

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**St. Patrick Parish**

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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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

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.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 6
4pm	The Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their families
Sunday	February 7
8am	Intentions for all our Parishioners
10:30am	Grace Buscema , 19 th Anniversary, requested by her family
6pm	Clint Updyke , 7 th Anniversary, requested by Barbara, Adam & Sean
Monday	February 8
8am	Ernest Perry requested by Margaret Parks
8:30am	Confessions
Tuesday	February 9
8am	Barbara Fagan requested by Dennis & Connie Hogan
Wednesday	February 10
8am	Rita Delisle requested by the Raby family
10am	Patricia Cormier requested by the Bereavement Group
7pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners
Thursday	February 11
8am	Edesse Paquette requested by Therese Goupil
Friday	February 12
8am	Maria Moujaes requested by Mr. & Mrs. William Crane
7pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	February 13
4pm	Bernadette Bouchard , 31 st Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos
Sunday	February 14
8am	Arthur LaPointe requested by Judy & Roger Turgeon
10:30am	Margaret Ross requested by the Parish Staff
6pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners

You can bring your old palms with you to Mass during Lent. Please drop them off in the Sacristy.

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 following week:

Offertory 1/31/16	\$7,558
Groundskeeping	\$1,286

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,844**

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 14 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Feb. 21 Fuel

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

Feb. 28 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Mar. 6 Catholic Relief/Home Mission

Supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

Mar. 13 Fuel

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

Free will offering for students going to Steubenville East.

Mar. 20 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.



Altar Flowers

This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Walter Lambert, 9th Anniversary, by his wife & family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 7

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, February 8

Confessions, 8:30 AM

Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the school library

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, February 9

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 10

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the meeting room

Adoration 2:00-6:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Thursday, February 11

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, February 12

Moms' Group, 9:00-10:30 AM, in the school

Fish Bake, 4:30-6:45 PM, in the parish center

Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

Confessions, 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 13

Marriage Enrichment Day, 8:30 AM, in the parish center

St. Patrick Parish is now on Facebook

We will be using this page as a way to communicate with parishioners and those in the Pelham community. This is an easy way for us to keep you updated, so be sure you follow the link below and like our page. You will receive up-to-date information on what is happening in our vibrant parish.

https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickspelham/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

A Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Fr. Von is going on a Pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, MA on Wednesday, July 27th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. The cost is \$35.00 per person; we'll be going by Coach bus and picnic lunch will be provided. For more information and registration form please look on the parish website.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH GROUP

Monday, February 8th **Youth Group** will be meeting in the school library from 6:00-7:30 PM

February 21ST from 2:00-4:00 PM
we will have our first **Living Stations of The Cross Rehearsal**
it will take place in the church

Save The Date:
NH Catholic Youthfest
May 7th at St. Anselm's College
Early Registration: \$35

Reboot! Live!
with Chris Stefanick
May 25th in Nashua, NH
7:00-9:30 PM
Tickets \$19
Registration and payment due March 1st

STEUBENVILLE EAST
July 15th, 16th & 17th

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Have you ever heard of **Our Lady of Good Success**? Lay Catholic speaker, author, and radio host **Matthew Arnold** is coming to St. Patrick Parish on **Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 PM**, to speak to us about this little known, Catholic-Church approved apparitions. For more information, as well as finding out where else Matthew will be speaking go to the parish website.

Transformational Music & Speaking Event

What if this Lent really was a turning point in your life? Please join us on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM. With an award-winning singer, TV Show host, published author and creator of acclaimed musical adaptation of the Crucifixion Story: "I Thirst" Tajci Cameron. Find a deeper connection with God through this uplifting event. Free Admission.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today we finish looking at the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**. Remember, there are seven of them: forgiving wrongs willingly, bearing wrongs patiently, consoling the sorrowful, praying for the living and the dead, counselling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, and admonishing sinners. This week, we will look at **Admonishing Sinners**.

Admonishing sinners may be the most misunderstood work of mercy. In fact, many would say that it is not merciful at all! This attitude, I would guess, comes from a couple of different places. One is that many times when people correct us *it is done not out of love*, but out of a sense of superiority or frustration. When this is so, the good that may have come from the correction is often lost, no matter how true or needed the correction is. The work of mercy without love *ceases to be merciful*. Correction of the sinner must always be done in love.

Another reason admonishing sinners may not be seen as merciful is due to the relativism that permeates our culture. Relativism is the belief that there is no objective, absolute truth (but this is too big a topic for this article!). Relativism would say that there is no “sin,” but that what is good for me might not be good for you; what is bad for me might not be bad for you. Under this philosophy there is no such thing as sin, only opinion. (If this were the case, one could only say, “We don’t like what Hitler did,” not that it was *evil*, as it truly was.) How can you admonish a sinner if there is really no such thing as sin?! Some of what spurs on this understanding is that we have to encounter our frailty and brokenness – how can I, who am a good person, do something that I believe to be evil? The erroneous response to this question is either: a) it really is evil, and so I am a bad person; or b) I am good, so this isn’t really evil. We have lost a sense that a good person *can* really do evil things, and so need to repent.

