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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 May 19
4pm **Lisa McCoy**, "52nd Birthday Remembrance", requested by Mom, Brian & family

Sunday May 20
8am **Daniel Atencio** requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am **Joseph P. DelOrfano Sr.**, 7th Anniversary, requested by his wife Angela
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday May 21
8am **Fernand Dallaire** requested by his family
Armand Berard requested by Shirley

Tuesday May 22
8am **Rev. Paul F. McHugh**
Rev. John Allard

Wednesday May 23
8am **Ruby Hill** requested by the Sobocinski family

Thursday May 24
8am **Lisa McCoy** 21st Anniversary,
Leo Lafortune, 35th Anniversary, requested by Mom, Brian & family

Friday May 25
8am No Mass

Saturday May 26
4pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Sunday May 27
8am **Robert Dexter** requested by his wife & family
Mike McCoy, 1st Anniversary, requested by his wife & son
10:30am **Roland Gonsalves** requested by Helen Gonsalves & family
6pm **Lt. Donald Taylor**, "Birthday Remembrance", requested by Donna Taylor



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Lisa & Mike McCoy by Jeannette & Brian

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 5/13/18

Offertory Envelopes \$6,512

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,731

Total Offertory \$8,243

Mother's Day Flowers \$1,324

Ascension \$1,131

Total Collected \$10,698

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Catholic Communication

collected as of 5/13/18

\$1,101

Thank you for your generosity!

Rice Bowl

collected as of 5/13/18

\$1,115

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 27 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

June 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

June 10 Utility

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

June 17 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.



Sunday, May 20

Crowning of Mary, 11:30 AM
Bike Blessing, 1:00 PM, in the upper parking lot of the church

Monday, May 21

Choir Practice, 4:00-6:30 PM, in the church
Happiness, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, May 22

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 23

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, May 24

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

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



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

Robert Horne & Heather Downing

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

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS

The first Saturday in June is reserved for ordinations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Manchester. Unfortunately, this year we have no one being ordained. In response, Bishop Libasci is asking every parish to pray for priests. Here at St. Patrick Parish, we will be **having 40 Hours Devotion: Adoration from Friday, June 1st, at 6:00 PM through Sunday, June 3rd, at 10:00 AM.** If you would like to sign-up for a time to pray for vocations, contact Jackie Hynes at jacquelinehynes@gmail.com



Would you be interested in helping out at our Community Dinners? We are looking for people to help by being Servers, Baking Desserts, Set-up and Clean-up. If interested, please call the parish office at 603-635-3525.

DAVID WONG ORDINATION

The Diocese of Manchester joyfully announces and requests the honor of your presence at the Ordination of David D. Wong to the Order of the Diaconate on next Saturday, May 26th at 10:00 AM, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 145 Lowell St., Manchester, NH. All are invited.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Birthday!

Today is Pentecost Sunday, which is the birthday of the Church. Why is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit called the birthday of the Church? We have to remember *what the Church is* to understand this. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. This is important: the Church is NOT an organization of likeminded people who gather to worship God in a set format. It's not like the Pope is the CEO of "the business: the Church, d. b. a. St. Patrick Parish," or that he is some sort of grand poohbah. The Church *is* the Body of Christ.

When St. Paul (aka Saul) was still persecuting Christians, he had a profound revelation of Christ – there was a light from the sky, he fell to the ground, and a voice from heaven spoke to him saying, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**" (Acts 9:4). When Saul asked who it was, the voice said, "**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting**" (Acts 9:5). Jesus did not say, "Why are you persecuting my organization" or "my people" but "**me.**" By persecuting the Church, Saul was actually persecuting Jesus Himself, in His Body the Church. In another place, Jesus speaks about the Last Judgment, and says, "**I was hungry... I was thirsty,... whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me**" (see Matthew 25:31-46). In these two passages, we find that Christ is really, truly present in His people; He identifies Himself *as* His Church.

