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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)



- Saturday January 4**  
 4pm **Ray & Pauline Bedard** requested by the Bedard family  
**Michael Carrier** requested by Andrea Genereux
- Sunday January 5**  
 8am **George & Theresa Muldoon** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark  
 10:30am **Raymond Letendre, 17<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary, requested by his wife Jeannine  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday January 6**  
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by his wife Rita  
**Albert & Dolores Lemieux** requested by James Lemieux
- Tuesday January 7**  
 8am **For all Souls in Purtagory**
- Wednesday January 8**  
 8am **John F. Connolly**  
**Msgr Stanislaus Kempa** requested by Bethany Lemieux
- Thursday January 9**  
 8am **Walter A. Nelson** requested by Joan Berard  
**Joseph Flaherty, Birthday** Remembrance, requested by his family
- Friday January 10**  
 8am No Mass
- Saturday January 11**  
 4pm **Rev. John Sledziona & Nicholas Betancur** requested by Donna Smith
- Sunday January 12**  
 8am **Alan Larese, 24<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary, requested by the Raby family  
 10:30am **Wayne & Lillian Montuori** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to New Year's. The money will be in next weekend's bulletin.



**SECOND ENVELOPES  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

- Jan. 12 Utility**  
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.
- 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.
- 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. It is an option for the parishes in the White Mountain and Upper Valley Deaneries to take this collection. Proceeds for this collection taken by the White Mountain and Upper Valley Deaneries will be forwarded to the Diocese.
- Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

**VOCATIONS**  
 "Nations shall walk by your light," If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to be part of the revelation of Christ to man as a priest, or in the consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason, 663-0132 or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 5

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school  
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 6

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school  
Lectio: Mary, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

### Tuesday, January 7

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

### Wednesday, January 8

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  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

### Thursday, January 9

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

### Friday, January 10

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

### To: Santa's Helpers at St. Patrick Church

On behalf of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund "Sponsor A Child" program, the committee members would like to thank you for your generous donation of clothes and toys. Your support will make it possible for us to help the families who had reached out to the PGNF at Christmas this year. All of the PGNF committee members would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!



### 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)

### LECTIO: MARY

Do you want to learn more about Mary? Join Fr. Von for this Video Series by Dr. Brant Pitre. **Topics include:** The New Eve, The New Ark, Mother of the Messiah, The Queen Mother, The Perpetual Virgin, Mother of Sorrows, The New Rachel. On Monday nights January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School.



Please welcome back Steve Caruso who will be doing the music at the 4:00 PM Mass.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The Gospel speaks to us of the Magi and Herod. When the Magi arrive in Jerusalem, they ask around, trying to find the “newborn king of the Jews” (Matthew 2:2). Matthew is clear that Herod was not happy about this... in fact, he was “greatly troubled” (Mt 2:3). Why was he troubled? After all, it would be years before this child would be old enough to take the throne.

Herod was not a Jew, like David (from the tribe of Judah), nor even an Israelite (a descendant of Jacob/Israel); he was an Edomite. The Edomites were descendants of Jacob’s brother Esau, and there had always been a rivalry between them. Thus, Herod did not have the “right” to be king of Israel, according to the inhabitants of the day. He received his authority from the Roman Senate, not from the LORD. This meant Herod was always dealing with local uprisings and revolts.

Herod knew that there had been a prophecy about a star rising and how it would be disaster for his people – the Edomites. The story can be found in Numbers 22-24, after Israel escaped from Egypt and was wandering in the desert. Balak, the Moabite king, is very much distressed by Israel wandering through the plains of Moab. As such, he summons Balaam – a prophet – to come and curse Israel. When Balaam comes to Balak (it’s a great story to read about the donkey and the angel having a “Shrek” type moment with Balaam), Balaam is unable to curse Israel, as Balak had requested, because the LORD is blessing them. Three times, Balaam pronounces blessing upon Israel, but the fourth time, he pronounces a curse on Moab and other nations, including Edom. He says

**I see him, though not now; I observe him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel, That will crush the brows of Moab, and the skull of all the Sethites, Edom will be dispossessed.** (Numbers 24: 17-18a, emphasis added)

When Herod hears about the rising star and the coming of a new Davidic king, he knows that he and his people – the Edomites – will be dispossessed. This, of course, is why he wants to destroy this baby.

