

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 January 11
 4pm **Rev. John Sledziona & Nicholas Betancur** requested by Donna Smith

Sunday January 12
 8am **Alan Larese**, 24th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
 10:30am **Wayne & Lillian Montuori** 3rd & 1st Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday January 13
 8am **Joseph & Muriel Caron** requested by David Lemieux
Shoba Hart requested by David & Maureen Groff

Tuesday January 14
 8am **Terry Evans**, Birthday Remembrance" requested by her mom & family

Wednesday January 15
 8am **Kevin Caron** requested by Madeleine Lemieux
Richard Groulx requested by Pat Lawlor & Cathy Proveaux

Thursday January 16
 8am **Kevin Cao** requested by the Lemieux family
Ron Nickerson requested by Ron & Deb Turturici

Friday January 17
 8am No Mass

Saturday January 18
 4pm **John Fitzgerald**, 16th Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

Sunday January 19
 8am **Joseph St. Cyr** requested by his Uncle Gerald & Aunt Ann Marie Johnston
 10:30am **John Lawlor, Jr.**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Terry Evans, Birthday Remembrance, by her mom & family

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 12/22/19	
Offertory Envelopes	\$7,135
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,524
Parish Collections for the week of 12/29/19	
Offertory Envelopes	\$7,094
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,499
Parish Collections for the week of 1/5/20	
Offertory Envelopes	\$7,740
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,405
Total Offertory	\$26,397

As of 1/5 we have an offertory deficit of \$3,079

Christmas Collection	\$16,550
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,165
Faith Life	\$1,551
Christmas Memorials	\$2,360
Utilities w/Christmas	\$1,806
Teen Ministry	\$1,475
Total Funds Collected	\$66,963

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

Capital Improvements

collected as of 1/5/20
 \$1,527

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 19 Diocesan Seminarian Fund

This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood.

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

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

Steubenville Meeting, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria
Lectio: Mary, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, January 14

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 15

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
Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

Community Dinner, 5:30 PM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Everly Mae Caron, Raymond Lawrence Caron, Liliana Rayne Doyon, Charlie Brooks Haberl and Morgan Michele Merrill.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

VOCATIONS

"...this is my beloved Son..." If this excites you into desiring to tell the story of Jesus, then God may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father Matthew Mason at 663-0153, or write: mmason@rcbm.org

MIRIAM DINNER

Are you looking to follow the Lord and ready to say "yes" when he calls? We would like to invite women in our diocese, ages 14-40, who are considering a vocation to the religious life or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with consecrated women, and dinner. This evening will take place at the **Joseph House** (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester on February 7th, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We would like to invite men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with Vocations Team, and dinner. These evening will take place for different age groups on February 21st & 28th, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may have seen our Parish Mission Statement at some point. It is based on Jesus' Mission for the Church:

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20, emphasis added)

Jesus said that the Church's mission is to go into the world and spread the Good News (literally the "Gospel"). Working with the pastoral staff and the Parish Pastoral Council, we have formulated a Mission Statement for St. Patrick Parish that flows from the Church's Mission Statement given by Jesus.

We are a community of Catholic Christians who desire to grow closer to the living God. It is seen in the way we...

- **build Christ-like relationships with others (Go),**
- **help people to fall in love with God (Make),**
- **fall deeper in love with God by entering the life of the church through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Baptize),**
- **serve and witness inspired by the Holy Spirit (Teach).**

We do this because we are children of God who long for all to share in eternal life.

(The short version is **GO, MAKE, BAPTIZE, TEACH**.) In baptism, God made us His sons and daughters, heirs to the Kingdom of God. Note the vocabulary in the Mission Statement is that of relationship. We are not simply servants of God who obey the Master, we are sons and daughters and **"desire to grow closer to the living God."**

God, however, has not called us to be passive in our faith, but to go out actively to others. No one gets to heaven alone – we go as *Church*, the Body of Christ. God wants us to share the Good News of His love with each person that we meet. God wants us to fall in love with Him, but also to help others to fall in love with Him. By our Baptism, we not only are children of God, but we are sent out to the world so that each person may come to know the living God, fall in love with Him, and so become heirs to His Kingdom.

