

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**St. Patrick Parish**

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Saturday

4PM

Sunday

8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

9am

Tuesday through Thursday

8am

Friday

No Mass

First Friday and First Saturday

8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day

8am & 7pm

When school is in session

10am

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 erick.wright@myfairpoint.net. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 9
4pm William Hughes requested by
Gerry & Rosemarie Martin

Sunday May 10
8am Robert Hall requested by his
family
10:30am Grace Buscema requested by her
family
6pm For all Mother's living and
deceased

Monday May 11
9am Annette St. Jean requested by her
family

Tuesday May 12
8am Rev. Albion Bulger

Wednesday May 13
8am Patricia Coull requested by
Armand & Joan Berard

Thursday May 14
8am Intentions of all our parishioners
10:00am School Mass
7pm Frances Lawlor requested by
Agnes & Pat Lawlor

Friday May 15
8am No Mass

Saturday May 16
4pm Rena Cayer requested by her
family

Sunday May 17
8am Lisa McCoy, 49th Birthday
Remembrance, requested by Mom,
Dad, Brian & Monique
10:30am Joseph J. Smolko, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by Joe & Linda Smolko &
family
6pm Michael J. Taylor, Sr., 24th
Anniversary, requested by the
Taylor family

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Roland Gonsalves by Helen Gonsalves & Family

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are
invited to join the *Blessing of a Child in the
Womb*. After the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, Fr.
Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the
mothers, fathers and families gathered.

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 5/3/15 \$6,728

Total funds collected for this week for
parish expenses \$6,728

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 5/3/15
\$1,613

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 17 Catholic Communications

This collection supports diocesan and national
efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the
media as well as Catholic communications
programs such as Parable Magazine and our
diocesan website.

May 24 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 31 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School
grounds.

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

**Starting on June 22nd, Monday Masses
will be held at 8:00 AM instead of 9:00
AM.**

**During the month of May the Knights of
Columbus will pray the Rosary on each Friday
from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Chapel. At 6:45 PM
the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be
recited.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 10

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, May 11

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Tuesday, May 12

Consoling the Heart of Jesus, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 13

Men's Morning Group, 6:00 AM, in the meeting room

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-6:00 PM, in the church

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Thursday, May 14

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

FAREWELL TO SISTER TERRY

As most of you know Sister Terry is leaving us at the end of May to go back to her order in Maine.

We are planning a reception for her on May 17th after the May Crowning. It will be from noon to 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. A light lunch & dessert will be served. Please come and say good-bye to a very wonderful and caring person - Sister Terry. If you are planning to give Sister Terry a gift, please make a note that it is for "personal use". Hope to see many of you there!

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

On Sunday, May 17th at 1:00 PM, the Blessing of Bikes will take place at St. Patrick Catholic School back parking lot. All bike riders (pedal bike riders and motorcycle riders) are invited. The event is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners. Please call Ed. St. Onge at 603-635-1012 for more information. Rain date is Sunday, May 24th.

Youth Group will be meeting this Saturday, May 9th at 6:30 PM in the meeting room.

ST PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL **SUMMER CAMPS 2015**

**Help them keep their skills sharp
this summer, get a jump on the
upcoming school year,
And have some fun!**

Are you interested in attending summer camp? We are offering a variety of exciting and educational camps to choose from. All camps run for 5 days. Camp hours, with the exception of the Vacation Bible School, are 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with morning drop off starting at 7:30 AM. The Vacation Bible School hours are 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. As an added benefit, you may choose aftercare if needed. Aftercare runs until 4:30 PM and all children must be picked up by that time.

July 6th-10th Reading/Math Grades 1-5

July 13th-17th VBS Grades 1-5

July 20th-24th Fun, Fitness, Activities camp
Grades K-8

July 27th-31st Puppet Camp Grades K-6

Aug. 3rd-7th "I Am My Own Author!" Grades
1-8

Aug. 10th-14th Robotics Grades 3-8

Aug. 10th-14th Arts and Crafts Grades K-5

For more information on these camps, with the exception of Vacation Bible School, please contact our school office at 603-635-2941, or www.saintpatrickschool.net. For information regarding the Vacation Bible School please call the parish office at 603-635-3525.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

St. Patrick Parish Center

Friday, May 22nd – 10:00 AM

Sponsored by St. Patrick Catholic School

7th grade

All are welcome

Flags of our Armed Forces,

Last Letters Home, Bagpipes

St. Patrick Catholic School Band

It will be our honor to recognize any active duty military veteran of the armed services, or members of military families who join us. Don't forget to wear your Red, White and Blue! Also participating: Members of Pelham VFW Post 10722.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel speaks to us of the love of Jesus. Jesus says to us, "**As the Father loves me, so I also love you**" (John 15:9). Have you thought about what this means? Think about it for a minute: God – the eternal Father, the first person of the Blessed Trinity – loves Jesus – the eternal Son, the second person of the Blessed Trinity – with a perfect, self-giving love. He loves Him for all eternity. He loves with a completely non-selfish love. He pours Himself out perfectly to the Son. The Son (Jesus), is perfect with no flaws or sins, and receives that love perfectly. Throughout all eternity, they mutually share that perfect love.

