

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to 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 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. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday July 1**
4pm **Matthew L. & Matthew J. Janos**
requested by Joan Janos
Joan Straughan requested by
Doug & Laura Masson
- Sunday July 2**
8am **Alan Larese & Germaine Raby,**
32nd Anniversary, requested by
the Raby family
10:30am **Jerry Brady,** 10th Anniversary,
requested by Stephen & Lori
Ann Nelson
6pm **Eugene W. Driscoll, III,** 4th
Anniversary, requested by
Donna & Ryan Driscoll
- Monday July 3**
8am **Intentions for all our**
Parishioners
- Tuesday July 4**
8am **Rev. Robert T. Goodwin**
Rev. Patrick F. Irwin
- Wednesday July 5**
8am In Honor of the Virgin Mother
- Thursday July 6**
8am **Mary Elizabeth Smith** requested
by the Fancher family
- Friday July 7**
8am **Michael, Victoria & Anthony**
Sarno requested by Carmine &
Annette Sarno
6pm Holy Hour
- Saturday July 8**
4pm **Joan Minton,** 4th Anniversary,
requested by her family
- Sunday July 9**
8am **Josephine Lapointe & Roger**
Lapointe requested by Mr. &
Mrs. Roger Turgeon
10:30am **Eileen Sullivan,** 12th Anniversary,
requested by her husband
6pm **Pauline Smolko,** 1st Anniversary,
requested by the Smolko family



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Michael DiRocco 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 6/25/17	\$6,829
Maintenance	\$1,462

Total funds collected for this week for
parish expenses **\$8,291**

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

July 9 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the
parish.

July 16 Parish to Parish Support

This collection provides grants to parishes in NH
experiencing financial difficulties.

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.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 3

Parish Office is closing at 11:00 AM today

Tuesday, July 4

Parish Office is closed today

Happy Fourth of July!

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, July 5

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, July 6

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

Friday, July 7

Holy Hour, 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us on Friday, July 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM, for tasty food, laughter and terrific company at our Community Dinner, held in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

First Friday Mass is this Friday, July 7th at 8:00 AM.

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



The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in July:

Glenn Ellis
and
Patricia Lombardo

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

“BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER”

Join us for a Mothers' Retreat on Saturday, July 29th 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 by July 21st to register.

FATIMA T-SHIRTS

If you were not able to purchase your T-Shirt on May 13th we still have them available and they can be purchased in the parish office from 8:30-4:00 PM. The cost is \$15 and all money raised will help our group attend Steubenville East this summer.



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Charles Irving Boynton, V. Jessica Kylie Giordano, Felicity Anne Harrington, Jaxon Leo Joyce, Alianna Nicole Montano, Layla Diane Rogers, Emily Rose Soucy, Conor Patrick Sullivan, John Joseph Thompson, VI and Henry Michael Wasik.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Docility and Relationship

Dear brothers and sisters,

As many of you know Fr. Von and I traveled to Ohio last week for a conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. On the way down to Logan Airport we found out that the flight was delayed by about four hours. After waiting about two hours, we found out that our flight was then delayed an additional hour. Eventually, our flight that was supposed to take off at 3:01, actually took off at 8:50. Upon reflection, I realized that we were presented with an option: get frustrated and angry, or surrender it as part of God's will.

My friends, we have to be careful about "our plans." Man is, in and of himself, not sufficient. He is a finite creature dependent on the eternal God to provide him even with his next breath. When we begin to lose sight of this we can become frustrated or even angry.

One aspect of the priesthood that may seem oppressive to those who are unfamiliar with the reasoning behind it, is obedience. Every man who is ordained to the priesthood makes a promise of obedience. For a priest like Fr. Von, it is a promise of obedience to the bishop of the Diocese of Manchester. This means that when the bishop calls him to do something (as long as it does not call him to betray the Faith or morals that the Christ taught us) he must obey. Closely tied to obedience therefore is docility. Docility does not mean, in this context at least, ignoring ones rational faculties, rather it points towards the idea that man is in himself not sufficient, and looks towards the Father to show Him the narrow road. It is docility to the will of God. How do we come to practice docility? It begins in prayer. Prayer is not limited to saying "Our Fathers" and "Hail Marys," though they certainly provide a base for it. Prayer is the act of communication with God. In prayer, we speak to and come into closer union with the three persons of the Trinity.

Prayer is so very foundational to all that we are as Catholics. I can assure you that my intention is not to shame you or to make you or someone you know feel badly. Indeed, that would be hypocritical of me since, only a few years ago, I didn't have a prayer life, and it could have been worse if I was not blessed with the right people around me (but that topic, and the related topic of gratitude, can be covered later). My life was changed when a priest finally asked me how my prayer life was, and I had to admit to him that it was practically non-existent. Prayer makes all the difference in the world. Without prayer, it is quite possible that I could have even left the Church. I cannot help but wonder if the reason for so many people losing their faith, or forgetting the importance of the Sacraments, is because of a lack of prayer. When we open ourselves to prayer we come to recognize our reliance on God, and even crave a relationship with Him.

