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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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday May 13**
4pm **Michael J. Taylor, Sr.** 27th Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family
- Sunday May 14**
8am **For all Mother's living and deceased**
10:30am **Grace Buscema** requested by her family
6pm **Mario Matos** requested by his wife Rita
- Monday May 15**
8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**
- Tuesday May 16**
8am **Claire Groulx** requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
Albert & Dolores Lemieux requested by the Lemieux family
- Wednesday May 17**
8am **Rena Cayer** requested by her family
- Thursday May 18**
8am **Lisa McCoy**, 51st Birthday Remembrance, requested by Mom, Dad, Brian & Monique
Gloria Melanson requested by Dick & Julie Bernier
- Friday May 19**
8am No Mass
- Saturday May 20**
4pm **Richard Minton**, 11th Anniversary, requested by his family
- Sunday May 21**
8am **Frank Martin** requested by Karen & Kevin Martin
10:30am **Lisa McCoy**, 20th Anniversary, **Leo Lafortune**, 34th Anniversary, requested by Mom, Dad, Brian & Monique & family
6pm **Intentions for all our Parishioners**



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Lisa McCoy, 51st Birthday Remembrance by Mom, Dad, Brian & Monique

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:

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| Offertory 5/7/17 | \$8,036 |
| Mother's Day Flowers | \$796 |

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,832**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 5/7/17

\$1,672

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 21 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 28 Catholic Communications Campaign

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.

June 4 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

June 11 Utility

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

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



Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessing of the Child of the Womb, 11:30 AM, in the church

Monday, May 15

The Wild Goose, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, May 16

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

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, May 17

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

Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-6:00 PM

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, May 18

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

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, May 20

Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the youth room at the school



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

Nicole Shepard

and

Jeffrey Zaremski

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

SPONSOR A TEEN

Steubenville East is a three-day retreat specifically for teens. It shows them what a relationship with Jesus Christ truly looks like and challenges them to drop their "nets" and follow the one who made them. The cost for each teen to attend this retreat is \$250. If you would like to sponsor one of our 42 attendees this year and help make this retreat possible, please mail or drop off a check at the parish office. An investment in the youth of The Church is an investment in the future of The Church! God bless you all and thank you for your generosity.

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



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Shaileigh Rose Doherty, Lydia James Grover, Grace Lynne Jasperson, Arabella Marie Greenwood-Muir, Mason Richard Sivigny and Harrison Donald Wise.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who joined us for the Crowning of Mary last Sunday: Thank you! Thank you for coming and honoring Our Lady! As we reach out to honor her, we open ourselves to her and to grace – she is the mediatrix of all graces, and so all the grace of God pours through her humble hands!

This weekend (Saturday, May 13th), we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima, Portugal. For more information about the apparitions, check out wafusa.org. You can also log into FORMED.org (Parish Code: **nr3434** [all lowercase]) and watch one of the movies about Fatima, read an e-book, or listen to a talk on Fatima.

One of the key parts of Our Lady's message of Fatima is the **Rosary**. In fact, in the October apparition, she revealed that she was the Lady of the Rosary. The message is simple: if we want peace, pray the Rosary. The Rosary is a gift from heaven. There are so many instances of how praying the Rosary has brought heavenly intervention for peace.

A few examples:

The Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571 was a battle to save Europe. The Muslim invading fleet was vastly superior to the small European Christian fleet. Pope St. Pius V ordered Christians to pray the Rosary the whole day of the battle, and the flagship carried a picture of Our Lady. What should have been an incredible disaster for the small “David” of Europe, ended up destroying the “Giant” invading fleet. As the commanding officer summarized the battle for the Pope: “We came! We saw! But Mary conquered!”

In 1955 (much closer to our time!), Russia held a large portion of Austria, and planned to gain control of the whole country. Fr. Petrus Pavlicek inspired the country with a prayer campaign, forming groups to pray the Rosary and fast with the intention of saving the country from Communist control, as Our Lady of Fatima had said. Miraculously, the Communists gave up control of the country and left without a bullet being fired.

