

Saturday July 30

4pm ~ John T. Kelly, Jr., Birthday
Remembrance, requested by the Cieszynski family
Francis Fitzgerald, 9th Anniversary, requested by his wife Teresa & family

Sunday July 31

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Francis Proveaux, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor

Monday August 1

8am ~ Irene Laforge requested by the Laforge family

Tuesday August 2

8am ~ Alice Rancourt requested by her family

Wednesday August 3

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Thursday August 4

8am ~ For all Souls in Purgatory

Friday August 5

8am ~ Isabella Miranda requested by the Martin family

Saturday August 6

8am ~ Health & Blessings for Michael, Jackson, Nicholas & Alex Merrill requested by Linda
4pm ~ Juliann Hojlo, 21st Anniversary, requested by her family

Sunday August 7

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Una Harrington, 7th Anniversary, requested by her family
Michael Medeiros, 1st Anniversary, requested by Christine, Josh & Chris

Sunday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 2

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 3

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 4

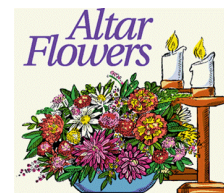
Blood Drive, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, August 5

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of **Francis Fitzgerald**, 9th Anniversary, by his wife Teresa & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of **Francis Fitzgerald**, 9th Anniversary, by his wife Teresa & family

WITH PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY
We pray for **Sally Estrella, Claire Nolin** and **Doris Godosky**. We extend our sympathy to their families.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the phenomena I noticed about the Scriptures is that we can listen to or read the Bible regularly and not let it penetrate (like in the parable of the sower, see Matthew 13:1-23). We listen and think: "*So and so* needs to hear this." The truth is that God is speaking to us – to me – in each Scripture. If we're constantly thinking someone else needs to hear it, we will miss God's plan for us today.

I think this is true about today's Scripture. Jesus warns us today, "**Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions**" (Luke 12:15). When asking people if they are greedy, I think most would say "no." To whom, then, is Jesus talking? Only the Elon Musks and Bill Gateses of the world? Yet, deep inside many of us is the temptation to greed. We justify it, we excuse it, but it is still there. The parable Jesus tells around this is about a refusal to be generous so that **I** can have more leisure, stability and ease. At heart, this self-sufficiency is a rejection of trust in God. And I would say that this is rampant in our culture, not just amongst millionaires and billionaires, but even among the middle and lower classes of our culture.

I think of how St. Teresa of Calcutta would go into shack to give the family food, and the immediate reaction of the family is to take half of it to a poor neighbor, so that both might have food. We're not so good at this. Yes, we might take part in a clothing or food drive, but very often we give the things we don't want anymore, or we buy things from our abundant surplus such that our life-style will not be affected in any way. What if we actually gave away, not that we impoverished ourselves, but that we might NOT be able to go out to dinner this weekend, or take that vacation to Disney? What if we were generous to a point where it affected us – not our basic necessities, but our leisure and ease? (By the way, know that I am preaching to myself!)

I have found that it is easy to give away when it will make me feel better – whether in time, money, or extra things. It eases my conscience to think that I have helped someone else... and yet, somehow, I still allow myself to be attached to my possessions and my comfort. Is this really fulfilling the will of God? It is easy to justify what we have, since Jesus says that "**one may be rich,**" all the while hiding in our hearts how much we really think our life does consist of possessions.

Back to St. Teresa of Calcutta: I remember reading a story about a letter she received from a young girl. The girl shared that as she was preparing to make her First Holy Communion, she told her parents not to spend money on a special dress – she would wear her school uniform – or on presents or a party. She wanted all that money to go to Mother Teresa. This young girl gave in such a way that it affected her life. Do we do that?

I think about the Franciscans of the Primitive Observance who have made the effort to return to the radical poverty of St. Francis of Assisi. They beg for their food. They do not even have a refrigerator – keeping food cold in a root cellar. They have no cars, but rely on others (or *a lot* of walking) to get from one place to another. While their life is full of hardships, it is also filled with joy. They have *nothing* and have joy; we have *stuff* and have emptiness and loneliness. Yet, we amass more things, thinking that if we just get this next thing, we'll be secure, safe, happy, satisfied (listen to Bob Rice's song "My Things Need More Things" on YouTube for a humorous take on this truth). Yet all we find is loss.

May we heed Jesus' words to each of us and become rich in what matters to God (cf. Luke 12:21).



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that St. Patrick Parish Family of Faith registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open. There are a couple of different ways to get your family registered for this wonderful program that is offered at the parish:

~ Come visit us in the office. We are open M-F 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

~ You can download and print registration materials off our parish website: <https://www.stpatrickspelham.com/faith-life-registration/2>

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The first catechists in any child's life are its parents or guardians. They are the ones who first provide a child with a concept of right and wrong; the ones who—for better or worse—make manifest the Father's love.

With this in mind, our goal here at St. Patrick Parish is to create a faith formation program for our parish youth that affirms and supports parents in their essential role. Our hope is to enter into a sacred partnership with parents, working together to form these precious little ones so that they can internalize and embrace the truths of our Church within their lives.

AMAZON

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change** your **Charity**. Select St. Patrick as your new **charitable** organization to support us.

First Friday Mass is this Friday, August 5th, at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, August 6th, at 8:00 AM.



On behalf of the Pennacook Pregnancy Center's volunteer board of directors and staff, thank you to Light of the World and St. Patrick Parish Parishioners for your overwhelmingly generous donations! The baby and children's clothes, diapers, wipes, food, formula, bottles, and baby gear will make a positive impact in the lives of the families we serve.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS AND GENEROUS PARISHIONERS!

Jim Bochiechio will be working on setting up the **advertising sponsorships** for our bulletin during the month of August. Please consider advertising in our bulletin.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations. **We need and appreciate your help.**

If you are interested or would like more information. Please call Jim directly at 781-389-2198 or consult the parish at 603-635-3525.

Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!



"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2022-2023, 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 2022-2023, please 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Blood Drive, Thursday, August 4th, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the parish center

Healing Mass, Friday, August 12th, at 7:00 PM in the church

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, August 13th, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

Confessions, Wednesday, August 17th, at 8:00 PM in the church

Praise & Worship Adoration, Friday, August 19th, at 6:00 PM in the church

Healing Mass, Friday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM in the church

Men of St. Joseph, Saturday, September 10th, from 7:00-9:00 AM in the parish center

Community Dinner, Friday, September 16th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the parish center

Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 25th, after the 10:30 AM 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 7/24/22

Offertory Envelopes \$4,725

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,939

Total Offertory \$6,664

Maintenance \$1,678

Total Collected \$8,342

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



**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Aug. 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Aug. 14 Utility

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

Aug. 21 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Aug. 28 Evangelization

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

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

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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