Now that you've pondered a bit how the Father loves Jesus, now ponder this part – Jesus loves us with that same love, "**As the Father loves me, so I also love you.**" *Whoa!* We are flawed, sinful humans. We are broken. We often reject God's love and say that we would rather live our own lives. By our sins, we nail Jesus to the Cross. Yet, He says that He loves us with that perfect love, *as much as* the Father loves Him! This should blow our minds. We are not worthy of this love, yet He gives it freely. We do nothing to deserve it, yet He refuses us nothing.

The whole of the Christian moral life (the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and everything else) is a response to this love; it is living in the love of Almighty God.

So, here's the big question: HOW DO WE, HOW DO **YOU** RESPOND?

We are called to enter into this love relationship with God, to give our whole heart and mind and strength and soul to Him. This is not about giving ourselves over to an ideology, philosophy, or doctrine – we are to give ourselves over to a person – Jesus – who loves us more powerfully, or intimately, more tenderly, more dearly than any other person we have ever met, or ever will meet.

One little girl, in response to God's love, wrote Him love letters. Venerable Antoinette (Nennolina) Meo lived in the 1930s in Italy. She suffered terribly by patiently with cancer at the age of five, lost a leg, and died before she turned seven. At five and a half, she dictated love letters to Jesus through her mother. Rare is it that the Church looks to someone so young to be a saint, but the Church is looking at her to see if she is. Let's read a couple of her letters to Jesus.

*Dear Jesus, today I'm going walking and I'm going to my nuns and I will tell them that I want to make First Communion at Christmas... Jesus, come soon into my heart, that I will hold you very, very tight and I will kiss you! Oh Jesus, I want you to remain always in my heart. A greeting and a kiss from your
Antoinetta (Sep 15, 1936)*

*Dear Crucified Jesus,
I really wish You well and I love You so much. I want to be on Calvary with You and I suffer with joy because I know how to be on Calvary. Dear Jesus, thanks that You have sent me this illness because it's a way to arrive in Paradise. Dear Jesus, tell God the Father that I love him so much, Him too. Dear Jesus, I want to be Your lamp and Your lily dear Jesus, dear Jesus give me the strength necessary to stand the pains that I offer for sinners [at that moment she was taken to vomiting].*

Dear Jesus, tell the Holy Spirit to illuminate me with love and fill me with His seven gifts. Dear Jesus, tell the Madonnina [Mary] that I love her so much and that I want to be with her on Calvary because I want to be Your victim of love dear Jesus. ...

*Dear Jesus, I send you lots of greetings and kisses.
Antoinetta of Jesus (May 2, 1937)*

Two love letters – simple, but full of her heart. At six years old, she was writing to Jesus how she wanted to console Him through *her* pain. May we truly surrender our lives over to His infinite love, as this little girl has!

STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHREN

May 15, 16 & 17

Come and join us for a soul-quenching retreat at the beautiful St. Benedict's Abbey, 252 Still River Road, Still River, MA, (www.abbey.org). Fr. Mark Nolte of St. Edwards Parish in Nashville, TN will be our Retreat Director for this beautiful journey of refueling, refreshing and re-igniting the flames of faith, hope and love. Once we have been strengthened ourselves, then we are able to obey His command to go and "Strengthen Your Brethren". Retreat Options range from one full day (\$70) to the full weekend (\$190), which includes all meals and accommodations. Please call or email Mary Dumont for more information: 978-771-4288 or Dumont_mary@msn.com



SAVE THE DATE VBS

This Summer at St. Patrick's
please join us as we experiment with fun and
excitement at SonSpark Lab VBS!

July 13th-17th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

For children in grades 1-5

Games, experiments, crafts,
Bible stories and snacks galore!

For more information, please email Christine
Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Mother's Day weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for BirthRight outside the church after each Mass. Cash and checks will be accepted. Please make checks out to the Knights of Columbus. All money collected will be donated in memory of Doug Colinge, who started and ran this worthy cause for many years. Carnations will be given to any Mothers who wish to have one.

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of Macaroni & Cheese and Ramen Noodles (No Cups).

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their 16th Annual Scholarship for \$2500.00. The criteria to qualify is as follows:

- Formal Acceptance to a 2 or 4 year College
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Provide High School Record of Academic Achievement
- Work, Community and/or School Activities
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the College

You can pickup an application at the Guidance office at the Pelham High School. The application must be returned by Saturday, May 16, 2015 and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076

REMINDERS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist on Saturday, May 16th 10:00 AM; rehearsal: Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 PM in the Church

First Eucharist on Saturday, May 16th 1:00 PM; rehearsal: Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Church

Junior Youth Program:

- May 17th Note change of time: 9:45 AM in the K of C hall followed by 10:30 AM Mass with May Crowning, this is the last class of the year.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Next week, Catholic Charities comes to our church. As Catholics, Jesus calls us to help our neighbors who are in need. Your gift strengthens families, inspires and educates young parents and relieves the burden of grief and hardship.

Our 2015 Parish Goal is \$27,500. Your gift bridges the gap for many of our neighbors and moves lives forward. Thank you for considering giving to Catholic Charities.