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**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 &amp; 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](http://www.formed.org) and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
4pm	<b>Walter Godosky</b> , 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
8am	<b>Alan Larese</b> , 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his sister Christine
10:30am	<b>Norman Provencal</b> , 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family
6pm	<b>David Turcotte</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
8am	<b>Margaret Rose Gaebel</b> requested by John & Joyce Keslo
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
8am	<b>Rita Delisle</b> requested by John & Joyce Keslo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 27</b>
8am	<b>Etta Genereux</b> , 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by her daughters
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 28</b>
8am	<b>Rev. Joseph S. Klatka</b> <b>Ernest Surprenant</b> requested by Clayton LeBlanc Sr.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 29</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 30</b>
4pm	<b>Emile Deschene</b> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 31</b>
8am	<b>Rita Delisle</b> requested by Brian & Michele McCormack
10:30am	<b>Norman Vincent</b> requested by his wife
6pm	<b>Noella &amp; Bourgeois Family</b> requested by Albert P. Bourgeois



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Norman Provencal, 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by the Provencal 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 following week:

Offertory 1/17/16 \$7,827

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$7,827

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

## Seminarian Fund

collected as of 1/17/16

\$2,364

Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Jan. 31 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

### Feb. 7 Catholic School Week

This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for Catholic elementary and junior high schools.

### 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.

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

**Healing Mass on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

**Next weekend will be the Blessing of the Throats at the end of each Mass.**



### **Sunday, January 24**

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

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

### **Monday, January 25**

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

### **Tuesday, January 26**

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

### **Wednesday, January 27**

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 meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

### **Thursday, January 28**

Blood Drive, 3:00-8:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

### **FREE WILL OFFERING**

This weekend we will be having a free will offering. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **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](mailto:ScottnMartha@comcast.net).



### **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH GROUP**

February 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Anselm's College

Early Registration: \$35

**Reboot! Live!**

with Chris Stefanick

May 25<sup>th</sup> in Nashua, NH

7:00-9:30 PM

Tickets \$19

Registration and payment due March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **STEUBENVILLE EAST**

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### **BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB**

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of a 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.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Macaroni & Cheese** and **prepared Pasta Sauce**.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> **Matthew Arnold** will be speaking on Our Lady of Good Success. Please look in the bulletin for more information to follow.



My dear brothers and sisters,

This week, we will look at the **Spiritual Work of Mercy** known as **Counselling the Doubtful**. “Counsel” is different from “giving advice”. “Advice is cheap” and comes from opinion; it is when I give you *my* point of view of how to act in a situation. **Counsel** is different. Counsel is a Gift of the Holy Spirit, and you remember that we receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation – wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, courage/fortitude, piety, and wonder and awe (see Isaiah 11). The seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit given in Confirmation are given to us to help us grow in holiness, to grow closer to God, to prepare ourselves for Heaven. This means that **counsel**, as a work of mercy, is about assisting others as they follow Jesus Christ, the way and the truth and the life (see John 14:6).

Counsel is given not at the whim of the giver (“I think you need to hear my wonderful advice on how to live your life”), but when someone is truly doubtful about the path they need to take to follow God. When someone is at this crossroads – whether it be a doubt about one’s faith, about marriage, about abortion, or issues arising around death or divorce, or any other of so many issues – it is a great mercy to help someone see God’s loving Hand in all of it, helping them find the true path to joy.

Several years ago, a young woman came to me in desperation. She was pregnant, and wanted to speak to me about having an abortion. As we talked, I realized she wanted me to say that it was *okay* for her to have an abortion. When I realized this, I gently told her that I could not say that. She immediately started crying and saying, “Then God is going to hate me!” As we spoke (and I prayed), I tried to reassure her that God did not hate her, and, in fact, that He never would hate her, but that He *loved* her too much to want her to have this abortion. God saw the hurt *she* would have to endure at this death of her baby. I was counseling her to find God’s loving plan for her. I don’t know what she eventually did, but I pray that she was open to God’s will.

When someone is in doubt about how to follow God, it is truly a work of mercy to help shed light on the moment. Some people think we shouldn’t “impose our morality” – and I agree that we shouldn’t. But if we truly believe that God is a loving God, and that everything He wills for us is GOOD, LOVING, and brings JOY and FRUIT, then we don’t *impose* the counsel on someone, we *propose* to them the truth of God’s love. Counsel means bringing the truth which sets us free, to the doubtful. We want the other person to see that God has a way through the problem, and His way will truly bring them joy!

In this Year of Mercy, let us ask God to stir up in us the gift of counsel, and ask that He give us the wisdom, prudence and courage to use it to draw others out of the confusion and darkness of doubt into the light of God’s love.

### REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Winter/Spring **Men's weekends** are February 11-14 and April 7-10. The Winter/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).

### NASHUA CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our Open House at Nashua Catholic on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Nashua Catholic offers 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders a rigorous, Catholic-based curriculum, a commitment to service, championship athletics, student leadership and extracurricular opportunities that range from drama to chess, Math counts to writing, skiing to Minecraft. We offer leveled classes and an expanded S.T.E.A.M. program. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges accredit us. NEW! We offer busing from surrounding towns.

### MOMS' GROUP

For moms with young children, join us on each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

### HOCKEY GAME

The First Congregational Church of Pelham, United Church of Christ, is partnering with the UMASS Lowell River Hawks Hockey Team in sponsoring an Underwear/Sock/Diaper Collection at the "HAWK EM SOCK EM" Hockey game verses UNH on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Tsongas Arena. Tickets are available through the church office at 603-635-7025 for only \$10! We ask that ticket holders bring a donation to the game that will be distributed to Shelters and Agencies in Lowell and in New Hampshire. Calling Ryan Leach at 978-943-6280 may also purchase tickets.



- Faith Life Classes are held this weekend January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation II Class is held on this Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- **No Faith Life Classes are held on the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Except Confirmation II has class on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- Confirmation II Class is held on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.

### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

We will be having First Communion Retreat part one on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. You may choose between two time slots: 9:00-11:00 AM or 1:00-3:00 PM.

### PRAYER SHAWL

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

### PRAYER LINE

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at [Lmurgia.871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia.871@comcast.net) or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or e-mail at [Lmurgia.871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia.871@comcast.net).