

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

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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

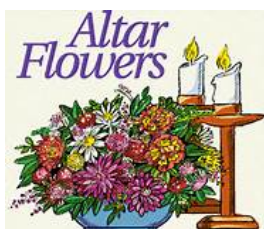
Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

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 14
4pm	Rena Cayer requested by her family
Sunday	May 15
8am	Robert Hall requested by his family
10:30am	Roland Gonsalves requested by Helen Gonsalves & family
6pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners
Monday	May 16
8am	Louise Bousquet requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy
Tuesday	May 17
8am	Donna Stetzler & Mike Kaplon requested by Bill & Rosalie Ducharme
	Maureen Blanchette requested by Joseph & Kathleen Kulick
Wednesday	May 18
8am	Lisa McCoy "50 th Birthday Remembrance" requested by Mom, Dad, Brian & Monique
7pm	Confessions
Thursday	May 19
8am	Mario Matos requested by his wife Rita
Friday	May 20
8am	No Mass
Saturday	May 21
4pm	Lucille Hamel requested by Blanche Godek
Sunday	May 22
8am	Noella & the Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois
10:30am	Richard Koch , 10 th Anniversary, requested by his wife & family
6pm	Donna BiBona requested by her family



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

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 5/8/16	\$6,737
Mother's Day Flowers	\$1,215
Ascension Thursday	\$1,394

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$9,256**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Catholic Communications

collected as of 5/8/16
\$1,200

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 29 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

June 5 Capital Improvement

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

June 12 Fuel

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

June 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.

We now have Children Church Envelopes available at the front entrance of the Church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 15

Talk on the Luminous Mysteries, 9:15 AM in the Church

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

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

Bike Blessing, 1:00 PM, in the church parking lot

Monday, May 16

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, May 17

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

Wednesday, May 18

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

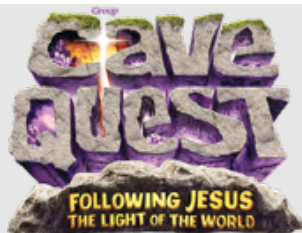
Confessions, 7:00 PM in the church

Thursday, May 19

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

The St. Patrick's Men's Club would like to thank Target of Salem for donating \$50.00 towards a new ceramic electric skillet for the kitchen. This skillet will replace some equipment that is badly worn and will be used by several charitable groups within the church for numerous meals yearly. Thank you!



At Cave Quest VBS, children will learn what it means always to follow the light of Jesus and to be a light of mercy to others – even in dark times. Team-building, games, skits, songs, science gizmos and Fr. Von all contribute to what makes St. Patrick's VBS so much fun! Registration has begun and spaces fill up quickly. Cost is \$40.00 per child going into grades 1-6 please register by June 12th. If you register after that date the cost is \$50.00. For more information please contact Christine Lemieux at christine@lemieux-design.net



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: *Aria Lucille Chalifour, Harper Bailey Cruz, Isabella Marie Houle, Vanna Kelly Muldoon, Rose Eileen Neville, Munachimso Nathan Okoye, Evan Victor Rodriguez and Elizabeth Dorothea Wilkins.* Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Rehearsal dates and times:

We have set dates and times for upcoming First Communion rehearsals in May. These rehearsals are mandatory and I would ask that all families please attend the correct day and time. All rehearsals will take in the church.

For children receiving First Communion on **May 21st at 10:00 AM** – rehearsal is Wednesday, May 18th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

For children receiving First Communion on **May 21st 1:00 PM** – rehearsal is Thursday, May 19th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Calling All Catechists!

To inspire our young people and show them the heart of Christ is a true vocation. If you love your faith and also love the idea of passing it on to future generations then WAIT NO LONGER! We are planning for 2016-2017 Faith Life year. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist please email Adam Castor, Director of Faith Life, at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

Faith Life Registration and Schedule for 2016-2017 is on the Parish Website and in the Parish Office.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend is **Pentecost**, the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. As such, we'll look at the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, which is the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation, God pours out in a new way the gift of the Holy Spirit (who was first given to us in Baptism) in our lives so that we can live out our Faith as *witnesses* of Jesus.

