

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 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**

Monday March 25
 8am **William Vieira** requested by
 the Bedard family

Tuesday March 26
 8am **Treavor Hennesey** requested by
 the Haggerty family

Wednesday March 27
 8am **Gertrude Golden** requested by
 her niece

Thursday March 28
 8am **Paul McLaughlin** requested by
 Dennis & Irene Groulx

Friday March 29
 6pm **Rene Bordeleau** requested by
 the Cronin family

Saturday March 30
 4pm **Therese Bedard** requested by
 Donna Smith

Sunday March 31
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona**, 3rd
 Anniversary, requested by
 Donna Smith
 10:30am **Chase Gosselin**, 14th Anniversary,
 requested by his family
 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 3/17/19

Offertory Envelopes \$5,404

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,306

Total Offertory \$6.710

Faith Life \$1,266

Total Collected \$7,976

As of Mar 17th our offertory is at a deficit of **\$3,368**

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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. 7 Free will offering for Steubenville East Youth Conference

Apr. 14 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Apr. 21 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

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



Sunday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 26

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

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

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
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

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 18

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

Good Friday, April 19

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 20

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM
 Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS AND NO 4:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM
PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS
 Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM



**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: **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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel this weekend speaks to us of repentance. Jesus points out that the people who Pilate killed and those who died when a tower collapsed were not more sinful and guilty than those around them. Jesus then says *all* must repent.

What is repentance? It comes from a word which means “to turn”... to turn *away* from sin, to turn *toward* God. You see, repentance is not just about *feeling* guilty, or being sorry for something we have done, said or thought. Repentance is about *changing our lives*, it is about stepping away from our sinful behavior, and even sinful thought patterns, so that we can reorder them toward God.

What about sin, though? Our culture often denies the reality of sin. As Bishop Fulton Sheen once said

It used to be that only Catholics believed in the Immaculate Conception. Now, everyone believes they are immaculately conceived. They no longer believe in sin. (From a retreat talk given in 1973 in the Diocese of Gary, Indiana)

We don't like facing the reality of sin, since the word (and the reality) often come with a stigma attached. Often we think of shame and low self-esteem when thinking of sin. But we all know what a broken relationship is. We regret it when we hurt someone we love. I've said it before, but sin is hurting our relationship with God. God has laid down certain laws (the 10 Commandments, the teachings of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit inspired teachings of the Church), and asks us to keep them. The laws are there, not because God wants obedience for obedience's sake, but because He knows our humanity, He made us, and He knows what will give us life... and what will bring us death. He also knows that if the law is not written on our hearts (which, in our broken world, it very often is not), we need it explicitly written out.

When we reject God's law, we are saying that we don't trust the God who loves us and knows what will bring us life and joy. I have been hurt when those I love don't trust me... and I know that I don't have all the answers. How much more is our relationship with God hurt when we don't trust Him, since He *does* know everything, and loves us far more than we know! Our sin implicitly says, “I don't trust your love for me.” This lack of trust goes right back to the Original Sin. Adam and Eve were told not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Instead of trusting that God would provide for their need, they *grasp* for themselves. Now everything is broken.

All this is to say that by our sin, we hurt our relationship with God. Talking about sin is not about putting shame on us, but about encouraging us to be open to God fixing our relationship with Him. It is not about making us feel bad about ourselves (living with an inferiority complex), but about recognizing “the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God” ... *for me for you* (from the song “Reckless Love” by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury and Ran Jackson). Taking account of our sin is an opportunity to turn from our little selfish worlds to the incredibly immense world of God's love for me.

Take the parable Jesus uses in the Gospel today: the fig tree has not been fruitful for three years, but the gardener will pour out special care on the tree in this year, that it may finally bear figs. In the same way, God doesn't want our destruction. He works, He pours out His grace and love on every soul, hoping that we turn to Him and bear fruit. But will we? The ultimate end of our self-destructive (sinful) behavior is eternal death. Remember that God does not condemn anyone to Hell; those who are in Hell choose to go. These choices are made in our life when we choose to embrace God or not, to receive His mercy or not. Our sin is a choice to reject God and His love, and brings death to our souls.

This all being said, when we do fail in trust, when we do say “no” to God and His love, we don't need to stay in that “no.” We can let go of our sin. God has gone to the Cross so that we can be reconciled with Him. He has given us the ever-present gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can be forgiven of our sin, be healed of our tendency to distrust God, and hear with our ears the truth that we have been reconciled to the God who loves us. I invite everyone to experience this great Sacrament during this Lenten Season. In addition to Saturday afternoons (2:45-3:45), we also have Confessions during Lent before the Sunday Masses (7:30-7:45am, 10:00-10:15am, 5:30-5:45pm), other select days in Lent, and the Cluster Penance Service at St. Matthew in Windham on March 31 at 2:00pm. In addition, St. Joseph the Worker Shrine has Confessions every day. I invite you to take part in this incredible gift of mercy and love from the Heart of God.



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.

**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

VOCATION

“I AM has sent me to you.” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Matthew Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org
Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

The Penny Sale is Coming...

St. Patrick Women’s Guild will be sponsoring their 24th Penny Sale on April 13th & 14th. 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 13th & 14th at St. Patrick School.

Confession during Lent: Sundays 7:30-7:45, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM.

Reconciliation Service on March 31st at 2:00 PM at St. Matthew in Windham

Confession on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

FISH BAKE

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 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.

ROOMBA RAFFLE!

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off an iRobot i7 Roomba robot vacuum. This is an \$800.00 value of the latest model just released and the smartest Roomba yet. You can tell it to clean a specific set of rooms instead of always having to clean everything. Tickets are \$5.00 each, or five for \$20.00 benefits both our support of Seminarians and our Parish’s Bereavement Group. We will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses this weekend March 23rd & 24th and the weekend of March 30th & 31st.