

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
 to register, go to pelham.formed.org

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.

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: www.kofcpelhamnh.org



- Saturday March 16**
 4pm **Stephen Koch** requested by Pat Lawlor
- Sunday March 17**
 8am **Maureen Boyden, 2nd** Anniversary, requested by her husband & family & friends
 10:30am **Paul McLaughlin** requested by the Lemieux family
Margaret & Frank Cotta requested by their daughter Shirley
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday March 18**
 8am **Bev Philbrick** requested by friends
Fr. John Leonard, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Ginny Leonard
- Tuesday March 19**
 8am **Brian Carter** requested by Carol Martin
- Wednesday March 20**
 8am **Barbara Tremblay** requested by Rev. Volney DeRosia
- Thursday March 21**
 8am **Birthday Blessing for Mary Dupuis** requested by Norman & Valerie
- Friday March 22**
 6pm **Mary Reynolds** requested by Therese & Kathy
- Saturday March 23**
 4pm **Terry Wallace** requested by Roland & Therese Soucy
The DiGiantommaso & Hudson Families requested by their family
- Sunday March 24**
 8am **Roger & Pauline Fournier** requested by Tricia Yankowskas
 10:30am **Richard Gallant, 20th** Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

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 3/10/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,583
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,246
Total Offertory	\$6,829

Utility	\$1,560
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Total Collected	\$8,389
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As of Mar 10th our offertory is at a deficit of **\$4,649**

Thank you for your continued support
 ~Fr. Von~

Aid to Eastern Europe

collected as of 3/10/19

\$1,901

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 24 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Mar. 31 Catholic Relief/Home Mission

Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration & Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

Apr. 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Apr. 14 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.



Sunday, March 17

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 18

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, March 19

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 20

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school
Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 21

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, March 22

Fish Bake, 4:00 PM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering
Salvifici Doloris**

Join Fr. Von in studying St. John Paul II's letter about making sense of suffering in our lives. Monday nights: **March 18th, April 1st, 8th, 22nd & 29th at 7:00 PM** in the **Youth Room** at the **school**. For more information, contact Fr. Von fathervon@comast.net or 603-635-3525.

**UPCOMING STEUBENVILLE EAST
FREE WILL OFFERING**

Every year thousands of teens gather on the UMASS Lowell Campus for one reason; to draw closer to Jesus. Every year we have a group go from our parish and it is truly life changing for them. We will have our annual free will offering to support our teens after Masses on April 6th & 7th. We are always so humbled by your giving and these teens truly depend upon it. **Thank you** in advance and, above all, we ask that you continue to keep our group in prayer.



Please share the joy of Easter and join in this fun, heart-warming project as we once again deliver Easter baskets to children who otherwise may not receive baskets at all. We plan to supply baskets to our Food Pantry families as well as children living at near-by shelters. If you'd like more information regarding specific needs, please contact Cheryl at cdbrunelle@comcast.net or 508 864 8084 (call or text). Baskets can be dropped off in the chapel between now and Monday April 8th.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2019, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
—	Instruct the uninformed
—	Counsel the doubtful
—	Admonish sinners
—	Comfort the sorrowful
—	Bear wrongs patiently
—	Forgive offenses
—	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
—	Feed the hungry
—	Clothe the naked
—	Give drink to the thirsty
—	Shelter the homeless
—	Comfort the imprisoned
—	Visit the sick
—	Bury the Dead



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, St. Paul observes in his letter to the Philippians that many “**conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ**” (Phil 3:18). He goes on to point out that they are rooted in this world, refusing to focus on the things that last. He says,

Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.” Their minds are occupied with earthly things (3:19).

As I have been meditating on this passage, I see myself in this. Not that I consciously reject the cross of Christ; not that I purposely think only of earthly things. However, most of the time when things get uncomfortable for me I get cranky. While I don’t worship my stomach (that would be *weird*), I do often go to food for comfort instead of turning my emptiness over to God. (Please note that I am not talking about the emptiness of hunger pains here, which would be in line with the natural and good use of food, but rather trying to fill my emotional emptiness or relieve stress through eating.) The cross of Christ is always beautiful to me ... until I feel the weight or the pain of the cross, and then ... well, to be frank, I don’t want it!