Herod tries to destroy Jesus by trickery – duping the Magi into thinking that he wants to venerate the newborn baby, as do the Magi – and then by military power – sending troops to slaughter the infants in the Bethlehem area. However, the wisdom of God outsmarts Herod.

The word *epiphany* means a moment of sudden revelation or insight. This weekend, as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are invited into this insight that the Magi had about Jesus – that He is king, that He is God. If we recognize what this really means, we find that Christianity is not just one religion among many, or that it is an extracurricular activity. Rather, this means that Almighty God has come among us, and that changed the whole world, the whole universe. It means that everything that Jesus said and did has divine meaning for every person that will ever live!

It also means that we are not the gods of our lives; we have a lot less control than we think we have. It is a reminder that God really is in control. Look at how much power Herod had ... yet he was unable to foil God’s plan. From the perspective of Joseph and Mary, they may have been frightened, and certainly would have been uncomfortable as they fled in the middle of the night. They may have felt absolutely powerless, and wondered how God was going to overcome the incredibly huge obstacles they had to face. Yet He did. God conquered. They trusted, and in obedience, they acted as God commanded. And while they experienced suffering, they found a way through – first escaping to Egypt – and then returning to Nazareth.

What are the obstacles in our lives? When we look at what God is asking of us – whether it be forgiving those who hurt us, observing the sexual morals of the Church, breaking away from some addiction that holds us bound – do we, in our weakness, think, “This is impossible! No one can do this! How am I supposed to live this way?” The Good News is that Jesus is here with us in our suffering. He has manifested His power *in weakness*, and He will overcome any and every obstacle in our paths – if we trust Him and obey Him. We need to surrender our fears to God – like Joseph, Mary and the Magi did... not like Herod who clung to the illusion of control.

As we move through this Christmas Season, may we truly trust *Emmanuel* – God with us – knowing that, despite our fears, doubts and anxieties – God can and will overcome everything we entrust into His hands.

## PELHAM FUNERAL HOME

A generous donation from Pelham Funeral Home has been received in loving memory of the people of St. Patrick Church whose families the Pelham Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 1, 2018 through December 19, 2019. It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the Pelham Funeral Home that the support of family, friends, and faith may guide these families through this holy season and bring them blessings into the New Year. And may their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

Heiner "Hank" Wais  
Blanche A. Caron  
Richard G. O'Riorden  
Dora Carpentier  
Sandra J. Sapienza  
Leo M. Albert  
Barbara J. Ward  
Charles M. McNamara  
Emmeline I. Cronin  
The Hon. J. Albert Lynch  
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Janice Marie Koch  
Theresa M. Maddox  
Barbara J. Tracey  
Ella J. Gordon  
Eileen J. Dias  
Edward Bogush  
Raymond L. Bedard  
Catherine Bogush  
Alan O'Brien  
Robert K. Stonis



## 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net).



## BIBLE SHARING

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the Kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. St. Patrick Parish will begin a weekly Scripture study, "Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come" on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the school classroom. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation or a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, contact Donna Beals at 603-898-0308 or [dbeals1@comcast.net](mailto:dbeals1@comcast.net). Cost for the workbook and online video access is \$27 per person. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the Kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

## MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website [www.stpatrick-pelham.com](http://www.stpatrick-pelham.com) and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link [ptv.viebit.com](http://ptv.viebit.com)

## PTV – SCHEDULE – CHANNEL 22

### For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday – 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM – **4:00 PM "LIVE"**

Subject to change