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**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).

**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 [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or (603)-635-3525.

**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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 15</b>
4pm	<b>Rene Foster</b> , 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 16</b>
8am	<b>Raymond &amp; Georginna Hall &amp; Family</b> requested by Anita & family
10:30am	<b>H. Tracy Davis</b> , 29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Joan & family
6pm	<b>Intentions for all our Parishioners</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
8am	<b>Mario Matos</b> , 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, requested by his wife Rita <b>Theresa Boucher</b> requested by Mrs. John O. Dunn, Sr.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 18</b>
8am	<b>Rena Cayer</b> requested by her family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 19</b>
8am	<b>Anthony Caggianelli</b> requested by his family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
8am	<b>Bernie Thibault</b> requested by John & Joyce Keslo <b>Mike McCoy</b> requested by David & Maureen Groff
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 21</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 22</b>
4pm	<b>Michael J. Taylor, Sr.</b> "Birthday Remembrance" requested by the Taylor family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 23</b>
8am	<b>Michael Goupil</b> requested by Therese Goupil <b>Evelyn Crotch</b> requested by Russell & Joshua Viveiros
10:30am	<b>Leonard J. Nelson, Sr.</b> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his son & daughter-in-law <b>H. Tracy Davis</b> , 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, requested by his wife Joan
6pm	<b>Michael DiRocco</b> requested by the DiRocco 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 7/2/17 \$6,521

Offertory 7/9/17 \$7,925

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$14,446

Thank you for your continued support  
~Fr. Von~

### **Peter Pence**

collected as of 7/2/17

\$1,351

Thank you for your generosity!

### **Capital Improvements**

collected as of 7/9/17

\$2,212

Thank you for your generosity!

## **SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

### **July 23 Utility**

This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

### **July 30 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### **Aug. 6 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### **Aug. 13 Utility**

This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Rene Foster, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his family



### Monday, July 17

Divine Mercy, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

### Tuesday, July 18

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Presentation on Starting a Prayer Life from Scratch, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Wednesday, July 19

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 and 2:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

### Thursday, July 20

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

### Friday, July 21

Free Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

### DIVINE MERCY/STUDY FAITH FORMATION

Please join us on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school. Facilitated by Roberta Wilson.

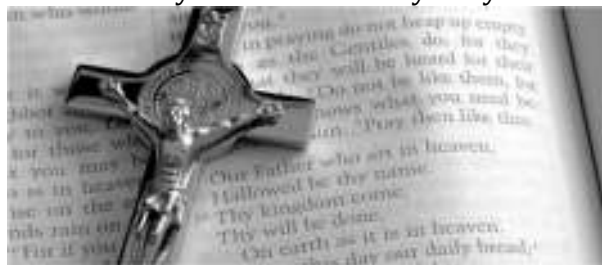
These are the next sessions:

Mondays, July 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

Mondays, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Come and join us for a presentation on  
***Starting a Prayer Life from Scratch***  
Given by Seminarian Rory Traynor



The talk will take place in the Church on **July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a short talk with some thoughts on starting a prayer life. Refreshments to follow in the parish center.

*"So, could you not watch with me on hour? Watch and pray."* Matthew 26:40-41



### SEMINARIAN RORY TRAYNOR

We are inviting you to a farewell reception for Seminarian Rory Traynor on next Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 10:30 AM Mass in the parish center. Come and join us to say good-bye and wish him well.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

We are looking for crafters for St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair to be held on Dec. 2, 2017. Cost for is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. It is a fun day with a coloring contest for kids, scrumptious food and homemade goodies at our Bake Table. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.



**Faith Life Registrations** went out in the mail if you have not received a registration. You can pick one up at the parish office or on the parish website. If you have any questions, please call the office at 603-635-3525.

### 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

Dear brothers and sisters,

In May of 2013, Bishop Robert Barron wrote an article titled *Sympathy for the Devil*, in it he suggests a problem with the idea of “tolerance” which is prominent today. He describes a homily, given by Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori of the Episcopal Church, where she suggest that when St. Paul exorcises a young girl of the demon inside her, he is “depriving her of her gift of spiritual awareness.” Bp. Jefferts Schori says that Paul refuses to recognize something as being beautiful even though it is different. Barron notes that it has always been held in the Christian community that being possessed by a demon is a bad thing, which seems fairly obvious. He concludes by saying that the root of the problem is “conflation of early twenty-first century values of inclusion and toleration with the great Biblical value of love. To love is to will the good of the other as other.” I would suggest that this idea of love is what is at the heart of the Gospel message.

