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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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday March 2**
4pm **Dicky Bedard** requested by
Doug & Laura Masson
Paul Sexton, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by
Jim & Doreen Dolan
- Sunday March 3**
8am **Leonard & Francoise Lebel**
requested by the Lebel family
The Okoye Family requested by
Nwanne & Obiora
10:30am **Rosemary Dole**, Birthday
Blessings
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday March 4**
8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**
- Tuesday March 5**
8am **Diane A. Keller** requested by
Shirley Wakefield
- Wednesday March 6 Ash Wednesday**
8am **Chris Groff**, Birthday
Remembrance, requested by
David & Maureen Groff
10am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
7pm **Ralph Ergas** requested by
Trisha Yankowskas
- Thursday March 7**
8am **Mario Matos** requested by his
Wife Rita
Mary Catherine Flaherty, 32nd
Anniversary, requested by her
family
- Friday March 8**
8am No Mass
6pm Confirmation
- Saturday March 9**
4pm **Lise Demers**, 20th Anniversary,
requested by her family
Michael Crane, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by his wife & sons
- Sunday March 10**
8am **Phyllis Dexter** requested by
St. Patrick Staff
10:30am **John Montminy**, 5th Anniversary,
requested by Scott & Flora
Montminy & 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 2/24/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$6,635
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,307
Total Offertory	\$7,942

Faith Life	\$1,388
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Total Collected	\$9,330
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As of Feb 17th our offertory is at a deficit of **\$5,120**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Mar. 10 Utility

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

Mar. 17 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 3

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
 Family Adoration, 12:00-12:45 AM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, March 4

Choir Practice, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church
 Teaching on Suffering, 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, March 5

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 6

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
 Adoration, 2:00-6:00 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
 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

Fish Bake, 4:00 PM, in the parish center
 Confirmation, 6:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Saturday, March 9

Grade 3 Confirmation Retreat, 9:00-11:30 AM in the school

<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



The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in March:

**Danielle Toupin
&
William Butt**

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Penny Sale is coming!

The Penny Sale is being held on April 13th & 14th. More information to follow. See you there!

Ash Wednesday is March 6th Masses are as follow: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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We will have a 6:00 PM Mass on the following Fridays during Lent: March 22nd & 29th and April 5th & 12th.

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 or call 603-635-1447.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week is Ash Wednesday. While Lent is later than usual this year, it still seems like it just “snuck up” on me! On Wednesday we will hear Jesus tell us how to fast, give alms, and pray. These three things have been taken up by the Church as practices for Lent. It is important, though, to remember that these are not the “end” – the purpose of Lent – but the *means* to a greater end.

So what is that *end*? *Union with Jesus Christ.*

This should shape our choices for Lent. What do we choose to give up (fasting)? How do we choose to reach out in love and service (almsgiving)? Will we take extra time for God (prayer)? If, at the end of Lent, we’re exactly the same as when we started Lent, then we missed the point. We’re supposed to grow closer to Christ, not “tread water.” So if you do the same things you always have done, why would you expect a better result?

I remember one year, after much prayer, it was put onto my heart that I needed to double my private prayer time for Lent. After arguing with the Lord for a while, I ended up doing it. It meant getting up really early (for me, anyway), and spending that extra time with the Lord before I began my day. I’ll tell you: by the third week of Lent, I was exhausted! I was having a hard time concentrating, and didn’t think I could persevere much longer. I said as much to God. That day, most of my appointments canceled, and I found I had time to get a nap. After a couple days of the Lord taking care of my needs in this way, I said to Him, “So you really want me to keep doing this, huh?” I got a very strong sense that the answer was “Yes!” I also knew at that point, that this was not a Lenten practice only, but a change of life God was asking of me. From that time, I found a deeper intimacy with God, and a deeper trust that if He was asking something of me, He would provide the grace in superabundance.

So what is God asking of you this Lent? God calls each of us to different things, but look at the areas of fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

Fasting: What might God be calling you to give up? What is standing in the way of your relationship with Christ? Do you find that you are addicted to e-mail or social media? Do you find that you end up “binge watching” Netflix? Does YouTube take too much of your time? Maybe you are being asked to give up or limit your consumption of these things in Lent. Do you find that you go to food for comfort and consolation? Maybe you are to do a special fast in Lent to learn to go to Jesus for comfort and consolation when you’re feeling empty. What is the change of life? Going to God in our emptiness, learning to rely on Him more, instead of on finite things.

Almsgiving: How might God be asking you to reach out in love during Lent? If you find you have too much “stuff,” you may be called to go through your wardrobe or house and donate much of what is not used (or even, maybe, things you *do like and use*) to the poor (maybe through a St. Vincent de Paul Society or Lazarus House). You may find that you are called to reach out in love by volunteering at a food pantry or soup kitchen. You may decide to give up some of your hard-earned money (which symbolizes stability, security, energy, intelligence and time) to a charity. Again, what is the hoped change of life? Growing in love in action, and maybe making this love-in-action a habitual part of our lives.

Prayer: How might God be asking you to spend more time with Him this Lent? You might try coming to daily Mass once a week, if you attend only weekend Masses. Maybe you will spend time meditating on Christ’s love as lived in His Passion, through the Way of the Cross. It might be that you don’t have a consistent prayer life, and so decide to set aside a specific amount of time every day dedicated only to God. If you do have a consistent prayer life, you may decide to extend it (as I did), so that you have more time to be with the One who loves you to death! There are so many possibilities. The hoped for change in life: growing in intimacy with God and creating or strengthening life-long habits of prayer.

With Lent coming, there is so much potential! Whatever you choose to do this Lent, make sure it is focused on the long-term (how will this help me to get closer to God in my life, not just Lent), but is also practical (don’t take on too much... it will overwhelm you and you’ll fail).

A blessed Lent to you!



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 8th, 15th, 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 for adults, \$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.

BE INFORMED

Learn how to protect our families in the Internet Age. Upcoming workshops sponsored by Ste. Marie Parish & the Diocese of Manchester. Fr. Sean Kilcawley, STL is a nationally recognized speaker on the Theology of the Body, Human Love, and pornography addiction.

The workshops are **Saturday, March 23rd** from 6:00-8:00 PM at Ste. Marie Parish, **Monday, March 25th** from 9:30-11:00 AM at Trinity High School, **Monday, March 25th** from 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Anselm College. For more information, please look on the Church bulletin.

BECAUSE OF YOU:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH UPDATE

Catholic Charities New Hampshire is proud to share two recent highlights made possible because of your support of our Annual Appeal. First, we acquired The CareGivers, Inc, which provides transportation, groceries and other forms of vital support for homebound elderly and disabled New Hampshire residents. We look forward to building on these critical services. Secondly, our St. Charles School in Rochester just finished its first semester as a private special education provider, helping students harboring histories of toxic stress, trauma, and intense behavioral and emotional challenges move toward futures based on hope and potential. To learn more about the impact of your gifts to Catholic Charities NH, visit www.cc-nh.org/impact.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Small Cans of Vegetable Soup, Cans of Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans and Paper Products**. Thank you for your generosity!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love to your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and April 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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 4th & 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.

St. Gianna's Place, a NH-based home for mothers in crisis pregnancies, is celebrating its opening with a benefit banquet on May 1st from 5:30-9:15 PM at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester, NH. Our guest speaker is the renowned James Wahlberg. Reservations are \$60 per person/\$600 per table before March 15th and \$65 per person/\$650 per table thereafter. Make checks payable to St. Gianna's Place and mail to Banquet Reservations, 3 Jersey Street, Londonderry, NH 03053. Visit stgiannasplace.org for details.