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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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
4pm	<b>John Fitzgerald</b> , 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary requested by his wife & children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
8am	<b>Joseph St. Cyr</b> requested by his Uncle Gerald & Aunt Ann Marie Johnston
10:30am	<b>John Lawlor, Jr.</b> , Birthday Remembrance requested by Pat Lawlor
6pm	<b>Intentions of all our Parishioners</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
8am	<b>Fr. Lucien Loiselle</b> requested by the Lemieux family <b>Pat Dinitto</b> requested by St. Patrick Parish
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 21</b>
8am	<b>Marilyn Julia Rauschot</b> requested by David & Maureen Groff <b>Margaret Curli</b> requested by the Marino family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 22</b>
8am	<b>Red Gibson</b> requested by his daughter Kathy <b>Jean Quinn</b> requested by Monica Bedard
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
4pm	<b>Norman Provencal</b> , 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
8am	<b>Rena Cayer</b> requested by the Bedard family <b>Robert S. Haberek, Sr.</b> , requested by his family
10:30am	<b>Emmeline Cronin</b> requested by Ray & Rose Graham <b>Francisco Silva</b> requested by Lucy Azevedo
6pm	<b>Intentions of all our Parishioners</b>



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Fabrien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

## 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 1/12/20

Offertory Envelopes \$6,128

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,310

**Total Offertory \$7,438**

Utility \$1,501

**Total Collected \$8,939**

**As of 1/12 we have an offertory deficit of \$3,041**

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Jan. 26 Faith Life Formation

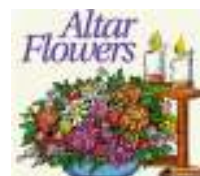
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### Feb. 2 Catholic School Week

This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for catholic elementary and junior high schools. The proceeds from this collection remain in the parish.

### Feb. 9 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish. Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of John Fitzgerald, 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & children



### **Sunday, January 19**

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 20**

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

### **Tuesday, January 21**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

### **Wednesday, January 22**

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

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, January 23 NO MASS**

Blood Drive, 1:00-6:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### **Friday, January 24**

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

### **Catholic Charities NH**

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Catholic Charities NH invites you to their 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cc-nh.org/iceball) or call 603-669-3030.

### **PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY**

#### **Ages 3 through grades 8**

The Presentation of Mary Academy, located in Hudson, NH is a vibrant, private Catholic school made up of committed parents, teachers and staff. We invite you to visit our school and experience first-hand why parents and students love the caring, safe, learning environment found at PMA. Steeped in the traditions of the Catholic faith, PMA challenges every student to their fullest academic potential in a student centered learning environment. The students enjoy our state of the art Athletic and Performing Arts Center and turf athletic field along with top classroom technology including Starboards, Chromebooks and Google Classroom for all grade levels. Private tours for new families are being scheduled now. For more information, please contact June Nolet, Admissions Director at 603-889-6054 option 2 or [jnolet@pmaschool.org](mailto:jnolet@pmaschool.org). Visit us on the web at [www.pmaschool.org](http://www.pmaschool.org).



**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.

# Pastor's Corner



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

John the Baptist sees Jesus and he says, “**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world**” (John 1:29). We are familiar with this title for Jesus (after all, we sing it at every Mass “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us... grant us peace,” right before receiving Communion), yet it would be a shocking thing to say about someone. What does it mean to be the *Lamb of God*?

If modern Americans were to go back in time to the ancient world, the thing that would most shock them would be *sacrifice*. Everywhere, every religion in the world required some sort of sacrifice – most often this was animal sacrifice (though some religions required human sacrifice). The Jewish religion was no different: at the heart of the Jerusalem Temple was the altar of sacrifice. While sacrifices took place throughout the year, the Passover was a key moment for the life of the Jewish people. As you remember, on the first Passover, the LORD told Moses to have each household slaughter a lamb, to put the blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lintel of their houses, and then to roast the lamb and eat it. The Passover was a defining moment for the people of Israel since it was the means God used to save the Israelites from the Angel of Death. It was from this moment that Israel was set free from slavery, and they set out, first for Mount Sinai to make a covenant with the LORD, and then to the Promised Land.

At the time of Jesus, millions of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Josephus, the Jewish historian, estimates that over 250,000 lambs were slaughtered in the Temple at Passover. Could you imagine the blood flowing out of the Temple, the crowds everywhere, the *smell*! This was a moment of celebration for the Jewish people that stood out in people’s minds.

Back to John and Jesus. John looks at Jesus and tells his disciples that He is the Lamb of God. He is telling us that Jesus will be slain – like the Passover lambs – to take away the sins of the world. Jesus Himself would be the sacrificial victim that would lead the people from slavery into freedom, from darkness to light, from the plague of sin into the healing of God’s forgiveness, from death to life.

It is important to note, too, that John states Jesus’ mission – *to take away the sin of the world*. Jesus did not come just to teach, nor simply to be a good example, nor to give us a new moral code. Jesus came to bridge the chasm between God and humanity caused by sin. Jesus’ primary mission was to take sin upon Himself and break its power, so that we could get to the Heart of God.

In a world that says, “there is no sin; there is no guilt; there is only hunger” (Dostoevsky, qtd. in *Throughout the Year with Fulton Sheen*, October 15), is it any wonder that Jesus has become a marginalized character? If Jesus’ primary mission is to take away the sin of the world, and the world teaches us that there is no sin, is it any surprise that the Churches are emptying? We are inundated by the psychology which denies sin and guilt as objective realities, the psychology which says, “Do what you want, what makes you feel good, what fulfills you,” the psychology that says that we define who we are, despite objective physical reality. Yet despite all of the promises of this feel-good psychology, depression, drug addiction and despair are growing and growing. If only we were able to recognize the truth, we could find a real solution to our problems.

And what is the truth? That sin is real. That by our choices, we really and truly can reject God, which means rejecting joy, love, peace and happiness. That we really can destroy ourselves, our souls, by choosing the “feel good” path that rejects God’s commandments. **But** (and this is most important), that we have a Savior – Jesus Christ – who came with the very purpose of taking away our sins, of forgiving us, of restoring our relationship with Almighty God. He did this not because we deserve it, not because we’ve earned it in any way, but because, and solely because, He loves us and chooses to have mercy on us.

When we embrace this reality, we don’t have to lie to ourselves or others about our choices, because our worth is found, not in our merit, but in the God who loves us, the One who chose to come and be sacrificed to take away our sins and the sins of all the world.

I pray that we open ourselves to the incredible reality of this grace, allowing Jesus to be the One who takes away our sins and the sins of all 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](mailto:cdbrunelle@comcast.net)

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto: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 evenings will take place for different age groups on February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org) or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2020, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.

### VOCATIONS

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

### BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of the Child in the Womb*. Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered **after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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.



The Parish Office is closed on this Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, for Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 AM.