

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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 25
4pm	Lt. Donald Taylor requested by Donna Taylor Raymond Michaud , 17 th Anniversary, requested by Andre & Darlene Michaud & family
Sunday	May 26
8am	Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am	Roland Gonsalves requested by Helen Gonslaves & family
6pm	Lisa McCoy , 22 nd Anniversary, Mike McCoy , 2 nd Anniversary, Leo Lafortune , 36 th Anniversary, requested by Mom, Brian & family
Monday	May 27 Memorial Day
8am	Donald R. Duston, Sr. , requested by the Parish Staff
Tuesday	May 28
8am	Terry Evans , 1 st Anniversary, requested by her mom & family
Wednesday	May 29
8am	Dora Carpentier requested by Pat Lawlor
Thursday	May 30
8am	Dora Carpentier requested by St. Patrick Staff
10:00am	Intentions of all our Parishioners
7pm	Mike McCoy , 2 nd Anniversary, requested by his wife & son & family
Friday	May 31
8am	No Mass
6pm	Holy Hour
7pm	Mass of Healing and Hope
Saturday	June 1
8am	Women of Mary
4pm	Robert R. Dexter requested by his wife & family Jeanne Gagne , 1 st Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
Sunday	June 2
8am	Teresa Evans , 1 st Anniversary, requested by St. Patrick Staff
10:30am	Brian Knight requested by his family The Okoye Family requested by Nwanne & Obiora
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners

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 5/19/19

Offertory Envelopes \$5,102

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,121

Total Offertory \$6,223

Faith Life \$1,365

Total Collected \$7,588

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

June 2 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.

June 9 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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



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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Terry Evans, 1st Anniversary, by her mom & family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 26

Holy Hour for Vocations, 11:45 AM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, May 27

Parish Office is Closed

Tuesday, May 28

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 29

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, May 30

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the parish center

Friday, May 31

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church

Healing and Hope Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Thursday, May 30th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00, 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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: *Bryson Michael DeLucia, Hayden Marie LaFrance, Luciana Elizabeth Lemieux, Beckham Matthew Malloy, Myles Nicholas Martone, Lucille Noel Nelson and Thomas Zachary Martins Tracy.* Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

VOCATION

“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

Please welcome our **Seminarian Benjamin Gorewitz** who will be joining us for the months of June and July. Please look in next weekend's bulletin for more information about Benjamin.

MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

Experience God's Healing

Come with Faith

Come with Hope

Come expecting to be touched by God's Love

Friday, May 31st, at 7:00 PM

In the Church

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALL

Priest Ordination, Saturday, June 1st, at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral of **Rev. Mr. Adrian Frackowiak** and **Rev. Mr. David Wong**.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel this weekend is preparing us for the Ascension of the Lord. We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation this coming Thursday, May 30th (with Masses at 8am, 10am and 7pm). This happens forty days after the Resurrection and prepares us for the Solemnity of Pentecost – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. After Pentecost, we leave the Easter Season and enter again into Ordinary Time. This is important to note that Easter lasts fifty days. Lent may seem long (forty days) with all of its fasting and penance, but the Church wants us to know that our celebrations are longer than our penance!

Oh yeah, back to the Ascension. In this event, Jesus brings His full humanity into Heaven. He already exists there in His divinity (His “God-ness”), but also brings His humanity – body and soul. This is important to note – the Church has constantly taught that once the Word of God, the Eternal Logos, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, was united to human nature at the Annunciation (March 25, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked if she would become the Mother of God, and she, in her freedom, said “Let it be done unto me according to your word” [Luke 1:38], and He was conceived in her womb), He will NEVER be separated from it again.

Do you get this? Our humanity now has the exceptionally high dignity of forever being united, in the person of Jesus, with the God-head. He will never, never, never separate Himself from His humanity. The Resurrection is a sign of this, as Jesus is bodily raised from the dead. The Ascension also points to this, as His body is taken into Heaven.

