



**Saturday July 29**

**4pm ~ Francis Proveaux**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday July 30**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ John T. Kelly, Jr.**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by the Cieszynski family

**Michael Medeiros**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by Christine Simmons and Josh & Chris Medeiros

**Monday July 31**

**8am ~ Celeste Corey**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family

**Tuesday August 1**

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

**Wednesday August 2**

**8am ~ Phillip Stella** requested by a friend  
**Peter Cameron** requested by the Lemieux family

**Thursday August 3**

**8am ~ Fabiola Morin** requested by Helen Michaud

**Friday August 4**

**8am ~ The McKenzie & Wisnewski Families** requested by their family

**Brenda Gabriel** requested by Gary & Debby Anderson

**Saturday August 5**

**8am ~ Michael Perruccio** requested by John & Christina Vogl

**Health & Blessings for Jeff & Mary Kate** requested by Gary & Debby Anderson

**4pm ~ Dorothy McCarthy**, Birthday  
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

**Sunday August 6**

**8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**10:30am ~ Una Harrington**, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family

**Florence Brunelle** requested by her niece Connie

**Sunday, July 30**

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

**Tuesday, August 1**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, August 2**

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

**Thursday, August 3**

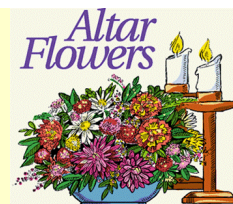
Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, August 4**

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Francis Fitzgerald**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife Teresa & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Francis Fitzgerald**, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife Teresa & family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

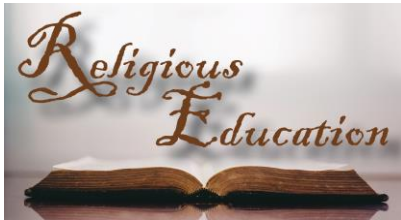
In the Gospel today, Jesus invites us, again, to be all in for Him. He uses images of “treasure” and “a pearl of great price” to show that the Kingdom of Heaven is something desirable. As I mentioned recently, our image of Heaven is often... well... stunted. We think of Heaven as the images we see in cartoons – people with wings, sitting on clouds, playing harps. Not the most exciting image for our times. Yes, I would say that we all underestimate what Heaven really is.

Many times, we might desire Heaven because we definitely don’t want Hell and the pain and suffering there. Or we might desire it for some vague promise of happiness forever. Yet, we might begin to wonder about what will happen after the first 10,000 years: Will we begin to get bored? Will it all seem... ho hum?

And this is the complete wrong understanding of Heaven, for what makes Heaven “Heaven” is not where we are, but the Person with whom we are – Almighty God. This is the mystery of eternal life, not that it is like the Energizer Bunny – who keeps going and going and going – but that we are with the One who loves us totally and completely, with no selfishness, in carefree-timelessness. You know what it’s like to be in care-filled time-filledness. This is like when you’re planking – a minute seems an eternity! But with carefree-timelessness the hours fly by. Carefree-timelessness is that time we spend with those we most love, doing what we most enjoy doing, and there is no need or desire to look at the clock. In this world, carefree-timelessness comes to an end, but the mystery of Heaven is that it will never end! We will be in the presence of Love Himself, in total communion with Him. We will be freed from our petty selfishness so fully that we will be able to receive all of the love God desires to pour upon us. We will never get bored. We will never desire to be away from the One we love. We won’t keep clocks or calendars, for we won’t need to keep an eye on when our carefree-timelessness will come to an end.

All of this to say that there are no words to express how incredible Heaven is. Again, Jesus uses images to draw us in. While there are times that He shows the stark reality of Hell (as we see later in today’s Gospel: “The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” [Matthew 13:49-50]), but the focus is to draw by love, not to frighten. To put it another way, God loves us so much, if fear is the only thing that will draw us to Him, He will use it –because He doesn’t want us to reject Him for all eternity – but He prefers to win us by love. He wants us to become fully alive, to become who we were meant to be, made in His image and likeness, and this is fulfilled when we fly to God in love, for He *is* love. If we go to Him for fear of bad consequences, or because we want something in our selfishness, He accepts that and works with that, but He desires so much *more* for us!

Jesus invites us, like the people who find the treasure and the pearl of great price, to be all in for Him, to hold nothing back. He shows us that it is worth it, for it means the fulfillment of who we are, the quenching of our deepest desires. As the famous poem “The Hound of Heaven” says, “All which I took from thee I did but take,/ Not for thy harms,/ But just that thou might’st seek it in My arms.” May we run to the Lord with open arms, surrendering *everything* so that we can receive *everything* in God.



**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)

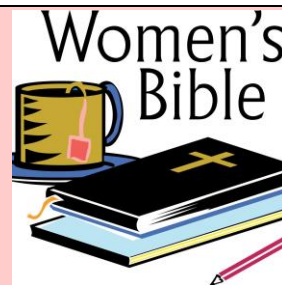
In Christ,  
Adam Castor  
Director of Faith Life  
St. Patrick Parish  
Pelham, NH

**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 **\$38,640** toward our goal of **\$53,280**. We still need to collect **\$14,640**



"Whatever you ask I shall give you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)



**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 upon us, we invite you to join us for Women's Bible Sharing summer book club where we will meet on Tuesday morning August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00-10:30 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!

## FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

## 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.

## 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.



Join us October 20-23, 2023  
For a life-changing retreat!  
Light of the World  
held at St. Patrick School  
sign up by contacting  
the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or  
[kathy7421@comcast.net](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)  
The retreat is free,  
and you sleep at home.  
Please indicate dietary restrictions.

## WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We pray for Roger Aubrey. We extend our sympathy to his 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 week of 7/23/23

Offertory Envelopes \$4,765

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,788

**Total Offertory \$6,553**

Faith Life \$1,453

**Total Collected \$8,006**

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



## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### 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.

### Aug. 20 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

### Aug. 27 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM.**



## **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**

Rev. Volney J. DeRosia - Ext. 15  
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### **Priest in Residence**

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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).

### **PRAYER LINE**

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**

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### **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)