What does all of this mean? Well, while I am striving to love God and embrace His cross, my life shows in practice that much of my thinking and actions tend naturally toward earthly, and an enemy to the cross. What does this look like for you? Where do you fall in your walk with Christ?

I think this is part of the purpose of Lent. We have forty days to face the cross in a conscious way. We fast to get in touch with our hunger, and how we (I) use food inappropriately as a means to something other than health or fellowship. We (I) look at the cross of Christ to see how I can find a *use* for my discomfort and pain – as a way to get closer to the Crucified One – instead of running from it, or trying to numb it at the first sign of suffering.

The good news is what St. Paul follows with:

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:20-21)

Do you get that? Jesus will change our bodies to conform with His. He redeems our bodies. In this world, He can redeem our longings, our hungers, our desires. He wants to. Many times, we resist, not believing that He really will fulfill our desires. I think of Adam and Eve, and how they didn’t trust God to fill their desire and so reached out and took the forbidden fruit. Theologians over the centuries have pondered over whether God Himself may have given them the fruit at the proper time, but because they *took* instead of *receiving*, they tried to *control* instead of *trusting*, we ended up in the mess we’re in.

Do we trust that God is going to fulfill our desires? Do we trust that when He says, “let go” that He wants to fill our hands with so much more and better? Do we see that when we *grasp* at passing things for happiness, they leave us empty until we *open our hands* to receive the joy of the Lord?

The Gospel today speaks of the Transfiguration of Jesus. We see how the change in Jesus, that His humanity shows forth the light of His divinity. Moses and Elijah come to speak to Him about His suffering and cross (the “**exodus**” Luke 9:31). We can see how the Transfiguration and the voice of the Father from the cloud (“**This is my chosen Son; listen to him.**” Luke 9:35) strengthened Jesus for His suffering and death, *and* prepared Peter, John and James to be grounded in the divinity of Jesus despite the suffering and death He was to undergo.

God wants to change us as well, prepare us as well. He came, not to impose hard (or impossible) rules on us, but to *redeem* our hearts, minds, bodies and souls so that we would be able to do the impossible, to live with hearts for God. **He** changes us. Do we trust Him? Do we allow Him to lead our lives, *even our desires*? He wants to give us so much, but we have to be open to *receiving* it, not grasping at false control.

**PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND
20TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding 2 or more \$2500.00 Scholarships. The scholarships will be funded in part by Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving. The criteria to qualify is as follows:

- Must be a Pelham resident
- Formal Acceptance to a 2 or 4 year College or Technical School
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the College or Technical School
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Provide a copy of your High School Transcript
- Work History, Community Involvement and/or School Activities

You can pick-up an application at the Guidance Office at the Pelham High School or go to our website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org. The application must be returned no later than Saturday, May 25, 2019 and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076



The Knights of Columbus will again this year be running their annual Lenten Fish Bake. The event will take place on the following Fridays during Lent, March 22nd & 29th, April 5th & 12th. It will take place at the Parish Center and would run from 4:00-6:45 PM. The meal will consist of baked haddock with cracker crumb topping, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and butter. Meal prices would be \$11.00 and \$10.00 for seniors (over age 65). Take-out meals can be ordered by calling 635-3829 after 4:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

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**Confession during Lent:** Sundays 7:30-7:45, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM.  
  
Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
  
Reconciliation Service on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM at St. Matthew in Windham

**The Penny Sale is Coming...  
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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 24<sup>th</sup> Penny Sale on April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be in the school and entrance will be under the carport. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Panty, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate **new items** to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick School.

**STEUBENVILLE EAST REGISTRATION**

All high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for a truly life changing weekend. This summer July 12-14 over 3,000 teens will gather on UMASS Lowell Campus to have a face to face encounter with Jesus. Music, good food and good fellowship all weekend long. It may seem early but, registration for this retreat opens in January and it does fill up! Let our Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, know you want to attend ASAP. You can email him at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net) or call 603-635-1447.

**VOCATION**

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact Fr. Matthew Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)  
Website: [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com)