

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

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

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| Saturday | January 26 |
| 4pm | Walter Godosky , 10 th Anniversary, requested Rick, Gail & family Paul Pelletier , Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Pelletier family |
| Sunday | January 27 |
| 8am | Marietta Genereux , 24 th Anniversary, requested by her daughters Georgette & Andrea Richard Black requested by Darlene & Andre Michaud & family |
| 10:30am | Norman Provencal , 19 th Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family |
| 6pm | Intentions of all our Parishioners |
| Monday | January 28 |
| 8am | No Mass |
| Tuesday | January 29 |
| 8am | Matthew Lavertue requested by Janine & Paul Medina |
| Wednesday | January 30 |
| 8am | Paul McLaughlin requested by the Lemieux family Richard Hogue requested by Joan Berard & family |
| Thursday | January 31 |
| 8am | Albert L. Guilbeault , 3 rd Anniversary, requested by his daughter Connie Rev. Gerald Boucher |
| Friday | February 1 |
| 8am | Mike McCoy , Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife & son |
| 6pm | Holy Hour |
| Saturday | February 2 |
| 8am | Women of Mary |
| 4pm | DiGiantommaso Family requested by their family Margaret Prendergast requested by Eileen Curtis |
| Sunday | February 3 |
| 8am | Roger & Pauline Fournier requested by the Jean family |
| 10:30am | Grace Buscema , 22 nd Anniversary, Patricia Cormier , 3 rd Anniversary, requested by their 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/ 20/19

Offertory Envelopes \$2,939

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,352

Total Offertory \$4,291

Total Collected \$4,291

As of Jan 20th we have a deficit of **\$5,470**

Thank you for your
faith & Generous support
~Fr. Von~

Diocesan Seminarian Fund

collected as of 11/20/19

\$1,816

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 3 Diocesan Catholic School Education

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. 10 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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

Blessing of the Throats will take place after all the Masses on February 2nd & 3rd.

There will be no morning Mass this Monday, January 28th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 27

Confirmation Classes, 9:30 AM, in the school
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church
Confirmation Classes for Grades 5-7, 4:00 PM, in the school

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

Monday, January 28

Choir Practice, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, January 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 30

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 31

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, February 1

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church

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

Saturday, February 2

Youth Ministry Grades 6-8, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

Youth Ministry Grades 9-12, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the youth room at the school



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.

WE HAVE CONFIRMATION DATES!

We just received word and our Confirmation dates have been set. If your child/children are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring, please contact the parish office at 635-3525 to let us know which date your family will be attending. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to arrive no later than 5:30 PM. **The dates and times are: Friday, March 8th at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 11th at 6:00 PM and Friday, March 15th, at 6:00 PM.** Due to the large number of students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, we would ask that you try to limit your number of guests to 5 or 6. This way we can be sure to have enough room for all of the families.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, February 1st, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, February 2nd, at 8:00 AM.

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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus speaks to us today what many have called His “Mission Statement”:

***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*** (Luke 4:18-19, cf. Isaiah 61:1-2)

He says that this is fulfilled “today.” In the subsequent texts from Luke, we then see Jesus doing these things. This is not just for 2000 years ago, though; this is for *today*.

Do we believe that God is still working in our midst today? Many of us (maybe most of us) believe that God can do this, that He is powerful enough to bring these healings and do these miracles, but since we rarely see them, sometimes we might begin to think that maybe God just doesn’t want to do them for us today. I want to dispel this myth. God is not someone who used to love the human race, and has decided not to reach out with His loving hand anymore. He did not do miracles for the people of Israel 2000 years ago (and not today) because they were worthy of them. Nor has God somehow become impotent today. God is still powerful. God still loves us. God longs to pour His love on us, not because we are worthy (for we are not), but only *because He loves us!*

I can truly say that I have seen miracles in my life. God has used me, at times, as an instrument through which these miracles happen. In my early priesthood, I prayed over a woman struggling with alcoholism. She was not able to overcome this addiction by herself, but after being prayed over at a Healing Mass, she was freed from that addiction. Every once in a while I still see her, and she has told me (many years later), she has never had a drink again. Recently, I was reminded of a distressed grandmother who had come to me because her newborn granddaughter had heart problems and had to have open-heart surgery. Two days before the operation, I baptized the baby and anointed her with the Sacrament of the Sick. When she went for pre-op, the doctor saw that the condition had disappeared, and the baby no longer needed surgery. That little baby is now in first grade.

You see, God is still moving powerfully in the world. We can come up with all sorts of reasons why people are not healed more often – some have to do with God’s will, some have to do with our lack of faith or openness. We can’t know all the reasons why God miraculously heals one person, used medicine to heal another, and why a third is not healed. What I will say is that I think God would heal *more* people if we asked with faith. Sometimes all that is needed is to ask, and *expect* God to do something.

At the root of all this is the basic truth that God *does* love us. He wants your best good, my best good. Ultimately, that greatest good is heaven – being with God forever. He wants us to experience His love and His joy. He is not a miser, but a Father, a Lover. He *wants* to pour our abundant blessings on His children!

May we be open to hearing the incredible glad tidings of Jesus! May we be open to His love. May we ask for healing for ourselves and our loved ones with expectation – the expectation of a son or daughter who knows the love of the Father and trusts Him to give the good things we ask for!



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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!

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on February 2nd. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the church.



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.



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 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.

LOST AND FOUND

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

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

St. Patrick Church will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 3rd. All Cub Scouts, Boy Scout, Venture and Girl Scout Families (of any unit) are invited to join together at the 10:30 AM Mass to show their commitment to a Scout's "duty to God" and to honor the founding of the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Scouts are requested to assemble in front of the church in full Class A uniforms no later than 10:15 AM for assembly and procession into church. Pack and Troop families are encouraged to attend Scout Sunday to show our commitment to honoring our youth and Leaders to Scouting. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.



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!