

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday July 18**

**4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisselle Families & Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family  
**John T. Kelly, Jr.**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Cieszynski family

**Sunday July 19**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Leonard J. Nelson, Sr.**, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his son & daughter-in-law  
**Michael J. Taylor, Sr.**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Taylor family  
**6pm ~ H. Tracy Davis**, 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Joan & family

**Monday July 20**

**8am ~ Amelia Caparolie** requested by Gloria Hudson  
**Laura & Mike Cote** requested by the Lemieux family

**Tuesday July 21**

**8am ~ Mary Gleason** requested by her husband  
**Paul McLaughlin** requested by the Lemieux family

**Wednesday July 22**

**8am ~ Michael Goupil** requested by Theresa Goupil  
**Intentions of the Blessed Mother** requested by the Lemieux family

**Thursday July 23**

**8am ~ Beatrice Turgeon** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon  
**Amy Bergeron** requested by the Lemieux family

**Friday July 24**

**8am ~ No Mass**

**Saturday July 25**

**4pm ~ Rev. John Sledziona & Dora Carpentier** requested by Donna Smith

**Sunday July 26**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**  
**10:30am ~ Francis Proveaux**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor  
**6pm ~ Victoria, Michael & Anthony Sarno** requested by Carmine & Annette Sarno



**Sunday, July 19**

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

**Tuesday, July 21**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, July 22**

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

**Thursday, July 23**

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

**Friday, July 24**

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Una Harrington by Virginia Chiasson



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Tom by his wife

**VOCATION**

“The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the second reading today, St. Paul speaks to the Romans (and to us) about the Holy Spirit and prayer:

**The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.** (Romans 8:26-27)

Imagine that – we don't even know how to pray!

Think about it – prayer is communion with God. God is so *other* from us, so transcendent, that there is *no way* that we could reach Him on our own. To be in communion with God, it takes God reaching down to us! This, of course, He did in the Incarnation – when He took on flesh in the womb of Mary. But He also sends us His Holy Spirit so that we can have the union with the Father that Jesus (the Son) has with Him.

The gift of the Holy Spirit makes prayer possible because it is God within us praying to God. With the Holy Spirit, it is now *like* speaking to *like*, as it were. Our prayer actually is a partnership between the Holy Spirit and us ... and guess who the junior partner is! We need the Holy Spirit to pray within us to make prayer possible.

That prayer is possible does not mean that it is easy, though. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* dedicates an article to the "Battle of Prayer" (Part Four, Chapter 3, Article 2). It starts off by saying

**Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle.** (CCC 2725)

Prayer is difficult. It is a battle! Anyone who has spent any time trying to pray recognizes this. Distractions come in – as if they were attacking us, drawing us away from our focus on God. Boredom can dishearten us. Dryness can make us wonder what we're doing wrong.

One of the things I often hear from people is that they are discouraged by their distractions in prayer, that they think they are doing something wrong. In reality, they are doing something *right!* They are praying! Prayer is a battle, and distractions *will* happen. The only time that prayer no longer is a battle is when God Himself takes over our prayer in the mystical marriage (this is when souls are so advanced, they are given over completely to God; this type of prayer is not something you can achieve by working at it, but only something to which you can open yourself, as God Himself takes over our prayer).

One of my favorite stories about this is from St. Bernard of Clairvaux (+1153). He was riding with another brother when the brother said, "I never have distractions in prayer." St. Bernard replied, "I have many! You get down from your horse, and if you can say the whole Our Father without a single distraction, I'll give you my horse." So the brother got down, and got to the words, "give us this day our ..." when he said, "Can I have the saddle, too?" We all have distractions.

The important thing about prayer is to pray! When we have distractions, we must not get discouraged with ourselves. Rather, at the moment we recognize the distraction, simply bring our attention back to God. Even if we get distracted again three seconds later (let's be honest... it happens more than we would like to admit!), when we recognize the distraction, simply and gently bring our attention back to God.

One good practice when we begin prayer is consciously to invite the Holy Spirit to be with us in our prayer. He is the one who comes to the aid in our weakness! So let us not get discouraged, but seek true communion with God in prayer, even through the battles we have to fight!

# FOOD PANTRY

Attention: Gardeners if you end up with a surplus of fresh produce we will be glad to take it off your hands. We are also in need of **PAPER TOWELS**. Thank you for your generosity!

## MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

Experience God's Healing

Come with Faith

Come with Hope

Come expecting to be touched by God's Love

Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM

in the Church

## FAITH LIFE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

My hope and prayer is that we will never again take for granted the gift it is to come together as a Catholic Community, for in this coming together we help each other draw closer to the Heart of Jesus.

I invite every family to register and participate in our Family Faith Life Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration materials can be found on our parish website: <https://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/faith-life-registration-2/>

God Bless each and everyone of you. I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

~Adam, Director of Faith Life

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2020-2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.



If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2020-2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

## A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Living in God's Time

Friday, September 11-Sunday, September 13

Join us from the comfort of your own home as we dive deeper into what it means to live in God's time. This virtual experience will include thought provoking talks, times for prayer and reflection, and some social time to get to know other young adults from both Maine and New Hampshire, and a live/stream Mass to conclude the weekend. Register at <https://2020yaretreat.eventbrite.com> For more information or questions, please call Mary Jane Silvia at 603-663-0172 or Hannah Gonneville at 207-773-6471.

## NIGHT OF HOPE: JULY 19, 2020 FOR ADULTS

You don't have to feel alone or disoriented by the shadows hanging over our world. Come together as Church for this FREE virtual event, live stream from Franciscan University!

Featuring:

- **Hosts:** Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT
- **Worship Leader:** Bob Rice
- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Scott Hahn
- **Priest:** Fr. Dave Pivonka

Follow this link to register:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/night-of-hope/>



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.

### ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us". We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-8:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459 or [jacquelinehynes@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelinehynes@gmail.com)



**The Blessing Cup** is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. If you are interested in hosting the Blessing Cup, please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish 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

### 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 7/12/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,963
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,395
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,358</b>

Utility	\$1,276
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<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$8,634</b>
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**As of 7/12 we have an offertory deficit of \$1,128**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

### SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

#### **July 26 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

#### **Aug. 2 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

#### **Aug. 9 Utility**

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

#### **Aug. 9 Parish Mission Appeal**

The Mission appeal this year is from the Catholic Diocese of Machakos in Kenya, Africa.

#### **Aug. 16 NH Missionaries Abroad Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH**

This collection supports *The Good Samaritan Home* in Colombia, run by Claire Aucoin. In addition, a portion of this collection supports the diocesan ministries to migrants and refugees throughout the state of New Hampshire.

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

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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603-635-3919 (fax number)  
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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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

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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).

## **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

## **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)