



Saturday July 1

4pm ~ Edward Cvinar, 2nd Anniversary, requested by his family
Francis Fitzgerald, 10th Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family

Sunday July 2

8am ~ Germaine Raby, 38th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
Jody Cardwell requested by her family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday July 3

8am ~ Deceased Members of the Clark Family requested by a friend
John Harris requested by his wife Dorothy

Tuesday July 4

8am ~ Ray & Lucille Aubin, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Norm & Denise Aubin
Robert Normandie requested by St. Patrick Parish

Wednesday July 5

8am ~ Irene Christie, 6th Anniversary, requested by Carol Martin
Michael Perruccio requested by John & Christina Vogl

Thursday July 6

8am ~ Joan Minton, 10th Anniversary, requested by her sisters Georgette & Andrea
Pauline Wooliever requested by David & Maureen Groff

Friday July 7

8am ~ For All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday July 8

4pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday July 9

8am ~ Raymond & Georgianna Hall requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Eileen Sullivan, 18th Anniversary, requested by her husband



Sunday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 4

Food Pantry, Closed for the Fourth of July

Wednesday, July 5

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 parish center

Thursday, July 6

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

Friday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 8

Men of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Ray & Lucille Aubin**, Birthday Remembrance, by Norm & Denise Aubin



"He that shall lose his life for me, shall find it." Find your life by answering God's call in your life. Seek him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, St. Paul talks about the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. Before I get into what Baptism is, I want to start with Sacrament. For those who grew up in the Baltimore Catechism era, you'll remember that a Sacrament is "an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace." Jesus established the Sacraments as things we can hear and touch and taste and see (outward signs) to bring us into relationship with God (to give grace). Another definition is that a Sacrament is a sign that makes real what it signifies. In Baptism, then, the signs of Baptism become real.

So what are the signs of Baptism? When we look at these, we often think of water as washing, quenching thirst, giving life. We can see how these signs become real in Baptism: we are washed clean of Original Sin as well as all Actual Sin; the Holy Spirit – the living water (John 4:10, 7:38-39) – comes to live in us quenching our thirst for God; we are giving the pledge of eternal life.

There is another sign of Baptism that we don't like to think about, and this is the sign St. Paul talks about today. Water can bring death. We look at the uncontrolled power of water in a flood, people caught in an undertow in the ocean, or those who just don't know how to swim and fall into a body of water – and they can drown. Water can bring death. St. Paul says in today's second reading: "**Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**" (Romans 6:3). Baptism signifies that we have to die to ourselves so that we can live for Christ. And it makes this real. We are no longer the same after Baptism. In Baptism, we become the children of God, in such a way that we will *never stop* being children of God. Even should we reject God eternally, and so choose to go to Hell, we go as His Children. When we are baptized, something inside of us dies.

This sounds depressing (and I don't usually bring this up at baptisms, since I don't want the parents to freak out). But there is Good News: "**We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life**" (Romans 6:4). We die in Baptism so that we can rise again to new-life – life in Christ! We go down into the waters of Baptism in order that we can climb out to new life.

We lose some of this symbolism when we look at modern baptisms (though the power is still the same), but in the old churches of Europe, the Baptistries were set into the floor. To be baptized, you had to climb down into them (usually three steps), be immersed fully in the water, and then climb out on the other side. This symbolized going into a tomb to come out again. In baptism, we put on Christ, and, as St. Paul says, we are baptized into His death so we can rise again.

This reflection on Baptism gives us the opportunity to reflect on what areas of our lives need to die? We all have parts of our lives that we still cling to, that we have not surrendered fully to God. Let us call out to God for the grace given us in Baptism and ask that He take those areas of our lives so that they may drown in Him – dying to our selfishness and impurities – and be resurrected in Him.



**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

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



MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 8 & 9

The Mission Office of the Diocese of Manchester each year invites a missionary group to share about their mission work in all the parishes. Next weekend, July 8-9, we will have a guest speaker at all the masses offering the annual mission appeal for the church's many-faceted missionary activities throughout the world. Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Alan Carlson, Sponsor and Supporter of FCN is very happy to visit us and share about their mission work in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 2000 children, and college students and 60 elderly individuals. They have been responsible for building several schools, boarding homes, a community health center and two homes for the elderly. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy people and children. They also provide vocational training in sewing and embroidery to rural village women. Two Thousand children born with Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate have been helped with free corrective surgeries in the past 9 years. We welcome Alan and encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend. To know more about their mission work, please visit: www.fcncna.org.

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 **\$34,980** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$18,300**.



The Parish Office will be closed on this Monday, and will reopen on Monday, July 10th. We will be closed to get ready for the new fiscal year.



**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. We hope you'll join us!

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 2:00-9:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AT MASS

If you have trouble hearing at Mass, we have portable hearing assistants that tap into our sound system. If you would like to borrow one for Mass, please check in the Sacristy before Mass.

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 6/25/23

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,145
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$2,814
Total Offertory	\$7,959
Maintenance	\$1,768
Total Collected	\$9,727

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 Utility

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

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.

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

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

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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.

PRAYER LINE

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or 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 to register, go to 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. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org