

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 (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 17
 4pm **Joseph Dias** requested by the Martin family

Sunday March 18
 8am **Maureen Boyden**, 1st Anniversary, requested by Barbara & Glenn Campbell
 10:30am **Michael Crane**, 1st Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
 6pm **Intentions for all our Parishioners**

Monday March 19
 8am **Paul Flanders** requested by Armand & Joan Berard
Bev Philbrick requested by friends

Tuesday March 20
 8am **George & Theresa Muldoon** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Wednesday March 21
 8am **Paul E. Roma** requested by the Vawter family

Thursday March 22
 8am **For all Souls**

Friday March 23
 6pm **In Honor of St. Patrick**

Saturday March 24
 4pm **Rev. John Sledziona**, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Donna Smith
The Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their family

Sunday March 25
 8am **Intentions for all our Parishioners**
 10:30am **Chase Gosselin**, 13th Anniversary, requested by his family
 6pm **Lucille & Fabio Choiniere** requested by the Tamburino 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 following week:

Offertory 3/11/18 \$7,675

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$7,675

Thank you for your continued support
 ~Fr. Von~

Catholic Relief Services

collected as of 3/11/18

\$1,128

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 25 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Apr. 1 Utility

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

Apr. 8 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Apr. 15 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Apr. 22 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.

The Deadline for the Easter Memorials is on Monday, March 26th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 18

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
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church
Sunday Adult Catechesis, 12:15 PM, in the school

Monday, March 19

Choir Practice, 4:00-6:30 PM, in the church
Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, March 20

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, March 21

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
Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, March 22

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, March 23

Fish Bake, 4:00-6:45 PM, in the parish center
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM
Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, March 30

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM
Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS



EASTER BASKETS

Reminder: Drop off deadline for Easter baskets is this Monday. Baskets may be left in the chapel. For more information regarding specific needs, please contact Cheryl at cdbrunelle@comcast.net or 603-635-3610.

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

Because prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent, our Lenten experience can be enhanced when we pray and fast every Wednesday and Friday during Lent. To learn more about the ancient practice of fasting, go to our website: livethefast.org, call us at 888-276-3475 or email us info@livethefast.org

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Mass in support of those suffering from Infertility, Miscarriage, or Loss with Bishop Libasci. All are welcome to attend this celebration of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in prayerful support of those suffering from infertility or pregnancy related loss.

Where: St. Joseph Cathedral Chapel

When: April 24, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

(lite refreshments to follow Mass)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The fifth commandment is: **You shall not kill.**

Well this one seems pretty straight forward, doesn't it? In many ways, yes, it is. Most of us have not outright murdered anyone, yet there is still much to examine in this commandment. At the heart of the commandment is the love God has for each human person that He created. No human being is an accident. Everyone – EVERY SINGLE ONE – was created by God, out of love, with a purpose, both in this life and in the next. Every person God created, He wants to be with for all eternity. Isn't that amazing?! Think about that: you – *you* – were made for love; you were created at one point in time, but you will *never* be uncreated! You will live forever ... either in Heaven or in Hell. Our choices here make all the difference of whether we go to Heaven or Hell. Beyond this, though, our choices make us grow or shrink in on ourselves. God wants us to grow and expand. When we end a life before God's determined time, the person loses so many opportunities for their soul to grow as God wants them to. This is why we must *not* take a human life – not in the sick and elderly (for they may need that last opportunity to repent and be purified of their sins in this life), nor of the pre-born child (for he or she would then have *no* opportunity to grow to the fullness of soul God wants for him or her).

Each person has a purpose in this life, as well. To end a person's life prematurely is to rob him or her of that purpose. It deeply saddens me when people tell me that they aborted their child (for any reason, but especially) because they were told the child was not going to survive. We don't know all that God had planned for that child. I can tell countless stories where the medical personnel were wrong about a prognosis. I can also tell stories of how children have died young, but still had a purpose – creating deeper love in the family. We don't know God's plan, and we cannot – we CANNOT – pretend that we are the Lord and giver of life. We cannot give life at our desire nor take it away. God is in charge.

That being said, I want to emphasize the infinite mercy of Almighty God. If you have taken part in an abortion, God does NOT hate you. God loves you tenderly, and His only desire is to reconcile you to Himself and draw you to His Heart. If you are struggling to forgive yourself because of your participation in abortion, I strongly encourage you to contact Project Rachel (888-456-HOPE [4673], 800-562-5249, or [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)) ... they will help you to heal and accept God's abundant forgiveness.

So we've looked at how the fifth commandment is against taking life. Is that it? No. It speaks to the sacred dignity of each person, each human life. We can ask ourselves: How do I treat people? Do I treat them with dignity and respect and love? How do I deal with people who are annoying me, or sucking up all my time and energy? When I pass someone panhandling on the streets, do I turn my gaze away, or do I look at them person – *really* look at him or her – and recognize Jesus truly present in this person, even if I can't give him or her anything? Each person bears the image and likeness of God. We are called to train our eyes to see Him underneath even the most distressing of disguises.

This commandment also speaks to how we use our words. St. Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that we are to speak

**only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.** Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Do our words build up or tear down. We know that gossip is bad (that would be covered under the eighth commandment), but there is also the sin of *detraction*. Detraction is the speaking of an unkind truth to a person or people who do not need to know it. Detraction kills reputations. Our words matter. Also, think about how you speak to other people: Does your speech build them up or tear them down. A curse is a lie that speaks to the identity or destiny of the person (as opposed to a blessing, which speaks truth to these things). Our words can speak these lies, for instance, "You'll never amount to anything... you're a terrible person ... you're an idiot ... you're just like your father!" These words speak against the identity that each person is made in God's image, loved into existence by God, and that they were made for the greatness of Heaven. These words can knock someone down faster than a stone hurl at them; they kill hearts.

As we continue through Lent, let us examine how we treat others, and ask God to help us see and respect each person's (including our own) sacred dignity.

Everybody wants to be HAPPY!

What is Happiness?

Join us on

Monday Night Teachings

April 2, 9, 23

May 7, 14, 21

7:00 PM in the **Youth Room** at the school

### THE PENNY SALE IS COMING...

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St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 23<sup>rd</sup> Penny Sale on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.



Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

**We are in need of Prayer Shawls we only have Six left.**

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy of the Church. Application should be turned in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

### MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. 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 – CHANNEL 22

#### For St. Patrick Mass Schedule

Sunday – 8:00 PM

Monday – 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday – 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday – 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM – **4:00 PM "LIVE"**

Subject to change

### ST PATRICK APP!!!

If you have not yet sign up for our parish app, here is the link for you to sign up: <http://myapp.parishapps.com/St%20Patrick%20Pelham%20NH>

The app will help you quickly find Mass Times, Parish Staff Directory, Events Calendar, and much more. We are also on Facebook!



The Knights of Columbus will be serving fish dinners on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-6:45 PM, in the Parish Center. The dinner is a freshly baked piece of haddock with green beans, mashed potato and a roll. Prices are \$11.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors. Take-out orders, please call 635-3829 any time after 4:00 PM.

### PRAYER LINE

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net) or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or email at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net)