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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

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 19
 4pm **Walter Lambert, 12th**
 Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
Terry Wallace requested by Andrea Genereux

Sunday January 20
 8am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 10:30am **John Lawlor, Jr.,** Birthday
 Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Richard Gallant, 20th** Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & children

Monday January 21
 8am **Paul McLaughlin** requested by the Lemieux family
George & Theresa Muldoon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Tuesday January 22
 8am **Fr. George Ham, 11th** Anniversary,
 requested by the Dube family
Mark F. Decot requested by Friends of the Groton Wellness Dental Spa

Wednesday January 23
 8am **Louise Bousquet, 9th** Anniversary,
 requested by Patty Kennedy

Thursday January 24
 8am **Beatrice Turgeon** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Friday January 25
 8am No Mass

Saturday January 26
 4pm **Walter Godosky, 10th**
 Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
Paul Pelletier, Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Pelletier family

Sunday January 27
 8am **Marietta Genereux, 24th**
 Anniversary, requested by her daughters Georgette & Andrea
Richard Black requested by Darlene & Andre Michaud & family
 10:30am **Norman Provencal, 19th**
 Anniversary, requested by the Provencal 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 1/13/19	
Offertory Envelopes	\$5,338
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,337
Total Offertory	\$6,675
Utilities	\$1,597
Total Collected	\$8,272

As of Jan 13th we have a deficit of **\$3,458**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 28 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, 12th Anniversary, by his wife & children



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Lorraine Mendes by Dan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Sunday, January 20

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, January 21

Choir Practice, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church
 True Reformers, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, January 22

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 23

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

Thursday, January 24

Blood Drive, 2:00 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 25

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Saturday, January 26

Grade 2 Reconciliation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM, in the school

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 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, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office **by February 1, 2019**. 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!

ST. ANDREW DINNER

An invitation to young men, ages 14-18, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner on February 8th, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Joseph House (279 Cartier Street) in Manchester. RSVP to rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend. (February 15th will be a dinner for ages 19-24; and February 22nd will be a dinner for ages 25+)

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



TRUE REFORMERS

Saints of the Catholic Reformation

Monday Night Teachings

Learn about the saints who brought about the true reform to the Catholic Church: St. Thomas More, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Philip Neri, St. Francis de Sales and St. Teresa of Avila. **January 21st and 28th, February 11th, 18th and 25th 7:00 PM** in the **Youth Room** at the **School**. For more information, contact Fr. Von: fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we hear about the wedding at Cana. This is such a beautiful passage, and there are so many different facets at which to look. There are a few things that so beautifully stand out which I will bring for reflection.

Mary's role in this story is so beautiful. She is the first disciple of Jesus – first both chronologically and in importance. She notices that the wine has run short. A few things about ancient Jewish weddings: ancient Jewish wedding celebrations were held over several days (about a week!). Also, it was the groom's responsibility to make sure there was enough wine for all his guests for that week. Wine was a staple of ancient near eastern culture, and in the Bible, wine represents *joy*. When Mary notices that the wine has run short, she approaches Jesus. She does not want the groom to be humiliated by this sudden lack (who knows if it was the sudden appearance, not just of Jesus, but also His disciples, that made the wine run short?). Her statement to Jesus is very simple **"They have no wine"** (John 2:3). She does not tell Jesus what to do, she does not explain to Him why He should help the groom, she does not go into lengthy explanations or prayers. Mary simply brings the problem to Jesus and *trusts* that He will take care of it.

This is one of the beautiful things about Mary's discipleship – she trusts Jesus completely! She models for us how we should approach Jesus. We don't need to tell God how to do His job. We can simply tell Him the problem. And trust. We also see how Mary does this for us, as well. As mother, as a great intercessor in heaven, we can go to Mary as her little children and ask her to go to Jesus with our problems. Is there anything that Jesus could refuse His mother?

John records Mary's last words in the Bible in this passage, right after Jesus' reply to Mary's request. Mary looks to the servers and says, **"Do whatever he tells you"** (John 2:5). This is the story of Mary's life as the perfect disciple; she was always obedient to God and His will. At the Annunciation, she stated what she had chosen everyday of her whole life, **"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"** (Luke 1:38). This is her model of discipleship, and this is what she is always telling others to do: be obedient to Jesus.

