

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 1
 4pm **The DiGiantommaso family**
 requested by their family
Walter Lambert, 13th
 Anniversary, requested by his
 wife & children

Sunday February 2
 8am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 10:30am **Grace Buscema, 23rd Anniversary,**
Patricia Cormier, 4th Anniversary,
 requested by their family
 6pm **For all those in Consecrated Life**

Monday February 3
 8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday February 4
 8am **Leon Bousquet** requested by
 Patty Kennedy

Wednesday February 5
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by his
 wife Rita
Joan Straughan, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by
 Steve Straughan

Thursday February 6
 8am **Ray Bilodeau** requested by a
 friend

Friday February 7
 8am **Rev. Donald Gauthier** requested
 by a friend
Tina Wurst requested by the
 Lemieux family
 6pm Holy Hour

Saturday February 8
 4pm **Clint Updyke, 11th Anniversary,**
 requested by Barbara, Adam &
 Sean
Joan Straughan, Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by her
 husband Steve

Sunday February 9
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona & Jack**
Nutting requested by Donna
 Smith
 10:30am **Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., Birthday**
 Remembrance, requested by his
 wife Angela
Emmeline Cronin requested by
 the Descoteaux 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 1/26/20

Offertory Envelopes \$6,337

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,410

Total Offertory \$7,747

Faith Life \$1,486

Total Collected \$9,233

As of 1/26 we have an offertory deficit of \$3,744

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

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Feb. 9 Capital Improvements
This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Feb. 16 Utility
This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Feb. 23 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.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Walter Lambert, 13th Anniversary, by his wife & children

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 2

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, February 4

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

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



VBS is back again this year and if your child hasn't yet experienced this themed week of games, music, skits, crafts and food – then what are you waiting for?! Our summer camp hosts over 150 children, teens and adult volunteers from all over the diocese and fills up fast. Early registration is now open and forms are at the back of the church. Volunteer opportunities are also available for 20 teen service hours. If interested or for more information, please contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net



THE FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS PRESENT: "THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES"

This is a new and UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS, from Ste. Marie Parish Youth Group, Manchester, NH. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our parish's spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for very young children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM. DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**

First Friday Mass is this Friday, February 7th, at 8:00 AM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Instead of the usual Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates today the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (February 2). This celebration takes place 40 days after Christmas, and remembers how, in accordance with the Jewish Law, Jesus was presented in the Temple. What makes this event special is that despite the fact that Jesus looked like every other 40 day-old baby brought to the Temple, Simeon recognized Him for who He was and spoke prophetically about Him.

Simeon was a righteous and devout man filled with the Holy Spirit. Somehow, at some time, God had revealed to him that he would see the Christ before he died. Touched by the Holy Spirit in this moment of grace, he took Jesus in his arms and proclaims:

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

With this prayer (now prayed by the Church as part of *Compline*, or Night Prayer, every night), Simeon shows how he has trusted God, and that he is ready to go home to God.

Note, also, at the end of his prayer, he calls Jesus the “light for revelation to the Gentiles.” It is because of this title that we celebrate today as *Candlemas* – a day to bless candles. As Jesus is the Light of the World, each candle is a symbol of He who brings the light.

Light.

How many times have I gone bumbling around in the darkness, stubbing my toe, or knocking my shin into a coffee table?! And this is *us* in this world of sin. We may think we have enough light to navigate in our world, but the truth is that without Jesus, everything is shadows, hard to see. When Jesus shines His light into our lives, it may sting and even blind us at first (think of when someone wakes you from sleep by turning on the overhead light in your room!!). Yet, without the light of Christ, right seems wrong and wrong seems right. Without Christ, we don’t see the obstacles blocking our way (like that coffee table) to real and abundant life!

Do we want light? Do we want to know what is right and true and will bring true light? I think we would say “yes” and our hearts yearn for “yes” ... but when it comes to the changes we will have to make when it comes down to it, the “yes” is much harder than to say, “No!” Yet to live without the light of Christ is to live a half-life. While His light stings and blinds, it brings healing and life.

What do I mean? How often I have experienced this: some deep secret, some struggle I have that I would dare tell no one for fear of being exposed and the shame in which it holds me. Yet, as soon as I muster the courage to bring it to Confession – to bring it to the light – I experience not shame, but relief, healing and forgiveness. While there is something very natural about finding relief when we bring things from darkness to light, when it is brought to the light of Christ – the healer – suddenly that which was the skeleton in the closet becomes a trophy of God’s incredible power!

Jesus Christ is “**a light for revelation to the Gentiles**” – aka: all of us. His light shines through our darkness. The question is: Am I willing to let His light in? Will I open my eyes here and struggle through the blindness to let my eyes adjust to His light, or will I stay holed up in a dark cave of my own little world?

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

Discover your desert path with Jesus

February 22, 2020

St. Patrick Parish Center

Cost: \$25

Register: call Linda at 603-930-6436

Email: linda.j.merrill@pontemvitae.com

Register online: <https://bit.ly/36wu1rr>

For more information, please look on the church bulletin board for the flyer.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45** or **55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office by **March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!



Join us March 27-30, 2020
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.



LECTIO: MARY

Do you want to learn more about Mary? Join Fr. Von for this Video Series by Dr. Brant Pitre on Monday nights, February 17th & 24th, and March 2nd & 9th, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.

VOCATIONS

"Consider your own calling..." and do not be discouraged by others when considering the consecrated life or priesthood. Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

Catholic Charities NH

75th Anniversary Celebration

Catholic Charities NH invites you to their 75th anniversary gala, The Ice Ball, which will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Manchester. The evening will celebrate our powerful past and promising future with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing within a beautiful and festive atmosphere. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit www.cc-nh.org/iceball or call 603-669-3030.

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Mark your calendars: March 16th, Jason Evert, bestselling author and international speaker, will be coming to New Hampshire. He will be speaking at Immaculate Conception Parish in Nashua at 7:00 PM. It is free, so be sure to come and bring your family and friends.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, present your marriage to the Lord. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and April 18-19, 2020 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.