

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 22
4pm	Michael J. Taylor, Sr. "Birthday Remembrance" requested by the Taylor family
Sunday	July 23
8am	Michael Goupil requested by Therese Goupil Evelyn Crotch requested by Russell & Joshua Viveiros
10:30am	Leonard J. Nelson, Sr., 8th Anniversary, requested by his son & daughter-in-law H. Tracy Davis, 50th Wedding Anniversary, requested by his wife Joan
6pm	Michael DiRocco requested by the DiRocco family
Monday	July 24
8am	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Turgeon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
Tuesday	July 25
8am	Raymond Lausier requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx Rev. Robert T. Goodwin
Wednesday	July 26
8am	Raymond Jean, Sr., 24th Anniversary, requested by his family For all family & friends who have passed before us requested by Michelle
Thursday	July 27
8am	George & Theresa Straughan requested by George & Judy Demarais
Friday	July 28
8am	No Mass
Saturday	July 29
4pm	Francis Fitzgerald, 4th Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family
Sunday	July 30
8am	John Comeau "Birthday Remembrance" requested by his family
10:30am	Francis Proveaux "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Pat Lawlor
6pm	Muriel & Arthur Tourville & Edward Glasheen & Arthur Tourville, Jr., requested by Tim & Jeanne Glasheen

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 7/16/17 \$6,930

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$6,930

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Parish to Parish

collected as of 7/16/17

\$1,384

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Aug. 20 NH Missionaries Abroad and 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.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of H. Tracy Davis, 50th Wedding Anniversary, by his wife Joan



Sunday, July 23

Rory Farewell Reception, 11:30 AM, in the parish center

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM, in the church

Wednesday, July 26

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, July 27

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

Saturday, July 29

Mothers' Retreat, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, in the meeting room

The Parish Office will be closing on Friday, July 28th at 1:30 PM.

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



SEMINARIAN RORY TRAYNOR

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

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 24th and 31st

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

Monday, September 11th

FOOD PANTRY

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how to encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are September 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>



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.

The Church and Sainthood

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A little while ago I decided to check out *Formed* online (FORMED.com) to see resources they had. I was simply amazed! There was so much that the website had to offer. I encourage everyone to consider looking into it. The login information for the parish is nr3434 (all lower case). One of the things that should strike us when logging into the website is how truly incredible and unique the Catholic Church is.

What I mean is that the Church in its essence is not a club or an organization within the greater scheme of the world. It is not the “nation” (like the US or the UK) that is the norm and that there are groups inside it, of which the Catholic Church is one. Rather, what should be understood is that the Catholic Church is about showing people the way to eternal life. No other group that in any nation can show us the way to Heaven except THE institution that was started by Christ Himself. Look at the lives of the saints and consider how different each of their stories are, and yet each one recognized the primacy of Christ and His Church over everything else. Each one of us is also called to this same understanding, each of us are called to sainthood. But sainthood is not within our power to possess.

Often when we look at the saints and we see the suffering of the martyrs, or the works of people like St. Teresa of Calcutta, or the prayers of mystics like St. Teresa of Avila, we can begin to think that there is no way we can do that. The logic is that these people were somehow special, that they were different in some way that we are unable to imitate. St. Paul however, in the second reading for Sunday, says to the Romans, “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” (8:26). It is quite true that we do not know how to be saints, but God knows. If we are surrendering our lives to Christ, He can lead us to sainthood. Indeed, everyone who is reading this is called to sainthood. Sainthood is possible for every parishioner at St. Patrick’s, if they practice surrendering through daily prayer, frequent reception of the Sacraments, and daily death to self (recall Catholic Trench Warfare).

Going back to the beginning where I mentioned *Formed*, there is truly a lot to learn from what they have to offer. There are stories on the lives of the saints, prayer, the Sacraments and their meaning, and more. What does this have to do with surrendering our lives to Christ? Well, surrendering to Christ starts with the recognition that we do not know everything (remember pride was the first sin), and that we are in need of help. Indeed, this is what the Church is here to do. St. Paul wrote to the Hebrews, “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith” (13:7). These men and women who we call saints are our “leaders”, they are the ones that we should imitate. The outcome of their lives is the eternal glory of the Father.

One other benefit that spending time with good Catholic resources is we will learn to stop being ashamed of being Catholic. I am not sure about you, but I can say from personal experience that there is often a feeling from social media and the world in general that being Catholic is something outdated, shameful, or trite. We should stand with our backs straight and tell the world clearly, “We are Catholic, we belong to Jesus Christ!” The Church has fostered the arts and sciences (St. Albert the Great, Michelangelo, Fr. George Lemaitre, and many others). It is the largest charitable organization in the world. It is extremely diverse, and formed the higher learning institutions. More importantly though, it was universally accepted by the saints as the one true Church, with all others paling in comparison. They accepted it as THE way to sainthood, for this is the Church that Jesus instituted. Bl. Paul VI once wrote, “Love her [the Church] even with her limitations and her defects. Not, of course, because of her limitations and defects or perhaps even of her guilt; but because only by loving her can we heal her and reveal clearly her shining beauty as the Spouse of Christ. It is the Church which will save the world, that Church which is the same today as she was yesterday and as she will be tomorrow, that Church which, guided by the Spirit and helped by all her children, always discovers the means of renewing herself, of growing young again, and of giving a new answer to ever renewed demands.”

It is time to take away the world’s negative images of the Church, and give it more saints. Where do we start? Start by learning about the Church that showed the saints how to become saints. Learn about the faith, and the wonderful things that God has given us through His Church. While you are doing that, let us together get on our knees a little more often. Pray for each other and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Viva Cristo Rey!

Seminarian Rory Traynor



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.

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### MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. You go to the Parish website [www.stpatrick-pelham.com](http://www.stpatrick-pelham.com) and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link [ptv.viebit.com](http://ptv.viebit.com)

### PTV - SCHEDULE

#### For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM  
 Monday – 6:00 AM & 4:00 PM  
 Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM  
 Wednesday – 8:00 AM & 10:00 PM  
 Thursday – 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
 Friday – 7:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
 Saturday – 5:00 AM & 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM “Live”  
 Subject to change



### “BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER”

Join us for a Mothers' Retreat on next 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.

### 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, M. Mary of the Incarnation, SSVM [www.ssvmusa.org](http://www.ssvmusa.org) [www.ssvmonlus.org](http://www.ssvmonlus.org)



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.