

**Saturday March 21**

**4pm ~ The DiGiantommaso & Hudson Family**  
requested by their family  
**Margaret Curli** requested by the Marino family

**Sunday March 22**

**8am ~ Maureen Boyden**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by her husband, family & friends  
**10:30am ~ J. Albert Lynch** requested by his  
niece Christine Murphy  
**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday March 23**

**8am ~ Judy Eaves** requested by Linda

**Tuesday March 24**

**8am ~ Dianne Goodridge** requested by David &  
Maureen Groff

**Wednesday March 25**

**8am ~ Walter Kosik, Sr.**, requested by Dave,  
Sean, Jay, Russ & Lisa

**Thursday March 26**

**8am ~ Ann Gallant** requested by Joan Berard

**Friday March 27**

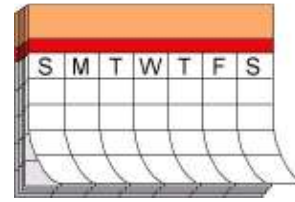
**8am ~ No Mass**  
**6pm ~ For All Souls in Purgatory**

**Saturday March 28**

**4pm ~ Jeannette Clark**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Ronnie, Kathy, Ashley & Alyssa  
Jean  
**Dora Carpentier**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested  
by Cheryl Brunelle & the Carpentier family

**Sunday March 29**

**8am ~ Joshua Jeanson** requested by his family  
**10:30am ~ Leonard & Francoise Lebel**  
requested by the Lebel family  
**Ashley Drolet** requested by her family  
**6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT****6:00 PM Mass****7:00 PM Stations of the Cross****Sunday, March 22**

Penance Service, 2:00 PM, at Mary Queen of  
Peace, in Salem,  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Tuesday, March 24**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

**Thursday, March 26**

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Friday, March 27**

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school  
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM, in the church



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of  
Cheryl Vermette, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by her husband  
and her two daughters.

**CONFESSION DURING LENT**

**Sundays** 7:30-7:45, 10:00-10:15 AM and  
5:30-5:45 PM.

**Wednesdays**, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

**Holy Week:** Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM  
– 1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM.

**Good Friday**, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from Noon-2:45  
PM

**The deadline for the Easter Memorials will  
Be Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's Gospel is about the man born blind. Can you believe it? Jesus heals a man who had never been able to see. Even if we had the technology to give sight to a person blind from birth, it would take a long time for his brain to be able to register and recognize what the inputs were (if his brain ever could figure them out). Here, Jesus not only heals the eyes, He allows the man's brain to understand what he sees!

Jesus is *the* Healer. He created us in love, and recreated us in the Sacrament of Baptism. He has an eternal plan for you and for me... He wants to be with us forever! That's how much He loves us!

As we continue to deal with the effects of COVID-19, I have heard of so much panic and alarm. While I want to assure you that I'm not condoning an "Ignore it and it will go away" mentality (please do wash hands, avoid touching your face, if you're sick or high risk, stay away), I also want to remind us that God **is** in charge! Jesus is the Healer.

I've shared the Surrender Novena before, and I think it's a good thing to remember, "Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything." He really is in charge of our lives. Have we given in to fear? Remember, the Coronavirus CANNOT kill you... not eternally. Only sin can kill *you*. Remember Jesus' words, "**do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul**" (Matthew 10:28). Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Do we believe Him? Do we really believe that we are eternal beings, or are we focused only on this life?

Do we *really* trust Jesus' love for us, or are we paralyzed by fear? A couple of weeks ago, I shared a song in my homily – "No Longer Slaves" (to listen or re-listen, go to the link on our website [www.stpatricks-pelham.com/fr-von-derosias-homilies/](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com/fr-von-derosias-homilies/), or directly to YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO0ackX4n04&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO0ackX4n04&feature=youtu.be)). The key words of the refrain are "I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God." So many people came up to me after Mass and told me how it touched them, how they needed to hear this message. But do we continue to live this message? You are God's daughter, His son. You are beloved to Him. Really! If you give yourself over to Him ("Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything"), He will take care of you. He wants to set us free from the slavery to fear (because we are His children), but we have to let Him take the fear from our hands, we have to give Him permission to be in charge of our lives. Everything comes to us either from Him or through His hands. And His hands are powerful hands, hands of love. In His hands, we find peace.