Someone recently was sharing with me that some Catholics with whom he was speaking were discussing where the body of Jesus is now. They were unsure and claimed that nobody knew. Yet, the Scriptures tell us that His body is in Heaven. We will NOT find the body of Christ in some undiscovered tomb somewhere; it is in Heaven.

This weekend, we hear from the “Last Supper Discourse,” as John recalls how Jesus shared many teachings before He died. One such teaching was that Jesus was going to go away, but that He would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to leave us, had to ascend into Heaven? This is it – so He could send us the Holy Spirit.

But why is the Holy Spirit important in our lives? The Holy Spirit is the union between the Father and Son – the very love of Father and Son, so real, that He is a person. This person comes to us so that we can have union with God. In fact, if the Holy Spirit had not come to us, all that Jesus did would have just been a piece of history. It is the Holy Spirit who takes what Jesus did on the Cross and makes it real for our souls. It is the Holy Spirit who inhabits the Sacred Scriptures so that when we read, they speak to our lives here and now, today, not just words from 2000-3000 years ago. It is the Holy Spirit who unites us to the very Heart of God.

In fact, as mentioned above, the Holy Spirit is called the Advocate. This is such an important name because of the other guy. The Devil is called “Satan,” and “satan” means “the accuser.” He stands accusing us – accusing us of our sins, of our failings, of our unworthiness. It is the Holy Spirit who stands guarding us, defending us, with the answer to the accusation – that Jesus’ Blood covers us here and now, today, washing away our sins, and *making* us worthy in the sight of God.

As we prepare this week to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, let us rejoice that Jesus has united Himself so closely – and permanently – to our humanity, that He has raised our human dignity to the heights of union with God. Let us pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our families, in our parish, in our church, in our world, so that we may experience the close intimacy of God’s love for us.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Seven Lively Virtues

A Video Series by

Bishop Robert Barron

Join us Monday nights on June 3rd, 10th & 17th, at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school.

ADORATION

Did you know that the God of the universe has made Himself so present to us that we get to visit with Him? He is truly, Emmanuel, "God with us". We call this Adoration. We have Adoration here at St. Patrick Parish every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 AM, and from 2:00-8:00 PM. To sign up to be a committed adorer, once a week, or once a month, contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459 or jacquelinehynes@gmail.com

PENTECOST WEEKEND RETREAT

June 7-9, 2019

Is the Holy Spirit calling you? Inviting all single men between the ages of 18 and 50. Come! Spend a weekend with our Lord. Meet other men who are exploring the path to become a priest. For more information, or to register, please visit: www.liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Fr. Matthew Mason at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org

RESPECT LIFE

The NH Knights of Columbus have recognized 10 winners of the statewide Student Respect Life Essay Contest the weekend of April 27th, at an awards banquet at the Radisson, Nashua. Our Parish has a winner this year: **Keegan Norton** son of Kenneth and Holly Norton. Each winner received a check for \$100, a plaque, and an opportunity to record their essay for the broadcast on NH Catholic Radio (WICX, 102.7). Congratulations to Keegan Norton. Watch for next year's contest this coming October 2019. You, too, could win.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, June 1st, at 8:00 AM.

The Parish Office is closed this Monday for Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:30 AM.

FIAT AND QUO VADIS DAYS CAMPS

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! High school age young men and women (ages 14-18) are invited to attend our upcoming vocations camps to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. These are overnight camps held at Northeast Catholic College in Warner and are led by priests, sisters, and seminarians of the diocese. The camps include a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. The cost is only \$50 and financial aid is available. For more information, or to register please visit liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or rvinson@rcbm.org

Fiat Days (young women): July 8-11

Quo Vadis Days (young men): August 5-9

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lowell Catholic will be hosting their 6th Annual Golf Tournament on June 10th at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club. Money raised from the event will directly impact Lowell Catholic students via technology upgrades, clubs, co-curricular activities and campus improvements. For sponsorship details, or to register, for this event please visit www.lowellcatholic.org/LCgolf.

AMAZON

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change** your **Charity**. Select St. Patrick as your new **charitable** organization to support us.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2019 and 2020, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.