In this tension is where we have the opportunity to meet God’s mercy. If we know and believe God to be a loving Father, we can run to Him for mercy. The analogy of a child is helpful. Take for example a child who is rejected by his parents. He will certainly not run to his parents to tell them his faults, and thereby intensify their rejection. But if you take a child who knows that she is loved by her parents no matter what she does. She can throw herself into her parents’ arms when she has done something bad or stupid, because she knows that she is loved! You see, if we understand the truth that almighty God truly loves us unconditionally, we don’t have to reject that there is real, objective sin. Nor do we have to reject that we are good, amidst our mistakes and sins. We can run to our God, facing our sin with His love, and be embraced by His infinite mercy.

I have gone far afield, so let’s come back. Admonishing sinners is a work of mercy because it is a way to draw people back into God’s loving embrace, **warning** people of the danger they are in. What do I mean by this? Have you ever seen the movie *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* with Steve Martin (Neal) and John Candy (Del)? (SPOILER ALERT!) At one point, Neal and Del are riding on the highway at night, but, unknowingly, in the wrong direction. Across the highway, there is a couple in another car trying to get their attention: they shout, “YOU’RE GOING THE WRONG WAY!” Del replies, “How would he know where we’re going?” and ignores the correction. They shout again, “YOU’RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!...YOU’RE GOING TO KILL SOMEBODY!” Del thinks they’re crazy and brush them off again. It is only as the two semis are on top of them that they realize how close they are to death.

The Del and Neal couldn’t see the danger they were in and thought the couple were crazy, off base, and rude. Yet the correction of the couple was the most loving, merciful thing they could do for Del and Neal – to save them. And so it is with correcting sinners. **SIN IS DEATH**. There is no other way to say it. It is not breaking rules or playing around...it is death. This death is not just in this life, though, but ETERNAL DEATH (which is infinitely worse!). When we see someone on the road to death – going in the wrong direction – the most loving and merciful thing to do is lovingly to correct them. The cautions from above taken into account: the correction should not be done in a spirit of superiority or pride, but out of a sense of care for the person we’re correcting. On the other side, we must also strive to be open to the correction of those who love us, even when we don’t want to hear what they have to say.

Let us pray that in this Year of Mercy, we may learn how to give proper, loving, merciful correction to sinners, and to receive correction with humility and openness.

HELP US GROW

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Get started today by visiting our church website and clicking on the Quick Links which has Electronic Withdrawal option or Electronic Giving. Thank you for considering this option.

FISH BAKE

The Knights of Columbus will host Fish Bake in the Parish Center every Friday during Lent except for Good Friday; February 12th, 19th, 26th and March 4th, 11th and 18th. Our hours are 4:30 to 6:45 PM. Prices for adults are \$11.00 and seniors and children are \$10.00. If you are ordering take out, please call 635-3829. All are welcome.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A LIFE-CHANGING LENT?

Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program **Best Lent Ever**. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus-and yourself-in a deeply personal way.

The program is free!

**All you have to do is sign up at:
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent**

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Spring **Men's weekend** is April 7-10. The Spring **Women's weekends** are March 3-6, April 21-24, April 28 - May 1 and June 2-5. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (603-635-3525).

FAITH LIFE FORMATION

- **No Faith Life Classes are held on the weekend of February 13th, 14th & 15th. The exception is Confirmation II:** Class is held on Sunday, February 14th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation I Class is held on Sunday, March 6th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Faith Life Classes are held on the weekend of March 13th, 14th and 15th in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation II Class is held on Sunday, March 13th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.

MOMS' GROUP

For moms with young children, join us on each 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. The next meeting is this Friday, February 12th from 9:00-10:30 AM in the school for a time of prayer and fellowship. Use the cafeteria entrance at the back of the school. Toys will be available for the children to play with while moms visit. Please call Tabatha for more information at 978-866-3731. Come and build lasting friendships for yourselves and your children!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT Register at: VitaNova.org

Registration starts at 8:30 AM and program begins at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$30 per couple, which includes lunch and materials. **Topics to be covered:** Four Foundational Laws of Marriage, Communication Skills. God's perfect plan for Marriage, Sacramental love. For more information, please contact Scott or Martha at ScottnMartha@comcast.net.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Oct. 25 – Nov. 4, 2016 Medjugorje: where 35 years ago, Our Lady allegedly appeared to 6 young people and is still today appearing and delivering messages to the world. Our Lady is trying to bring the world back to Her Son through prayer, fasting, penance, faith, and conversion. You are invited to see Medjugorje for yourself. Please pray and consider joining our pilgrimage retreat Oct. 25 – Nov. 4, 2016. Deacon Geoff Ashman, St. Matthew Parish in Windham, NH, will be our Spiritual Director. For more information, please contact Doreen Duquette 603-216-4186 or at ladyduke95@yahoo.com