

**Saturday July 15**

**4pm ~ The Choquette & Loiselle Families and Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette  
**Florence & Louis Jacques** requested by their son

**Sunday July 16**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Jerry Brady**, 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Stephen & Lori Ann Nelson  
**Michael Dowd** requested by his friend Dianne

**Monday July 17**

**8am ~ The Deceased Members of the McQuade Family** requested by a friend  
**Evelyn Dallaire**, 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **Jacqueline Dallaire**, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **John Dallaire**, 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by their family

**Tuesday July 18**

**8am ~ Claire Nolin** requested by the Nolin family  
**In Thanksgiving of Dave & Kim** requested by a friend

**Wednesday July 19**

**8am ~ Sally Estrella**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by Donna Smith

**Thursday July 20**

**8am ~ Gloria Dalpe** requested by Lou & Marie Dalpe

**Friday July 21**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday July 22**

**4pm ~ Michael Taylor, Sr.**, Birthday Remembrance, **In Honor of St. Joseph** requested by the Taylor family  
**Michael Goupil** requested by Theresa Goupil

**Sunday July 23**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Leonard J. Nelson, Sr.**, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his son & daughter-in-law  
**H. Tracy Davis**, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Joan & family

**Sunday, July 16**

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

**Tuesday, July 18**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, July 19**

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM  
 Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM  
 Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school  
 Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

**Thursday, July 20**

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the parish center  
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, July 21**

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Raymond Jean, Sr.**, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his family



"Whoever has ears ought to hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we have the famous parable of the sower. It is an invitation to look at ourselves to see how we receive the Word of God (the seed).

There are some who reject the word outright – it is snatched from their hearts. You know those types of people who might mock anything to do with faith, or are so immersed in the culture of the world that to accept God’s word would mean to reject their choice of lifestyle. Not ready to change their whole way of thinking and living, they have little use for the word of God. We also must look and see if there are parts of our lives that reject God’s word. Do we allow Him to speak to us in those areas with which we are comfortable, but go against His word? When Christ speaks to us through His Body – the Church – that sexual relations are only meant for the self-giving of a husband and wife, do we accept or reject His word? When the Body of Christ reminds us that every act of intercourse must be open to life, do we reject God’s word? God is inviting us to accept His whole word, not just the parts we like, or with which we are comfortable. As the saying goes, if I only accept the teachings I agree with, I’m not following God; I’m following myself.

The second image Jesus uses is the seed sown on rocky ground. The word is received immediately, but there are no roots, and when tribulation comes, we fall away. Because God’s word is Truth, it draws our intellects to Him. Yet, there are times that it becomes difficult to stand by the Truth. While the persecutions at this time in the United States do not lead to martyrdom, there are very real struggles associated with being faithful to God’s word. When we have to choose to stand with the truth that God made us male and female – not a multiplicity of genders – do we back down and reject God’s word? When people cancel us or reject us – calling us “haters” – for believing what God has revealed through the Church, are we ready to throw in the towel? It is so much *easier* to become a relativist in a relativistic culture. When holding to the truth becomes difficult, do we submit to the tyranny of relativism (as Pope Benedict has dubbed it)?

The third image is that of the thorns. Here, the word of God grows in the heart of the believer, but it doesn’t bear fruit because it is choked by worldly anxieties and the lure of riches. When I am surrounded by the things of the world – especially media (movies, TV, YouTube, social media) – I end up having a distaste for spiritual things. The more I watch YouTube, the harder it is to enter into deep prayer. As I read this parable of Jesus, it makes sense – my spiritual life is being choked! When I step away from these things – the cares of the world, the lure of the pleasures of earthly things – the closer I am able to get to God.

The final image Jesus uses is that of the good ground which receives the seed – and how it bears much fruit. This parable is an invitation to us to examine our “ground.” Are we too hardened to receive His word? Are there parts of our lives that because of fear or worry need to be cultivated so we can surrender more to the Good News God is speaking to us? May we be more open to His word, and the hard work of cultivating the ground, and removing rocks and weeds from the soil of our hearts so that we can bear fruit a hundred, or sixty or thirty-fold!



**JOIN US FOR THE 2023-2024  
FAITH LIFE YEAR!  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

All families are encouraged and welcome to join us for Faith Life this fall. So much more than Sacramental preparation, this program reaches into the daily craziness of family life and seeks to carve out a place for Jesus. Welcome Him into your homes this year!

Who should register for the Faith Life Program?  
-All families with children in grades K-12

What if my son/daughter is older and has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?  
-That's okay! Every year we have a group of older students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

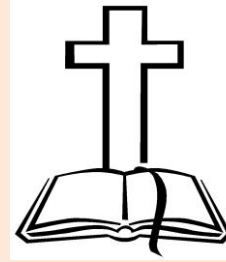
What if I do not have a child preparing to receive a Sacrament?  
-That's okay! This is a program that helps all families grow in faith together year after year.

I look forward to seeing you all!

To find registration materials please follow this link:  
<https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

You can mail registration materials back to the parish office or stop by and drop them off. The office is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please email Adam Castor at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net)

In Christ,  
Adam Castor  
Director of Faith Life  
St. Patrick Parish  
Pelham, NH



**WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING  
SUMMER BOOK CLUB**

For the last four months, the Women's Bible Sharing group has met weekly to discuss scripture, build community and grow closer to God together. With summer just around the corner, we invite you to join us for Women's Bible Sharing summer book club where we will meet monthly on Tuesday mornings (7/25 and 8/22) 9-10:30 AM exploring *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado.

For more information, please contact Jennah Costa [jennahcosta@yahoo.com](mailto:jennahcosta@yahoo.com). We hope you'll join us!



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2024, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$36,215** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$17,065**.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:  
"Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia"  
Support Group**

Are you caring for a family member or friend with memory loss? You don't have to face it alone. Join Catholic Charities NH for a five-week online support group, "Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia," starting Wednesday, July 26. You will discover a deeper understanding of dementia and practical resources to support your loved one's well-being. To register, please visit [www.cc-nh.org/dementia](http://www.cc-nh.org/dementia). There is no cost. For more information, contact Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573 or email [lmorneau@nh-cc.org](mailto:lmorneau@nh-cc.org).



**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



**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). Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or email at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net).

**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 7/2/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,601
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,291
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,892</b>

Parish Collections for the week of 7/9/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,901
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,828
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,729</b>

**Total Collected**                      **\$14,621**

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

**Works of the Holy Father**

collected as of 7/2/23  
\$1,236

Thank you for your generosity!

**Capital Improvement**

collected as of 7/9/23  
\$1,694

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**July 23            Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**July 30            Maintenance**

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

**Aug. 6            Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Aug. 13           Utility**

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

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

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

12 Main St.  
Pelham, NH 03076  
603-635-3525 (office)  
603-635-3919 (fax number)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Website: [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

### **Pastor**

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### **Secretary**

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### **Music Ministry**

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

### **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).

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Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net)

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

*Saturday* 4PM  
*Sunday* 8AM, 10:30AM

### **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**

*Monday-Thursday* 6:30-7:40am  
*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am  
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

### **RECONCILIATION**

*Saturday* 3pm to 3:45pm  
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) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

### **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)