In light of this, I would like you to consider coming to a talk that I am giving on **July 18th at 7PM** in the Church. The topic is: starting a prayer life from scratch. In this presentation I will suggest some ways to begin praying. There will be an official bulletin insert to follow with more details.

The case that I am trying to build for the necessity of having a prayer life is not that it will be like "waving a magic wand and your world will be right." If I may paraphrase something that Fr. Von told me: the Church is not into immediate satisfaction, it is into eternal life. The goal of the Church, and thereby also of prayer, is to bring us into closer relationship with the Holy Trinity. The way in which that relationship will grow, and become a joy and not a burden, is through prayer.

Consider what your reaction would be if the person you were about to marry told you that they loved you and wanted to spend the rest of their life with you. However, they decided that they would only meet you once a week for about an hour and outside of that, they just did not feel the need to speak to you or spend any time with you. This would seem to be the classic case where a couple needed counseling. Yet, it is often our position when it comes to union with God. Again, not meant to offend, but merely to solidify the necessity of prayer. I hope to see you on the 18th.

Seminarian Rory Traynor

**PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND
24TH ANNUAL GOLF TORUNAMENT**

The Twenty Fourth Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Campbell's Scottish Highlands Golf Course in Salem, NH for the benefit of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, which is celebrating its 48th year. The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is a 501 © (3) charitable organization and provides financial assistance for our less fortunate residents in Pelham throughout the year for emergency situations which include heating oil, electricity, rent, food, transportation and other household expenses. In 2016, this amounted to \$28,688.00. All 15 members are volunteers who are dedicated to helping Our Neighbors In Need where 100% of the donations go back into the community. If you are interested in being a sponsor, the cost is as follows:

Tournament Sponsor: \$1000.00 (includes foursome and 24 X 36 sign)

Corporate Sponsor: \$300.00 (24 x 36 sign)

Tee Sponsor: \$100.00 (18 x 24 sign)

Sand Trap Sponsor: \$50.00 (12 x 14 sign)

If you would like to play in the tournament the entry fee is \$125.00 per golfer which includes pre-game coffee and doughnuts, green fees, golf cart, lunch and prizes.

You can register to play or make a donation with your credit card by visiting our website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org If you prefer to register and pay by check, or have any questions regarding the golf tournament, please email at pelhamgoodneighborfund@outlook.com Checks can be made payable to PGNF Golf Tournament and mailed to:

**Pelham Good Neighbor Fund
Golf Tournament
P.O. Box 953
Pelham, NH 03076**

If you would like more information, please call:

Brenda Blake 603-339-0679

Ann Marie Lacharite 603-635-7272

Karen Fournier 603-635-2774

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Your support of our major fundraiser would be appreciated so that we can continue to provide financial support for our Neighbors In Need. Brochures are available at the Enterprise Bank in Pelham.

FEED YOUR SOUL THIS SUMMER!

This summer we will be offering a Youth Ministry Book Study for **high school guys and gals** on Wednesday nights starting on **July 5th**. This book study will meet every Wednesday night from 6:00-8:00 PM. Our final meeting will be on **August 9th**. We will be reading two different books this summer. The guys will be reading *Man Enough: Lessons from St. Joseph on Becoming a Godly Man*. The ladies will be reading *More Than A Pretty Face* shares the real story of a young woman who struggled to believe she was beautiful. This is a story full of ups and downs, tears and laughter; a story this is honest, funny, and encouraging. Christina Mead is inviting you into her story about her relationship with her body, heart, thoughts, and God. Accept the invitation and see why you are so much more than just a pretty face. **Please reply ASAP and let me know if you plan on joining us** so I can get the books ordered. The cost of the books is \$12 each and can be paid for at our first meeting. To register please contact Adam Castor at 603-635-1447 or faithlifeformation@comcast.net

BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, August 10th 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 and enter sponsor code: STPATRICK'S-PELHAM. There is an urgent need of Blood.

LET US BRING OUR PRAYERS WITH YOU

We will be attending Steubenville East on July 14-16. When we are on this pilgrimage of faith we want to bring your prayer intentions with us. In the pews you will find prayer intention cards. We would ask that you fill these out and place them in the offertory basket during Mass. When we are on retreat we will bring these prayer intentions with us and raise them up to the Father. Please return them by July 9th you can drop them off at the parish office or in the collection basket.

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 17th, 24th and 31st

Mondays, August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

Monday, September 11th