

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



Saturday February 22
 4pm **Linda Bousquet** requested by
 her sister Patty Kennedy

Sunday February 23
 8am **Matilde Finco** requested by
 her children
Francyne Anderson requested
 by Dick & Maureen Dube
 10:30am **Rene Bordeleau**, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by the Cronin family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday February 24
 8am **Marianne Bretell** requested by
 Andrea Genereux

Tuesday February 25
 8am **Raymond A. Bernard** requested
 by his wife

Wednesday February 26 Ash Wednesday
 8am **Tina Wurst** requested by
 Andrea Genereux
 10:00am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 7pm **Walter Kosik, Sr.**, requested by
 Donna Smith

Thursday February 27
 8am **Nancy Greenough** requested by
 Joan Janos

Friday February 28
 8am No Mass
 6pm **Albert & Irene Bernard**
 requested by daughter-in-law

Saturday February 29
 4pm **Walter Godosky**, 11th
 Anniversary, requested by Rick,
 Gail & family
Edward & Jeanne Dubreuil
 requested by their family

Sunday March 1
 8am **Francisco Silva & Louis Silva**
 requested by Lucy Azevedo
Robert Mayo requested by
 Donna Nee & family
 10:30am **John Montminy**, 6th Anniversary,
 requested by Scott & Flora
 Montminy & 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 2/16/20

Offertory Envelopes \$6,028

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,470

Total Offertory \$7,498

Utility \$1,649

Total Collected \$9,147

As of 2/16 we have an offertory deficit of \$3,880

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

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 1 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Mar. 8 Utility

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

Mar. 15 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 Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Fabrien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 23

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, February 24

Lectio: Mary, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, February 25

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
Adoration, 2:00-6:00 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 27

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

Friday, February 28

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



Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christmas, is a penitential season. One of the key acts of penance that the Church recommends is almsgiving. But why? Citing the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism, and his own engaging personal stories, professor and author Dr. Michael Barber explains the “inner logic” of almsgiving, and how this often-misunderstood aspect of our faith is a critically important good work, related to our own unmerited redemption in Jesus Christ.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Pelham Knights of Columbus Council, 6902 at St. Patrick's sadly announce that we will NOT be able to hold our Friday Lenten Fish Bake dinners this year. A combination of increased cost of goods, along with an expected help shortage, brought on by illnesses to key members within our ranks have forced us into making this decision. We wish to thank you all for your patronage and comradery during this event over the past few years. This is an important fundraiser for our Council so we are not going to close the door on this event but to keep it on the table in hopes of picking it back up in 2021 and beyond.



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 24th and March 2nd & 9th, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

The Penny Sale is coming!

The Penny Sale is being held on April 18th & 19th. More information to follow. See you there!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, we begin Lent. Last week (if you read my article), you know about “Giving it up for Lent.” This week, I want to remind each of us (myself included) that Lent is about growing in relationship with Jesus, which means being holy – becoming like Christ. The readings today are a challenge to become holy. They call us out of our complacency and into greatness. And boy, is it **HARD!**

The first reading, from the book of Leviticus, has the LORD saying, “**Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy**” (Leviticus 19:2). Remember, God truly calls us – you and me – to *holiness*. This is not just for the priests and religious, this is not just for the “Church-Ladies,” this is for each baptized Christian! This call, while impossible to live out on our own, God graces with His own power. If God commands it (“Be holy!”), then He gives the ability. The question is: Will we stir up the grace? Will we allow God to use us? I heard recently that Rev. Billy Graham was praised for his incredible patience. He responded, “I don’t have any more patience than anyone else... I just use mine.” Will we take the time to stir up the graces God has *already placed within us* by Baptism?

So what does this look like on a practical level? The readings today look specifically at how we love (or don’t love) those around us.