The purpose of each parish, according to Pope St. John Paul II, is to become a *school of holiness and a school of prayer* (cf. *Novo Millennio Ineunte* 30-34). St. Patrick Parish, therefore, must be a place where people grow in their primary vocation of holiness through a growing intimacy with God (prayer). Over my six plus years here in the parish, I have tried to make this a priority – helping people to grow in holiness and prayer. This work, however, is not simply done by the clergy, or even the pastoral staff of the parish. No, it is meant to be done by each baptized Catholic! As we rollout the Mission Statement, I will talk more about how we do this on a practical level.

For now, let's look more at the Mission Statement. We desire to grow closer to the living God, so we **GO** out to the world, building relationships. As the saying from *Cursillo* goes, "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." It's only in genuine friendships that we can be a bridge of trust for them to come to know Jesus' presence in the Church. We **MAKE DISCIPLES** – helping people know Christ and fall in love with Him. As the Baltimore Catechism says, the meaning of life (why did God make me?) is to know, love and serve God in this life so we can be happy with Him forever in the next.

The third part of the Mission Statement is **BAPTIZE**. Baptism is a symbol of the whole sacramental life. Remember that the Sacraments are gifts from God to help us to grow in relationship with Him. Baptism is the gift of becoming God's daughter or son. Confirmation gives us the gifts needed to live out our call as missionary disciples of Christ. The Eucharist (the source and summit, the center of Christian life) is the very presence of Jesus, our God. In it, He feeds us with His very self, He gives us strength, He unites us to His Heart, He makes us one with Him. While people can go into the woods and encounter God, the Eucharist is the presence of God *par excellence*. It's like the difference between texting someone and being face to face with him. We come to Mass, and draw others to the intimacy of the Mass so that we can be face to Face with God.

Finally, we **TEACH**. We teach, of course, with our words – sharing how God has moved in our lives – but also by example of our service and love.

Why do we **GO, MAKE, BAPTIZE, TEACH**? Because we are God's, and we want everyone to be His forever!

As we rollout the Mission Statement, I hope it inspires you to look at your life, your commitment to God, and to step out in faith to share the Good News of what God has done in your life and in the world.



Warm their Soul/Warm their Soles

Do you know that socks are the most in-demand clothing item for the homeless yet are the least donated? Clean, warm socks are a treasure for people without permanent housing especially in the winter-time. We can help! We will be collecting NEW socks for men & women to be delivered to nearby shelters throughout the month of January. Please drop off your donation in the chapel. Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Brunelle at 508-864-8084 (call or text) or cdbrunelle@comcast.net

LECTIO: MARY

Do you want to learn more about Mary? Join Fr. Von for this Video Series by Dr. Brant Pitre. On Monday nights January 13th, 20th & 27th, February 17th & 24th, March 2nd & 9th, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.



The Sons of the American Legion would like to thank all individuals and groups that came out to support our fundraiser to benefit Ken Dunne and his family with his cancer treatments. Ken will be going in for Stem Cell Replacement Therapy in January and still has a long way to go but with everyone's prayers, support, and help we wish him the very best. Approximately \$8,100 was raised for his benefit. Anyone still wishing to donate funds can drop off an envelope addressed to Ken at the Legion.

The Blessing Cup is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. If you are interested in hosting the Blessing Cup, please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

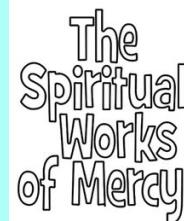
The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants four \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 4, 2020.



STEUBENVILLE EAST INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION NIGHT

What is Steubenville East? It is really as fun as everyone says it is? I invite all young people in grades 9-12 and their parents to come to a meeting on Monday, January 13th, at 6:00 PM to find out more about the most powerful weekend of the year. STEUBENVILLE EAST!

Our meeting will take place in the cafeteria of the school. If you are not able to attend this meeting and are still interested in learning more please get in touch with me, Adam Castor. My email is faithlifeformation@comcast.net.



As of last weekend, we have 835,321 Acts of Mercy! We need another 164,679 to reach a 1,000,000. You can find the acts of mercy sheets in our weekly bulletin, parish office or at the Church entrances.