who became Satan. This is why we continue to pray the St. Michael Prayer at the end of Mass, since it is by Michael that God has chosen to drive Satan away.

Now back to the Holy, Holy prayer in the reading today. At Mass, we get to join in with the Angels praying this incredible prayer. We get to worship God with the Angels. I pray this prayer often and throughout the day. When someone is in need, or asks for prayers, very often, I will join with the Angels (including theirs) in this prayer, knowing that they will bring the intention before the throne of God. I have also found that when I am going to go into a difficult meeting, I ask the Angels' help. I begin by asking to worship Almighty God with my Angel, and I pray the “Holy, Holy” prayer (as we do at Mass) three times. Then I pray the *Confetior* (“I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters...”) for forgiveness for any pride, unlove, selfishness, or any other sin that I may have. Then I ask the other person's (or persons') Guardian Angel(s) to let me join in worshiping God with him by praying the “Holy, Holy” prayer another three times. I have found incredible things happen. More often than not, the issues have been resolved before I get there, or I find that they are easily resolved. On only a few instances were the issues not clearly resolved, but I experienced a powerful sense of peace and courage to do the right thing even when I knew it would be hard. The Angels helped me, I know!

There is much dangerous and errant information about Angels out there. Satan wants a lot of disinformation out there. For sound teaching on the Angels, based on the Bible and the tradition of the church, go to www.opusangelorum.org. If you go to the tab on “Holy Angels” there are several options for finding out more truth about the Angels.

God has not left us orphan, but sends His messengers, His Angels, to be with us at every moment. May we be open to their guidance and teaching, and let them help us worship God!

WE HAVE CONFIRMATION DATES!

If your child/children are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring, please contact the parish office at 635-3525 to let us know which date your family will be attending. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to arrive no later than 5:30 PM. **The dates and times are: Friday, March 8th at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 11th at 6:00 PM and Friday, March 15th, at 6:00 PM.** Due to the large number of students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, we would ask that you try to limit your number of guests to 5 or 6. This way we can be sure to have enough room for all of the families.



The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School and in the Parish Office and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and April 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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.



February 15, 2019
St. Mary of the Annunciation
(134 Norfolk St, Cambridge MA)
7:30 PM - 12 AM

¡Vamonos! Join JESUS aCROSS the Border as we break the deep freeze of winter with a Latin Fiesta! We are thrilled and honored to formally announce the founding of a BRAND NEW Catholic young adult organization in Cambridge, MA! Formerly known as yHOPE, St. Mary's Young Adults Group is ready to shake things up, both on the dance floor and within the world of Catholic young adult groups.

We are excited to collaborate with them for this Latin Fiesta to officially unveil their exciting new look!

This Latin bilingual Fiesta will begin at 7:30 PM with Adoration, Confession, and Praise and Worship music led by the immensely talented Higher Love Worship Band! A bilingual Spanish Young Adult Mass will follow this at 9 PM, celebrated by Fr. Carlos Suarez. St. Mary's Young Adult Group will help us end the night on the right foot as we step on the dance floor for a festive dance party, Latin dance lessons and all!

We hope that you will join us and make sure to bring ALL of your friends, because you surely will not want to miss this event!

Our events are geared towards young adults, 18-35 years of age, but are open to anyone who would like to find out more about our mission. This is always a fantastic opportunity for the over 20 local, Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey!

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.