This all points to the truth that the Church is not just an organization, but really, truly is the Body of Christ. The only way this can be is that the Holy Spirit animates the Church. Without the Holy Spirit, the Church really would just be an organization. There is something Divine (and, of course, human) about the Church. In order for that to be so, God must somehow be animating the Church.

I've shared this quote before, but I still find it apt:

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. (Metropolitan Ignatios of Latakia, "The Main Address," *the Uppsala Report*)

The Holy Spirit raises what we do, how we worship, *who we are* into Divine Life. **Really.** In Baptism, the Holy Spirit changes us into children of God at the very core and soul of our being, and we become a dwelling place of God, a Temple of the Holy Spirit! Do not be afraid of transcendence! God is working miracles in us – often in ways so hidden that we cannot see them – every day! We were made for God alone! The Holy Spirit makes it so that bread and wine become the very Body and Blood of Christ, that with laying on of hands, sins are not just forgiven, but erased, that with the anointing of oil, bodies and souls are healed! All in the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Church is animated with Divine Life, the Church is born. Let's pray to understand this mystery more fully, and be open to all the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Birthday!

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Patrick's, not that long ago I had the privilege of preaching at all your weekend Masses for the benefit of our UNBOUND sponsorship program. You may be happy to know that some 38 of you decided to step forward and make a monthly commitment to the young and elderly of the developing world. Thanks to you that many more lives have been changed for the better...giving hope where so little exists. If any of you at this point have decided to sponsor please go directly on line at unbound.org. To the many who would have loved to participate, but that your expenses do not make it possible, please bombard heaven with prayer that this ministry will continue to flourish. A special thank you to Fr. Von who made all this possible and the office staff who helped with so many details. I am indebted to all of you. Blessings on you and your loved ones, Fr. Joe Gosselin, M.S. La Salette Missionary.

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are a resident of Pelham and are looking for assistance with heat, electricity, food, rent and other household expenses, please call one of the following telephone numbers. Your call will be held in strict confidence or visit us on our website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org. You can call 508-2898, 635-7272, 508-8131 or 893-1713. You can also make a credit card donation on line through the same website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org or you can send us a donation by making your check payable to:

Pelham Good Neighbor Fund
P.O. Box 953
Pelham, NH 03076

All donations are tax deductible since we are a non-profit 501 (C) (3) charitable organization tax ID# 02-0484080.

The Deadline for Father's Day Memorials is Monday, June 11th.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Annual Mother's Retreat will be on Saturday, July 28th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Annual Father's Retreat will be on Saturday, August 18th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Keep a lookout for more information as we get closer to these events.

SOULFEST!!!

All ages are welcome to join us from August 2nd-4th in Gilford, NH for the biggest Christian music festival of the year. Daily Catholic Mass will be celebrated on the grounds at 9:30 AM and don't forget to visit the Diocesan tent. Daily Eucharistic, Adoration, Confession, Rosary and much more will be taking place. Get your tickets at THESOULFEST.COM. If you plan on attending all three days use the Diocesan discount code CDOFNH to receive 15% off the price of your ticket.

BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT 2018

Once again our Parish will be participating in the Baby Bottle Benefit to support the Pro-Life family services offered by the Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Manchester and Nashua. On Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd, you will have the opportunity to take an empty baby bottle home. Over the next two weeks you can drop your spare change, bills, or possibly a check into the bottle and return it on Saturday or Sunday, June 16th and 17th. Over the past years our parish has raised over \$14,000 in support of the Care Net Centers which provides loving alternatives to abortion along with education and confidential counseling to nearly 1500 women each year. Your support for this worthwhile mission, both with your prayers and your spare change, is very much appreciated. For more information about the Care Net Pregnancy Centers, please visit their website at www.thefriendsoflife.org. If you would like to assist us with passing out or collecting the bottles, please contact Laura at MrsR908@comcast.net.

Man, Woman, and the Pill:

50 Years after Humanae Vitae

Saturday, June 16, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: St. Patrick Parish

Youth Room at the School

Speaker: Reverend Monsignor

Anthony R. Frontier, S.T.D.