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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 3:30pm
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 November 9
 4pm **Matthew J. Janos** requested by Joan Jonas

Sunday November 10
 8am **Alexandre & Alma Boisvert & Family** requested by Anita & family
Anne Hargreaves requested by Doug & Laura Masson
 10:30am **Justin May**, 10th Anniversary, requested by his family
Nicholas Mitchell, 3rd Anniversary, requested by his mother & father
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday November 11
 8am **Francis Cote**, 28th Anniversary, **Ernest Beaudoin & Ralph Cormier** requested by his wife & children & family

Tuesday November 12
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by his wife Rita
Robert Rouleau requested by Therese & Gil Goupil

Wednesday November 13
 8am **Maureen O'Neill** requested by the Haggerty family
Fr. Donald F. Gauthier, Jr.

Thursday November 14
 8am **Anthony & Diane Robertson** requested by Katherine Bernard
 Health & Blessings for the **Albright Family** requested by the Haggerty family

Friday November 15
 8am No Mass

Saturday November 16
 4pm **Michael Taylor, Jr.**, requested by the Taylor family
Charles Hudson, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife & children

Sunday November 17
 8am **Gerald Gilday** requested by Trisha, Erica & Caitlin Yankowskas
 10:30am **Grace Buscema**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family
 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 11/3/19	
Offertory Envelopes	\$7,269
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,426
Total Offertory	\$8,695
All Saints	\$1,293
Total Collected	\$9,988

As of 11/3 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,632

Thank you for your faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 11/3/19
\$1,527

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Nov. 17 Utility

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

Nov. 24 Human Development & Black and Indian Missions

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports programs and services for persons with low income, both in NH and around the U.S. Grants support programs that address community problems, increasing educational opportunities, and the creation of jobs. A portion of this collection also supports Black and Indian Missions in the U.S.

Dec. 1 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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



Sunday, November 10

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, November 11

Happy Veteran's Day

Parish Office is closed

Tuesday, November 12

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, November 15

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

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
___	Instruct the uninformed
___	Counsel the doubtful
___	Admonish sinners
___	Comfort the sorrowful
___	Bear wrongs patiently
___	Forgive offenses
___	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
___	Feed the hungry
___	Clothe the naked
___	Give drink to the thirsty
___	Shelter the homeless
___	Comfort the imprisoned
___	Visit the sick
___	Bury the Dead



Recently St. Gianna's Place held a baby bottle campaign at your parish. Your generosity was overwhelming as \$4,400 was collected in total! On behalf of St. Gianna's Place, I would like to thank you for your donations, and your commitment to helping mothers in crisis and their babies. We depend on contributions to fund this home so that the most vulnerable among us can find a safe haven. Thank you!

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE
Congregational Church
November 26th
7:00 PM**

New This Year! We're having an Art Show in the Fellowship Hall where we'll be having refreshments and fellowship time following the service. We will be displaying entries from church members, local artists, and art classes that celebrate our creative gifts from God. Use any medium, like painting, knitting, Woodworking, and even LEGOs. Bring in the item or take a picture - be sure to put your name and phone number on the back (items can be taken home that evening). If items to be displayed can be dropped off at First Congregational Church by Monday, November 25th, it will be appreciated. Our church office is open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

TURKEY CHEER

The Knights of Columbus Council 6902 is having their Annual Turkey Dinner and raffle on Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Patrick Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM followed by our **raffles:**

For tickets and to reserve a table of 8 please call:
Erick Wright 603-635-8772
Bill Brewster 603-508-0129

Tickets are also available at the door. Adults \$11, Seniors & Children \$9 per person. Donations for raffles are greatly appreciated. Please contact Bill Brewster at 603-508-0129.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 11th and will reopen on Tuesday November 12th at 8:30 AM.

Pastor's Corner



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's readings are about *resurrection*. Remember that *in Jesus* we have the promise of resurrection at the end of time. Just to clarify, when Jesus (and anyone in the Scriptures) speaks of *resurrection*, he means that the *body* is raised up. This is the definition of resurrection. The Apostles' Creed reminds us of this when we say, I believe "in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." Sometimes we think that going to heaven means we will finally be free of our bodies. The reality is that to be completely human, we are body and soul – an ensouled body, or an embodied soul. While we believe in the immortality of the soul (that the soul exists beyond the life of the body), we know that a soul separated from the body is not fully itself, not fully human (hence every ghost story). We also believe that at the end of time, when Jesus comes again at the last judgment, our bodies will rise and we will again be fully human – body and soul united – now with "glorified" bodies. These will be something like Jesus' resurrected body – something the same (Jesus still had the nail marks in His hands and feet, as well as the spear thrust in His side), but something different (He was able to walk through locked doors, and His disciples often did not recognize Him at first).

