

**Saturday May 16**

Joan Straughan, 3rd Anniversary, requested by her husband Steve

Sunday May 17**Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Joseph P. Delorfano, Sr., 9th Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela

Peg & Jack Childs requested by their children

Lisa McCoy, 54th Birthday Remembrance, requested by Mom, Brian & family

Monday May 18**Special Intention of the Lemieux family**

Mark G. Lomand requested by Donna & Patrick Nee

Tuesday May 19**Special Intention of the Lemieux family****Wednesday May 20**

Fernand Dallaire, Birthday Remembrance, requested his friend

Rosilda Welsh requested by the Orlep family

Thursday May 21**Special Intention of the Lemieux family****Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Kathy Boucher requested by Doug & Laura Masson

Friday May 22

No Mass

Saturday May 23

Edward & Jeanne Dubreuil requested by their family

Joseph St. Cyr requested by Joan Berard

Sunday May 24

Robin Morin, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family

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Rev. John Sledziona and Nicholas Betancur requested by Donna Smith

Adoration is happening in the Church during scheduled Mass times.

**Sunday, May 17**

Confessions, 10:00 AM

Monday, May 18

Confessions, 8:15 AM

Tuesday, May 19

Confessions, 11:00 AM (unless there is a funeral)

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 20

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Confessions, 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 21

Confessions, 8:15 AM

Friday, May 22

Confessions, 6:00 PM



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Fabrien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

Steubenville East Conference for this July has been **cancelled**.

For more information, please contact Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net.

VOCATIONS

“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are moving very quickly to the end of the Easter Season. For those of you who might be a bit confused by that statement, the Easter Season lasts fifty days – from Easter Sunday until the Feast of Pentecost (this year on May 31, 2020). It is refreshing to remember that while the season of Lenten sacrifice is forty days, the celebration of Easter praise is longer – fifty! Even though it may not have seemed like much of an Easter Season (no public Masses at all during Easter), it is still a time of celebration. **Jesus is risen** and has conquered death, despite the Coronavirus!

Easter ends on Pentecost, the Feast of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday, we will hear in the Acts of the Apostles of the coming of the Holy Spirit in wind and in fire. The Church is now beginning to prepare us for this celebration as our readings speak about the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that He will ask the Father to send *another Advocate* to us. Who is the first Advocate? Jesus. But now, He is going to send the Holy Spirit. Another word that you may have heard is “Paraclete.” This comes from Greek which means “to call to one’s side.” Jesus is, in essence, saying that He is sending someone who will always be with us, who will fight for us, who will draw us to the Father. The Holy Spirit is the sign that God is for us, not against us!

Often, we forget about the third Person of the Holy Trinity – the Holy Spirit. With images of fire, wind, water, a dove, among many others, He seems impersonal and un-relatable. Yet, the Holy Spirit is not an “it” but a “**He**” – a Divine Person, as God the Father and God the Son (Jesus) are Divine Persons. This means we can be in relationship with the Holy Spirit. Our faith tells us that the Holy Spirit came upon the Blessed Virgin Mary (see Luke 1:35), and she conceived Jesus in her womb. This points to the truth that Mary is the spouse of the Holy Spirit. Where Mary is the Holy Spirit is, and where the Holy Spirit is Mary is. Mary’s presence may help us to relate better with the Holy Spirit (since a mother is something we understand and to which we can relate).

We see in this work of the Holy Spirit, that the Holy Spirit brings the presence of God from eternity into time, from transcendent to imminent, from distant to near. In essence, He draws us close to God and God close to us. As Metropolitan Ignatios of Latakia said:

Without the Holy Spirit,

God is far away

Christ stays in the past,

the Gospel is a dead letter,

the church is simply an organization,

authority a matter of domination,

mission a matter of propaganda,

the liturgy no more than an evocation,

Christian living a slave morality.

But in the Holy Spirit:

the cosmos is resurrected and groans with

the birth-pangs of the kingdom,

the risen Christ is here,

the Gospel is the power of life,

the church shows forth the life of the Trinity,

authority is liberating service,

mission is Pentecost,

the liturgy is both memorial and anticipation,

human action is deified.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come and move in our lives, drawing us into the mystery of the love of God, who is for us, not against us.

During this time, St. Patrick Parish wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving for your regular weekly offering. St. Patrick relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. You can also go to our web site, www.stpatricks-pelham.com, at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Please consider electronic giving. Thank you!

Office hours are as follows: Monday, May 18th through Thursday, May 21st from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Starting the week of May 26th we will be going back to our regular office hours Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH UPDATE:
All programs continue to offer Support
during COVID-19 Crisis**

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of our physical locations are closed, all of our programs remain operational. Our staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030. You may also visit www.cc-nh.org/programs for more information on how we continue to adapt to changing needs statewide.



If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the **Altar Flowers** for 2020-2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

If anyone would like to sign-up for the **Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for 2020-2021, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

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 email at Lmurgia.871@comcast.net.



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.

CREATE A LEGACY

Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church

In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

Diocese of Manchester Online Training for Parents/Grandparents/Concerned Adults

The Diocese of Manchester is making several training programs available to parents, grandparents, and concerned adults free of charge. Our hope is that these trainings will assist you as in keeping your children safe at home, away from home, and online. The trainings are:

Safe Environment Curriculum - Safe Haven: It's Up to You (consisting of 3 videos. Total watch time is approx. 1 hour) - Learn about the signs potential abusers may display, the grooming process, signs that a child may be abused, and how to report any concerns. This training is required for anyone who plans to work or volunteer in a position involving children.

A Safe Haven Starts at Home (20 mins.) - Learn how to protect and talk with children about internet pornography, cyberbullying, and other online dangers.

Establishing Appropriate Boundaries: The Safe Side of the Line (22 mins.) - Learn about the appropriate boundary expectations we have for adults who work with minors in the Diocese of Manchester.

To view these trainings, go to <https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

- Click on "Register for a New Account" and provide the requested information. When asked to select a role, choose Volunteer, and when asked, "I participate as a/an," select Concerned Adult (not an employee/volunteer)
- Select from the trainings displayed. Once a training is completed, you may download and print a Certificate of Completion.

For additional resources, visit www.catholicnh.org/parents



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 5/10/20

Offertory Envelopes \$7,346

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,416

Total Offertory \$8,762

Utility \$859

Total Collected \$9,621

As of 5/10 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,771

I would like to thank all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 17 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

May 24 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 31 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

June 7 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

June 14 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.

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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

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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 3:45pm
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