On October 12, 1960, Russian Premier Khrushchev spoke to the United Nations and took off his shoe, banging it on the podium and saying, “We will bury you,” knowing that they were in the end stages of developing the largest, furthest reaching nuclear missile built to date. He knew that after the test on October 24, he would be able to dominate the world. Prior to this speech, Bishop Venancio of Leiria, Portugal urgently asked all the bishops of the world to pray and do penance for the conversion of Russia, and to come to the Shrine in Fatima on October 12-13 (the anniversary of the final apparition of Fatima) to pray. In the pouring rain, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims prayed in Fatima. October 24 came and the rocket exploded on the launch pad, significantly pushing the Russians' work back.

We've all heard of the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962. Throughout the tension filled days, as the world waited, expecting nuclear war, American Catholics turned to the Rosary and invoked the Blessed Mother. On October 26, Khrushchev said he would remove the missiles if the U.S. did not invade Cuba. Again, our Mother's powerful but gentle hand was there, bringing peace. (Thanks to the book *Fatima for Today*, chapter 8, by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, for these references.)

The Rosary is a gift from Heaven so that we can have peace! It is not about relentlessly praying “Hail, Marys” over and over, but about allowing our Mother to walk us through the Mysteries of Christ. The repetition of a familiar prayer helps us to focus more on the Mystery, and not be bogged down in the words. Mary then takes us by the hand and walks us to Jesus, to know Him, to ponder His love and His life. The more we know Him, the more we love Him and trust Him, the more grace He is able to pour into our lives and the world.

If you have been away from the Rosary, now is the time to come back! If you have never prayed the Rosary, now is the time to learn! There are “How to Pray the Rosary” pamphlets by the main entrance of the Church, but there are also many different resources online. One such can be found here: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm.

In this tumultuous world, when, more than now, would we need the gift of peace that Our Mother promises? Let us take up this great prayer, this “Weapon of Mass Conversion” – stronger than nuclear arms, more powerful than all the hosts of hell – and let us turn to the Mother of God who turns her loving eyes upon us in our need!

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND 18TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their 18th Annual Scholarship for \$2,500.00. The criteria to qualify is as follows:

- Formal acceptance to a 2 or 4 year College
 - Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the College
 - Demonstrated Financial Need
 - Provide High School Record of Academic Achievement
 - Work, Community and/or School Activities
- You can pick up an application at the Guidance office at the Pelham High School. The application must be returned by Saturday, May 27th and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076



Where: St. Patrick School
When: July 10th – 14th
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Ages: 5-12

Registration for **Vacation Bible School** are now available in the front entrance of church and on the church website. Volunteer opportunities available now. If you or your teen would like to help in this wonderful ministry or for more information, please contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net

THE WILD GOOSE

The Ancient Celts had a name for the **Holy Spirit**: The Wild Goose. Join Fr. Von in this video series by **Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR** in growing closer to the **Holy Spirit**. Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room on May 15th & 22nd, June 5th. For more information, call 603-635-3525.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Join us in praying - like the Apostles - for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Novena begins on May 26th, and goes through June 3rd. Pray with us at the Church or on your own.



Thanks to everyone who donated to our Easter Basket campaign! Our goal was 65 baskets but once again your kindness and generosity went beyond our expectations. We distributed 83 baskets to children at our Food Pantry, House of Hope, Anne-Marie House, and Bridges. We can only imagine the excitement. Thank you so much for contributing to the happiness of these kids who ranged in age from babies to 12 years old. Your caring touches the heart and soul.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This 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 Council 6902. 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.



Please join us on Sunday, May 21st at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center to Congratulate Deacon John for his 15th Anniversary as a Deacon. Come and thank him for his many years of service to St. Patrick Parish and the Church. Light refreshments will be served.