The idea behind tolerance has its place, however, as Bp. Barron points out it should not be confused as the ultimate message of Jesus. What Jesus clearly tells us is to “love one another; even as I have loved you” (Jn 13:34). How did Jesus love us? By offering Himself on the Cross. This is not the idea of tolerance. Christ came so that we would no longer have to be slaves to sin, and tolerance more often than not can be translated as “tolerance of sin.”

Tolerance ultimately makes a statement comparable to “you do what you want, and I will do what I want.” This is not a statement of love. It would not be loving for a parent to let their child walk out into a busy street where they could come to harm, and yet this is comparable to what the “virtue” of tolerance allows. While no one would claim that tolerance would apply to the example above, they often claim that it would apply to people’s life choices such as their family matters, lifestyle, or what they teach others as being “okay for them” (like abortion, or unchaste relationships). We can easily think that sin is real for everyone else, but not for the ones that we love. Partially, I feel that this has to do with the fact that we do not believe in anyone being sent to Hell, and partially because we do not want to see the error of those we love. I know that I do this! We need to hold on to the truth, that sin is real. It is a danger, and everyone falls into it. It does not make them evil, but it can lead to evil acts. For instance, we will often want to water down the faith regarding such things as the kingship of Jesus Christ, or the truths about marriage and the family, by not confronting those that we love. I would suggest that the answer to this problem lies in acceptance of the greatest of all virtues: love.

Love, unlike tolerance, says, “I will go to the limits for you. I will profess the truth, walk with you, and show you my deep love for you and your dignity as a child of God; regardless of your sins or how you identify as a person, by showing you the way to ultimate happiness.” Love presents to people the truth that sin is real, but so is mercy. That the Father loves them and wants them to live in ultimate happiness with Him. St. Paul says this weekend in his letter to the Romans, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rm 8:18). The glory that he is speaking about is the ultimate joy of eternal union with God. I would suggest that some of the “suffering” can be embodied by the discomfort that we will feel when standing up for the truths of the Faith. We are trying to get others to the joy of Heaven, not to the mere comfort of this present life.

This does not mean that we are to go about our day, forcefully telling others that they have to accept the Catholic faith; this is not the message of Jesus. Jesus wants all people to find ultimate union with Him, and this has to be freely chosen. Some take this idea of the necessity of free choice to a ridiculous degree, and do not show others the Faith at all. We should rather show others that Jesus is the way to true life by the way we live and act. This sometimes requires being considered to be fools by those closest to us.

Seminarian Rory Traynor



## MISSION APPEAL

SSVM Missions is a not for profit organization dedicated to assisting the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara' worldwide. The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara', community of Diocesan Right, are happy to be given the opportunity to speak at Saint Patrick about the mission appeal on July 29/30. Our Institute was founded by Father Carlos Miguel Buela on March 19, 1988 in San Rafael, Argentina. Four years earlier, Fr. Buela founded the priests of the Incarnate Word with whom we share the same charism and constitutions. Both Institutes also have contemplative branches. Our specific goal, following the call of Saint John Paul II, is the evangelization of the culture. This appeal gives a chance to inform the members of your parish about our mission work in Jordan. As you may imagine, our missions in places like Jordan are in great need of support. The sisters work in several houses, providing education for children, teenagers, and young women. They also have a home for children with special needs. Since most of the girls come from poor families, the sisters also take care of the families by giving them some assistance. As you may know, Jordan is not economically stable at present. For this reason missionaries do not receive much help from the local people who very often themselves lack even basic necessities. Thank you, Father Von, for giving us this chance to speak at Saint Patrick regarding this appeal. We would also like to thank you for your contributions and generosity, which are a true grace from God. Please be assured of our prayers! United in the IHM, MMI M. Mary of the Incarnation, SSVM [www.ssvmusa.org](http://www.ssvmusa.org)[www.ssvmonlus.org](http://www.ssvmonlus.org)



Join us on this Friday from 5:30-7:00 PM, for tasty food, laughter and terrific company at our Free Community Dinner, held in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



## "BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER"

Join us for a Mothers' Retreat on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We will be gathering in the Meeting Room in the basement of the church. Please contact Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) by July 21<sup>st</sup> to register.

## FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels, Toilet Paper and Large Brown Bags.**



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-828-1975 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: STPATRICK'S-PELHAM. There is an urgent need of Blood.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Congregation of St. Patrick Parish for the donations on Mother's day weekend. You donated a total of \$403.00 to Birthright. Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the generous people of Pelham and neighboring towns for their generosity during our recent Tootsie Roll Drive. You donated \$3,084.10 towards the mentally handicapped. Thank you!