You remember that the definition of a Sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ to give grace. As such, Confirmation is a gift God gives to us. Sometimes, we have spoken of Confirmation as if it were a “coming of age rite”: “*I choose my Faith for my own*” (which is sadly ironic since Confirmation is usually the *last* time we see these students in Church, not the beginning of their commitment to the Faith). This idea of Confirmation gives the idea that we are the primary movers in this Sacrament. The truth is that, as with all the Sacraments, God is the primary mover. God is giving *us* something – His gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not we who are confirming our Faith in Him, but *He who is Confirming us!*

In Confirmation, God pours out His gifts and power into our lives. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit we first hear about in Isaiah 11:2-3a (and so called “Isaian Gifts”). These gifts are given to us to grow in holiness – wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude or courage, piety, and fear of the Lord or wonder and awe. They are given to each of us in Confirmation so that we can know God, get close to Him, make good choices and have the strength to follow our resolve. Like all gifts from God, though, they need to be exercised and used to become strong. I have the gift of music, but even with this gift, if I never practiced my instruments or singing, the gift would lay dormant. God truly gives us these gifts, but we must use them and pray for an outpouring of them, so that we can grow in them.

God also pours out the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, sometimes called the *charisms*. The word *charism* just means “gift” but it is often used to distinguish these from the Isaian Gifts, the seven gifts. The charisms are given for the building up of the Church. Whereas the Isaian gifts are for *me* to grow close to God, the charisms are for me to use to help *others* grow close to God. There is no exhaustive list of charisms, though there are many listed throughout the New Testament, especially in I Corinthians 12. Some charisms are given to some and others to others, but these are given so we can help others get to Heaven. We need to ask God to stir up these gifts in our lives so that we may know how we are to help build up the Church of God.

Jesus established the Catholic Church not so that we could have a format for how to gather and pray together, so that our rites would be organized. He established the Church to spread the Good News of His saving love. He wants, more than anything else, for us to get close to Him, to love Him, to share His life. Everything we believe and practice in our Faith is a result of this desire of God. Confirmation is a Sacrament that sends us out on mission. His Gifts and Charisms are given to us so that we may share the Good News of God's unending, unconditional, merciful love with each person that we meet. This is what happened at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11), and this is why the Holy Spirit is given to us.

Confirmation is a gift from God so that we can grow closer to Him and help others get closer to Him. In the Rite of Confirmation, the *matter* of the Sacrament is the Baptized Christian and the Sacred Chrism. You may remember that the Chrism is an oil with a balsam perfume in it that has been consecrated by the bishop. The person being Confirmed is anointed on the head with the Chrism in the sign of the Cross. The *form* of Confirmation is the laying on of hands, and the words, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The usual minister of the Sacrament is a bishop, however in certain circumstances or with proper delegation by the bishop, a priest may Confirm as well.

ADORATION

At the heart – the Source and the Summit – of our Faith, is the Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration opens us in a deeper way to the grace of Communion with Christ. As we gaze on our Lord, He touches our souls. We have an opportunity to purchase a new Monstrance for Adoration which will be able to house a large presider's host (like we use on the weekend). The cost is a little less than \$3000.00. If you are interested in donating for part or all of this new Monstrance, please contact Fr. Von (635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net).



PRAYER LINE

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at Lmurgia.871@comcast.net or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or e-mail at Lmurgia.871@comcast.net.

PRAYER SHAWL

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their 17th 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 21, 2016 and mailed to:

Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. The Spring **Women's weekend**: June 2-5. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (603-635-3525).

New Hampshire Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of Fatima, the Institute of Catholic Culture and St. Faustina

PTV #22 May 2016

Fatima for Today by Fr. Andrew Apostoli

Airing 5/3 to 5/8

"The Ascension"

Part 1 Institute of Catholic Culture

Airing 5/10 to 5/15

"The Ascension"

Part 2 Institute of Catholic Culture

Airing 5/17 to 5/22

St. Faustina,

The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion

(Fr. Chris Alar)

Airing 5/24 to 5/29

St. Faustina and the image of Divine Mercy

(Sr. Gaudia Skass)

Airing 5/31 to 6/5

The Daily Schedule

Tuesday's 7:00 PM

Wednesday's 1:00 PM

Thursday's 3:00 PM

Friday's 2:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Saturday's 1:00 AM & 8:00 PM

Sunday's 2:00 AM & 4:00 PM



On this Sunday, May 15th at 1:00 PM, the Blessing of the Bikes will take place in St. Patrick parish 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 29th.

FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Cold Cereal (no oatmeal)** and **Can Fruit**.

Fr. Von will be doing a series of talks about the Mysteries of the Rosary. They will take place after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Church on the following weekends: May 22nd and 29th.