And He comes to us in *our* hands. His very presence is there in the Eucharist! He is here!!! He is our peace! The Healer is *here* in Adoration, at Mass, in the Tabernacle. Jesus, the Healer, comes among us! He longs for union with you, with me.

In a letter to the priests this past Monday, Bishop Libasci reminded us:

**We are, as St. John Paul II declared in his Encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, the Church of the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that we experience Jesus Christ accompanying us with deepest compassion and imparting the most powerful graces. It is in the Eucharist that the Church throughout the world is fortified to face the struggles of life and the frailty of humanity, not alone, but remembering the words, "Though I walk through the valley of darkness I fear no evil, for you are there with your rod and your staff to give me courage." The Eucharist is our very identity.**

I encourage you to take courage in the love of Jesus. He longs for you ... let Him teach you longing for Him. I encourage you, come to Jesus! He is the answer to every problem and every trouble. He is the One who fills our emptiness. And He is the one who heals us of our infirmities.

### **EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 9**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

#### **Good Friday, April 10**

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM

Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 4:30 PM

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

#### **Holy Saturday, April 11**

Blessing of Easter Food: 2:30 PM

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 12**

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

**PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS**

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

Please join us for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Gianna's Place Fundraising Banquet on April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Event Center in Nashua, NH. **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, Rwandan genocide survivor and bestselling author of *Left to Tell*, will be the keynote speaker. Appetizers and cash bar begin at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served at 6:45 PM. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are required and there will be a time for giving during the event. Please call Liz at 603-247-8654 or Kelly at 603-770-9288 to reserve your seat.

### **"TO TOUCH HIS HEM" "FAITH OVER FEAR"**

Why does FEAR grip us so? How do we choose Faith over Fear? What prevents us from doing so? Please join us on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by The Women of Mary, promoting First Saturday Devotions.

- Adoration – 7:30 AM
- Mass – 8:00 AM
- Rosary – 8:30 AM

Following the Rosary... All are invited for a Pot Luck Breakfast (food donations welcome) and Guest Speaker Kathy Garon (from St. Anne Parish) at 9:30 AM in the meeting room (Church basement). For more information, please call Lorraine Hendrix at 603-674-5519. All are welcome!

### **VOCATIONS**

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**Lectio has been cancelled due to the situation.**

### **Steubenville East Registration is open!**

Steubenville East is the event of the summer for those in grades 8-12. The retreat runs from July 10-12 and if you have never attended, this is **your** summer. Please direct all questions to Adam Castor at [faithlifeformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithlifeformation@comcast.net).



**Easter Baskets**  
**Drop off Deadline:**  
**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Reminder: Drop off deadline for Easter Baskets is **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**. Baskets may be left in the chapel.

For more information regarding specific needs, please contact Cheryl at [cdbrunelle@comcast.net](mailto:cdbrunelle@comcast.net) or 508-864-8084 (call or text).

### **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

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants four \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by **Monday, May 4, 2020**.

### ***PENNY SALE IS COMING..... PENNY SALE IS COMING.....***

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 25<sup>th</sup> Penny Sale on **April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**. This year we will be in the Parish Center. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Honduras, 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 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** at St. Patrick Parish Center.

**The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund** will be awarding two \$2500 Scholarships. The criteria to qualify are as follows:

- Must be a Pelham resident
- Formal Acceptance to an accredited 2 or 4 year College or Technical School
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the College or Technical School
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Copy of your High School Transcript/Resume
- Letter describing career goals and any special needs

You can pick up an application at the Pelham High School Guidance Office or go to our website: at [www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org](http://www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org). The application must be returned by Saturday, May 16, 2020 and mailed to:

Pelham Good Neighbor Fund,  
PO Box 953  
Pelham, NH 03076.

## 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 3/15/20

Offertory Envelopes \$5,136

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,337

**Total Offertory \$6,473**

Faith Life \$1,128

**Total Collected \$7,601**

**As of 3/15 we have an offertory deficit of \$3,491**

Thank you for supporting our parish  
~Fr. Von~

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### **March 29 Teen Ministry**

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

### **April 5 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

### **April 12 Utility**

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

### **April 19 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 Blessing Cup** is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. If you are interested in hosting the Blessing Cup, please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations  
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

## **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 3:45pm  
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.

## **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)