The first reading from II Maccabees tells of the "pre-Jesus" belief in the resurrection. The Greeks had invaded Israel and were forcing their pagan culture on the monotheistic Jews. Some resisted to the point of torture and death. We hear (in part) about a woman with seven sons who were tortured because they wouldn't eat pork, a food forbidden to the Jews. As the second brother is being tortured and killed, he says,

"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." (II Mac 7:9, emphasis added)

When the third brother has his tongue and hands cut off, he says

"It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." (II Mac 7:11)

When they kill the fourth brother, he says

"It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life." (II Mac 7:14)

The great courage of these brothers and their mother (if you read the whole passage in the Bible), points to the reason for their hope – the resurrection. Their belief in God's fidelity to His promises is absolute. They experience intense suffering and death, losing parts of their bodies, with the firm knowledge that they will receive them back from God. Again, this is before Jesus came and rose again! They knew that there was something more than this world, and their daily lives reflected it.

Do we have such faith? I'm not talking about being martyred, but do we allow our faith in God to go out of the doors of the church and effect how we live, how we interact with people, how we do business, how we drive, how we raise our children, how we shop, what we watch, how we take care of the poor and our world?

In the Gospel, Jesus encounters the Sadducees (the priestly class that offered sacrifice in the Temple: they did not believe in the resurrection). They pose an "impossible" question to Jesus about the impossibility of there being a resurrection: a woman is married to seven brothers (in accord with the Levitical law, because each died childless) – whose wife will she be in the resurrection? Jesus answers that in the resurrection there will be no marriage. Why not? Marriage is a sign pointing to something greater (see Eph 5:32) – the marriage between Christ and His Church (us).

I have said this before, but I'll say it again: the summary of the Bible is "**God wants to marry us.**" The Bible starts with a marriage (Adam and Eve in Genesis) and ends with a marriage (the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in Revelation), and smack dab in the middle is erotic love poetry (the Song of Songs). This is because the whole of our life on earth is about God proposing to us. Heaven is when we fully accept this invitation and become Jesus' "Bride".

Jesus tells us there is no more marriage in the age to come, not because marriage is bad, but because it is a sign pointing to a reality greater than itself – the marriage between God and us. When we have the reality, we no longer need the sign. It's like when you're trying to find the exit – you may need the sign to point you to it, but you don't want the sign, you want the reality. Everything good and beautiful and desirable about marriage is a sign of how God loves us – the intimacy, the tenderness, the fulfillment. All love will be *perfected* in Heaven (so we will love our spouses... and everyone else... even more than we do now).

This is the promise of the resurrection – not only our bodies renewed, but every longing we have finally having ultimate fulfillment! May we truly focus how we live our lives on this incredible truth of God's love for us!

**PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is celebrating 50 years of service to the Pelham, NH community. It was established in 1969 to help our Neighbors In Need at Christmas with food, clothing and toys. We started by organizing a food and donations drive in front of Purity Supreme Supermarket at the Pelham Plaza with the help and support of many organizations who helped collect the donations. The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund then expanded their program year round, which included providing financial assistance for many household expenses. In 1991, the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund established the Sponsor-A-Child program to help families who needed assistance in providing Christmas gifts for their children. Since the program began, over 1600 children have received clothing and toys. We recently held our 26th Annual Golf Tournament and in December, we will be holding our 50th Annual Christmas Drive. Since we are a non-profit charitable organization, all donations are tax deductible. The organization also awards a minimum of 2-\$2500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors of the town who are going to attend college; we have awarded 28 scholarships amounting to \$70,000.00 over the past 19 years. Our slogan is "People Helping People" and that has certainly been our experience in good times as well as bad times. The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be hosting our 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Harris Pelham Inn on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The tickets are \$40.00 each which includes a turkey dinner and dancing. If you are interested in going to our celebration, please call Brenda Blake at 635-3590 or Karen Fournier at 635-2774. We would also like you to know that after 43 years of service, 38 as President, Frank Sullivan will be retiring from the organization. Please join us in wishing him the best.

MARCH FOR LIFE

If you are interested in prayerfully & peacefully Marching in Washington, DC for the 2020 March for Life, contact Fr. Von. This years' trip is January 23-25, 2019.

VOCATIONS

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart 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

**ST. PATRICK PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council have begun. If you want to nominate yourself or another, forms are at the main entrance of the Church. Please return nominations to the office or collection basket by November 10th.



St. Gianna's is accepting toy donations for its annual toy sale to be held on December 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave in Derry. Please consider donating your gently used toys at St. Patrick's. Toys can be placed in the bin located outside the K of C Hall downstairs. If you have a large donation, it may be brought to Jen Harrington at 67 Susan Drive, Pelham. Simply leave your bagged donation on the driveway. Proceeds from this sale go to help the needy in our community through St. Thomas' outreach programs and to St. Gianna's Place. Donations will be accepted through December 5th. Thank you in advance! For any questions, please call Jen at 603-327-7894.

The Blessing Cup is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. If you are interested in hosting the Blessing Cup please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

**FROM NOTHING TO COSMOS:
GOD AND SCIENCE**

Monday night in the Youth Room at the School on November 18th at 7:00 PM.