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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 5
4pm	Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith The Hudson & DiGiantommaso Families requested by their families
Sunday	May 6
8am	Robert Hall requested by his family
10:30am	Emile Martin , 7 th Anniversary, requested by his family
6pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners
Monday	May 7
8am	Bernie Thibault , 1 st Anniversary, requested by the 8 O'Clockers
Tuesday	May 8
8am	No Mass
Wednesday	May 9
8am	No Mass
Thursday	May 10
8am	Armand Berard requested by Gloria and Angie
10am	Intentions for all our Parishioners
7pm	Brian Knight requested by his family
Friday	May 11
8am	No Mass
7pm	Healing Mass
Saturday	May 12
4pm	Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family Michael J. Taylor Sr. , 28 th Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family
Sunday	May 13
8am	Theresa & George Straughan requested by Doug & Laura Masson Roland Bourassa requested by Anita & family
10:30am	Grace Buscema requested by her family
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners



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 week of 4/29/18

Offertory Envelopes \$5,456

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,337

Teen Ministry \$1,149

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$7,942

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

May 13 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.

May 20 Utility

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

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.

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

The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday, May 9th.

The Deadline for Mother's Day Memorials is this Monday, May 7th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 6

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 9

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 classroom
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, May 10

AA, 7:00 PM, in the school classroom

Friday, May 11

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center
Healing Mass, 7:00 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

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us on this Friday from 5:30-7:00 PM, for tasty food, laughter and terrific company at our Community Dinner, held in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

We will be having a Healing Mass this Friday at 7:00 PM in the Church.

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



On Sunday, May 20th, at 1:00 PM, the Blessing of Bikes will take place in St. Patrick Parish upper 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 27th.

BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

All mothers and fathers who are expecting are invited to join the *Blessing of the Child in the Womb*. After the 10:30 AM Mass on May 13th, Fr. Von will bless the unborn babies as well as the mothers, fathers and families gathered.

The Crowning of Mary will take place on Sunday, May 20th, at the end of the 10:30 AM Mass.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, is the ninth commandment:

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

This commandment is intimately related to the sixth commandment (you shall not commit adultery); whereas the sixth commandment is about actions, the ninth commandment is about *thoughts*.

Jesus tells us:

I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28)

First, let's define *lust*. Lust is NOT sexual desire. Sexual desire and sexual pleasure is not bad or evil; it is a gift from God Himself. Lust is a sin because it *uses* another – or even ourselves – for our own selfish, sexual pleasure. In other words, to look at a person and say something along the lines of, “Wow! God does good work!” is not necessarily a sin. To appreciate the beauty of another is not sinful. It is sin when we look at a person and see, not a person, but an object – when we *objectify* someone. When we look at a person's parts because they give me pleasure, when we use people, even in our own minds, this is lust.

When dealing with lust, there are two ways to do it: 1) to look away from the person, and push away the thoughts that use the person; 2) to look *at* the person, really look at the person, and not see the person as an object for my own pleasure, but as the sacred, unique person that God created him or her to be. Ultimately, we should be moving to the second way, but many of us are not strong enough for that (especially in this pornographized culture which teaches us from a young age to look at people as objects), so we may have to focus on looking away until our resolve is strengthened.

That brings me to my next point: while there are so many ways that we can objectify people (ogling people, fantasizing about people, etc.), one of the most insidious ways – which has become almost omnipresent in the smartphone culture – is pornography. The problem with pornography is not that it shows too much of the body, but that it shows too little of the person. One of my favorite quotes from St. John Paul II is:

The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it. (*Theology of the Body* 19:4)

The body is beautiful and can show us invisible realities – God, yes, and the *person* who is both physical and *spiritual*. Pornography doesn't point us to the person, it points us to an object to be used. Extended exposure to pornography reroutes pathways in the brain to train us to look at others as objects not people. This goes against the Heart of God who made *each person to be loved, not used!* This is why, even in marriage, pornography is not acceptable – it is a grave offense against the dignity of the person. Think about the person that is being exploited – this person is someone's daughter or son... and certainly God's daughter or son.

Because of the ever-present access to pornography, children are being exposed younger and younger to this evil. I have ordered a CD from Lighthouse media called **“Protecting Innocence”** which gives an overview of the problem of pornography in our society and families, as well as practical solutions on how to protect our children. Look for the CDs on the kiosks in the next few weeks. At the end of the CD, Matt Fradd exhorts people to use Covenant Eyes (www.covenanteyes.com) as both an internet filter and accountability software. I strongly encourage you to get it for the sake of your family!

Of course, with all sin, we remember the infinite mercy of God. If you have a sexual addiction, receive the grace of God's healing mercy in Confession, and then frequent the Eucharist in order to receive His Body as strength. Cry out to God for help when you feel weak. Get an accountability partner to help you in the struggle. If you struggle with the internet, get Covenant Eyes ***today!*** Beg Our Lady to untwist the twisted desires of our hearts which turn people into objects.

At the end of all of this, is the heart of the commandments – that we are to love one another. *Using* is not loving. Lust uses; love gives of oneself unselfishly for the other. May we not ever use another – in our minds, with our eyes, even pixels – or even use ourselves for selfish pleasure, but rather give ourselves away in authentic love.



A reminder for all those who have been preparing to receive First Communion.

- If you signed your child up for the **May 12th First Communion** date, we will have rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 9th, at 6:30 PM** in the Church.
 - If you signed your child up for the **May 19th First Communion** date, we will have rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 16th, at 6:30 PM** in the Church.
- This is a mandatory rehearsal time for all those who will be receiving their First Communion. I would ask that one parent plan on staying for the entire rehearsal time with their child. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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.



I would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to all of the Catechists that gave their time and talents this year to the Faith Life Program.

Planning is already underway for next year's program. If you feel this is a ministry God may be calling you to take part in please email Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

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.



"Experience the Shalom

Boston Catholic Community!"

JESUS aCROSS the Border – Monthly Gathering

Friday, May 18, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Church

(325 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02141)

7:30 PM – 12:00 AM

Social Event: Our signature pizza social networking event and Shalom Party to follow! Due to high demand from the Boston area, JESUS aCROSS the Border has decided to spread its wings for the next two months and will be hosting the next two events in the Boston area. We are excited to announce that we are teaming up with Shalom Boston to bring you May's event in Cambridge, MA! FREE: Parking in East Cambridge Savings Bank (292 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02141) – Please print Parking Pass from website. FREE: Limited street parking on Cambridge St. (after 6:00 PM). Please email Billy Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Page for more information.

Everybody wants to be HAPPY!

What is Happiness?

Join us on

Monday Night Teachings

May 7, 14, 21

7:00 PM in the **Youth Room** at the school



The Food Pantry is in need of Vegetable Soup, Chili and Ramen Noodles.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

This I command you: love one another. Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and June 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>