You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.... Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:17-18)

Ugh! Not hating the people around us. This includes those we work with, in our neighborhood, or our families who are constantly backbiting us, annoying us, or a general nuisance. This includes those who have hurt us – intentionally or unintentionally. God is saying to us that we are to work past our hurts, submitting them to Him for healing, so that we may see His image and likeness in each person. No revenge. No retaliation. No gossip! Ugh!

The second reading and the Gospel expand this understanding of who and how we are to love. In the second reading, St. Paul says,

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

St. Paul exhorts us to remember that we are temples of God – that God dwells within us. He also says that that makes us – you and me – holy. Whoa! I would guess that most of the time, you’re not going around your daily duties thinking about how holy you are. Yet, this is what God tells us through His sacred word. This means that we must love and honor ourselves. Sometimes it is so much easier to deal patiently with the people around us, to put up with their fault and failings, than to deal patiently with ourselves. I have found for myself that my expectation is higher for myself so when I fail to meet it, if I am not careful, I can fall into self-recrimination. Yet God is telling us to love ourselves, to be merciful to ourselves. We are called not to hate ourselves, but to love ourselves. Self-hatred is an offense against the Lord – Whose Temple we are! This doesn’t mean, of course, that we pamper ourselves. It does mean, however, that we *must* forgive ourselves, and recognize the dignity we have, even in the midst of our weaknesses, failures and brokenness.

Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus says to us,

I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:44-45)

Not only are we called to love our neighbors – those who are close to us, family, peers, etc., God calls us to **love our enemies!** This is exceptionally difficult in our society that has separated the world into “Us and Them.” We see it so strongly in our political realm today. Who in Washington (whether Republican or Democrat) goes against everything you believe in? Who do you consider an enemy to everything you think is right and good? That person, Jesus *commands*, is the person we are to **love**. I said it before and I’ll say it again: Ugh!

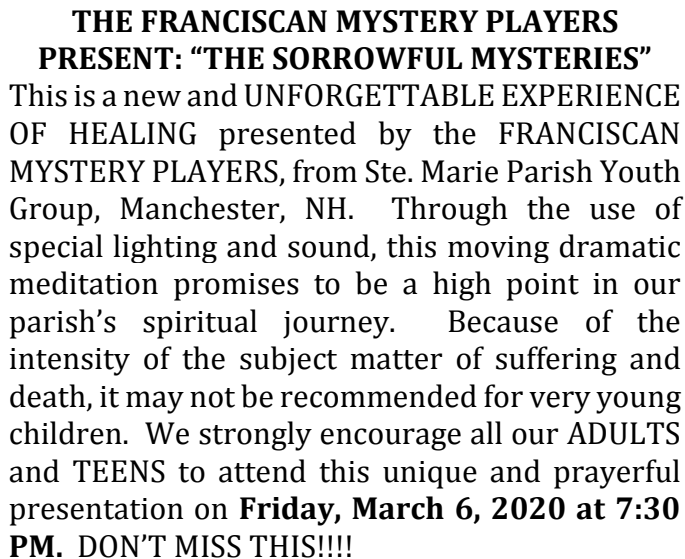
This is what holiness means – to be like God. God calls, commands us to love those around us, ourselves, and even our enemies. But remember, if God commands this He *is* giving us the grace to do it. Will we ask for that grace? Will we accept it? Will we exercise the grace to be holy and to love? As we move into Lent, I invite you to ponder this and how God is calling you to forgive and to love.

Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Masses are as follow: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

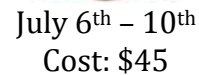
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“God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



Steubenville East is the event of the summer for those in grades 8-12. The retreat runs from July 10-12 and if you have never attended, this is your summer. Please direct all questions to Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net.



The Merrimack Valley Youth Conference is a dynamic event for high school teens in grades 8-12. The 4th annual MVCYC will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 11:30 AM – 7:00 PM at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. The day will include keynote, Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Hennessy, workshops, food, and lots of fun. The cost is \$20 per teen. You can learn more about this event and register on our new website: www.mvcyc.com or via Facebook @MVCYC. If you are interested in attending, contact Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net. Our group is forming now.

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.