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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

**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 February 16**  
4pm **Bernadette Bouchard**, 34<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary, requested by  
Joan Janos
- Sunday February 17**  
8am **Leon Bousquet**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Patty Kennedy  
10:30am **Frances Lawlor**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by  
Pat Lawlor  
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday February 18**  
8am **John Podolinsky** requested by  
his family
- Tuesday February 19**  
8am **Alexandrine Thivierge** requested  
by Theresa Goupil  
**Elaine Richard** requested by  
Jackie Hynes
- Wednesday February 20**  
8am **Gerard Planchet** requested by  
the Rectory Staff
- Thursday February 21**  
8am **Linda Bousquet** requested by  
Patty Kennedy
- Friday February 22**  
8am No Mass
- Saturday February 23**  
4pm **John Ogonowski** requested by  
Trisha, Erica & Caitlin Yankowskas  
**Therese Bedard** requested by  
Doug & Laura Masson
- Sunday February 24**  
8am **Tristan & Susanne Laurion**  
**(Dube)** requested by St. Patrick  
Staff  
10:30am **Terry Mearls** requested by  
her family  
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Roland Langlois, Jr. by Roberta Wilson

## 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 2/10/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,517
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,292
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,809</b>

<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$6,809</b>
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As of Feb 10<sup>th</sup> we have a deficit of **\$5,857**

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

## Capital Improvement

collected as of 2/10/19  
\$1,380

Thank you for your generosity!



## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### 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.

### Mar. 10 Utility

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

### Mar. 17 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, February 17

Confirmation Classes, 9:30 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  
 Confirmation Classes for Grades 5-7, 4:00 PM, in the school

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

### Monday, February 18

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

### Tuesday, February 19

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

### Wednesday, February 20

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 21

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Friday, February 22

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



The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in March:

*Danielle Joupin*

&

*William Butt*

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** in the **Youth Room** at the **School**.

For more information, contact Fr. Von: [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 635-3525.

### 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 UMASS 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](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) or call 603-635-1447.

### 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,

St. Paul tells us in the second reading:

**If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.**

**But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

(I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

Some people in Corinth have been denying the resurrection of the body. They state that after we die, while there may be continued life, we will have “sloughed off” our bodies, and now our “spirits are free.” St. Paul is saying that this goes against everything that Christ came to do. If there is no resurrection of the body, then, he says, Christ was not resurrected... and so our faith would be in vain.

The resurrection is central to our faith in Jesus. In fact, it is the proof that Jesus was not just another prophet or teacher, but who He said He was – God! This is so important to remember – Jesus’ resurrection from the dead shows us that He has conquered death; death has no more power over us!

Today, people still struggle to believe in the resurrection of the body. Yet, this is one of the central tenants of our faith, even listed in the Apostles’ Creed. Many people today believe, like the Corinthians, that when we die, we will have continued existence, but without our bodies (and hence, people often erroneously say, we become angels). But this is not the truth of the matter. God has promised on the Last Day, at the Final Judgment, we will have resurrected bodies, reunited with our souls. We will become fully human.

What does this then mean for us? Our bodies are good... very good. I know, I know... sometimes we look in the mirror and we don’t think that at all. Yet, God has made our bodies good. In the beginning, God made us body and soul and said that it was “very good.” When Jesus came to redeem us, He came in a body. He died in the body. When He rose from the dead, He made sure to show His disciples that He was raised in the body: He ate fish with them, and let Thomas touch His hands and put his hand in His side.

St. John Paul II said

The body ... and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it. (*Theology of the Body 19:4*)

Our bodies matter. They point to the invisible reality of who we are (when you want to look at me, you *have* to look at my body... there’s nothing else at which to look!), and give us a hint of who God is (hence “Theology” of the body). This means that what we do in our bodies affects our souls, and our souls affects our bodies. We are embodied souls or ensouled bodies. To separate one from the other, from our very selves, is to leave us incomplete. We can see this when we hold on to anger. Anger is a “soul” event, yet it can adversely affect our bodies – causing hypertension, knotted muscles, and releasing toxins in the body, to name just a few effects. So also, our bodies affect our souls – when we choose physical sin, it hurts our souls. Whether it be sexual sin, gluttony, lying, or anything else, these physical sins can hurt or kill our souls. In part, this is why we do the “Catholic Aerobics” at Mass (standing, sitting, kneeling, Sign of the Cross, etc.), this is why we have Sacraments – because what we do in our bodies affects our souls.

God made us unique in creation – body and rational soul. Unlike the animals, we have a rational soul with intellect and free will. Unlike the Angels, we have a body. God’s plan for us it to be fully human – body and soul – in heaven forever. May we truly recognize this great grace, be grateful for His gift to us of our humanity, and work to keep holy all our choices in the body and soul.



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](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)  
the retreat is free,  
and you sleep at home.  
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

### 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.

### FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Small Cans of Vegetable Soup, Cans of Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans and Paper Products.** Thank you for your generosity!

### THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND'S ACTIVITIES IN 2018

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund has completed 49 years of helping our Neighbors In Need. We were able to provide financial assistance to 25 families and individuals in Pelham throughout the year for rent, heat, electricity, food and other household expenses, which amounted to \$38,610. This also included three \$2500 scholarships to high school seniors who had a financial need and had been accepted to a 2 or 4-year college or technical school.

Our fundraisers include: 24th Annual Golf Tournament and 49th Annual Christmas Drive as well as receiving donations from local businesses, organizations, schools, churches, families and individuals. Because of all the support and cooperation we got from the community, we were able to provide toys, clothing and food for 24 families and 49 children, which we estimated to be over \$8500.

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund Committee is made up of fifteen volunteers who are dedicated and committed to helping our Neighbors In Need. Your donations and support have allowed us to reach out and help people in need of financial assistance.

We want to thank the entire community because we could not be successful without your financial support. We look forward to being of service to the community in 2019. It Is In Giving That We Receive.

**The Parish Office is closed on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!!

#### **The Penny Sale is coming!**

The Penny Sale is being held on April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow. See you there!