What happens after the servers are obedient to Jesus? A miracle! Without Mary's direction, the servers might have looked at Jesus cross-eyed when He told them to fill the ceremonial washing jars with water. This represented 120-180 gallons of water. That's a lot of water. Even today, this would take some time to fill that much water, but remember that they didn't have a sink or a hose with which to fill the jars. They would have had to take smaller containers, walk to the town well, draw out the water, and then come back to the house to fill the jar. How long would this have taken, how many trips? I don't know, but it would have been a serious commitment of time and effort on the part of the servers. Their obedience (and sweat) bring about a great result – a superabundance of wine! The headwaiter, not knowing where it comes from, tastes it and knows that this is a better wine than they had previously. Commentators on this passage recognize that this is the "best wine"... the wine of joy is so overabundant that it will not, could not run out. By entrusting the problem to Jesus, "joy" is restored! What problems are too big for us in our lives? What problems rob us of our joy? Entrust them to Jesus – He will restore your joy... in superabundance!

It is significant that Jesus performs His first miracle at a wedding. As I have said before, the summary of the Bible is "God wants to marry us." John shows this to us in several places. At the wedding at Cana, we see that Jesus takes over the role as bridegroom: He provides wine for the wedding. In chapter 4 of John, the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman takes place at a well, the Biblical place where a man finds his bride. Her search for love with five husbands and the current unmarried relationship is fulfilled in Jesus, as we see her leave her water jar behind (see John 4:28)... she is no longer thirsty for love, for she has found it. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells His disciples

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 15:2-3)

A Jewish groom would have said this to his bride, as he prepared a place for her, by building rooms on his father's house. When the rooms were ready, then he would come back for the bride to bring her to himself. Finally, at the Crucifixion, before dying, Jesus' final words were **"It is consummated"** (John 19:30). Then a soldier opens His side and blood and water flow out (John 19:34). As when Adam slept, his side was opened for his bride to come forth (Genesis 2:21), so Jesus' Bride (the Church) comes forth when Jesus, in the sleep of death, has His side opened. The Bride is born of the sacraments of Baptism (water) and the Eucharist (blood). God wants to marry us!

May we be open to this incredible, intimate, passionate, tender love that God desires to pour upon us – you and me!



Join us March 22-25, 2019
 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.

STEUBENVILLE EAST REGISTRATION

All high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for a truly life changing weekend. This summer July 12-14 over 3,000 teens will gather on UMAS Lowell Campus to have a face to face encounter with Jesus. Music, good food and good fellowship all weekend long. It may seem early but, registration for this retreat opens in January and it does fill up! Let our Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, know you want to attend ASAP. You can email him at faithlifeformation@comcast.net or call 603-635-1447.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women’s Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School and in the Parish Office and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick’s Parish Office by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 22nd.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Baked Beans, Canned Potatoes or Small Instant Potatoes, Sports Drinks or Juice.** Thank you for your generosity!

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.* **After the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday,** Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers, and families gathered.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Since June, 1981, a small village in Bosnia Herzegovina, called Medjugorje, has been a place of prayer and countless conversions. After so many years, Medjugorje continues to attract thousands of pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider experiencing the peace of this village firsthand by joining our retreat pilgrimage Sept 24-Oct 4, 2019. Father Alan Tremblay will be our Spiritual Director. Cost of the pilgrimage is \$2350. For more information, please call Group Leader, Doreen Duquette at 216-4186.

To kick off National Catholic Schools Week, Saint Michael School will be having an open house on Sunday, January 27th, from 12:30-2:30 PM at its location on 21 Sixth Street in Lowell. Prospective students and their parents will be able to tour the school, visit classrooms, speak with teachers and staff, and interact with current students. Coffee and donuts will be available. Applications and screening will be available. Registration is not required, but if you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the school at 978-453-9511.



Please check out our Lost & Found. If you do not claim your belonging by Sunday, February 3rd we will reassign the items. Thank you!