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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434**  
(all lowercase).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 11</b>
4pm	<b>Justin Alan May</b> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family <b>Bernie Thibault</b> requested by the 8 O'Clockers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 12</b>
8am	Rena Cayer requested by her family <b>Rev. John Sledziona</b> requested by Donna Smith
10:30am	<b>Norman Carpentier</b> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Cheryl Brunelle & Carpentier family
6pm	<b>Intentions for all our Parishioners</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 13</b>
8am	<b>Mary Dichard</b> requested by Gilbert & Therese Goupil
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 14</b>
8am	<b>Arthur Proulx</b> requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 15</b>
8am	<b>Shirley Lewis</b> requested by David & Maureen Groff
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 16</b>
8am	Health & Blessings for <b>Ralph &amp; Judy Nelson</b> requested by the Bible Study Group
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 17</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 18</b>
4pm	<b>Emmett L. Beane, Jr.</b> , 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Jane
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 19</b>
8am	<b>Charles Hudson</b> "Birthday Remembrance" requested by his wife & children <b>Nicholas Mitchell</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by his Mother & Father
10:30am	<b>Grace Buscema</b> "Birthday Remembrance" requested by her family
6pm	<b>Intentions for all of our Parishioners</b>

## 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 following week:

Offertory 11/5/17	\$7,454
All Saints Day	\$1,273

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,727**

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

## Capital Improvements

collected as of 11/5/17

\$1,758

Thank you for your generosity!



## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Nov. 12 Utility

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

### Nov. 19 Human Development

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.

### Nov. 26 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, November 12

Extraordinary Ministers Retreat, 9:15 AM, in the church

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Confirmation I 4:00-5:45 PM, in the school

Confirmation I Parents Meeting, 4:00-5:45 PM, in the parish center

### Monday, November 13

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

### Tuesday, November 14

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

### Wednesday, November 15

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, November 16

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

### Saturday, November 18

Turkey Cheer, 5:00 PM, in the parish center

Youth Group, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

## MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING

### WHO AM I TO JUDGE

Our world teaches that there is no objective truth, no truth that is true for everyone. Join us for an eight part video series by Dr. Edward Sri called, "Who Am I to Judge" which discussed relativism. The classes are at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School. Dates are: 11/20, 11/27, 12/18. For more information, contact Fr. Von in the office or [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)

### LOCAL YOUNG ADULT EVENT:

#### JESUS aCROSS the Border

November 17, 2017

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine

Lowell, MA

7:30-11:00 PM

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, for our monthly event! Our evening begins at 7:30 PM with Eucharist Adoration and Praise & Worship lead by Mike McDuffee.

Fr. Von DeRosia joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9:00 PM and following Mass we will have a pizza social. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to find a community of like-minded people and be introduced to many local, Catholic young adult groups from the area!

Please email Billy Beauchesne at [JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com)

or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder> for more information.



Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Christmas Craft fair and we are looking for baked goods. If you can bake for us bars, brownies, cookies, etc., please bring your baked goods on Friday between 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Parish Center. Thank you!

<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



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Scriptures this weekend evoke in me a great longing for God! I pray they do for you as well. I'll just share some of my reflections.

In the first reading, the author is speaking about Wisdom, and how she is ready, waiting, prepared to anticipate our desire. We have many desires, but the desire for wisdom is deep-seated... maybe deeper than we often feel. If we truly seek wisdom and truth, she will be there to satiate our desire.

The Responsorial Psalm today is from Psalm 63. Clergy and religious solemnly promise to pray for the Church, specifically through the "Divine Office" which is comprised mostly of the Psalms. Psalm 63 is used at morning prayer in week 1 (of a 4 week cycle), and for morning prayer on all Feast Days and Solemnities. This should tell us that the Church has a special place in her heart for this Psalm. The response is:

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

*My soul is thirsting!* Whether we recognize it or not, at the heart of all of our desires, at the heart of all of our longing is a longing for God. When we recognize it, we can direct ourselves toward God to have our thirst quenched. Otherwise, we will keep looking and longing, and filling with things that will not satisfy.

*My soul is thirsting!* I'm thinking about in the heat of summer when I go out for a walk with my parents... when we get home, I will sometimes drink a whole glass of water (probably too quickly), and then fill up again to nurse a second one! *My soul is thirsting.* O Lord, help me to recognize how every thirst within me can only be satisfied by the water of your love!

The second reading reminds us that we are destined for heaven – to be with our Lord forever! We were made for something greater than this earthly stuff; we were made for eternity, we were made for God. Oh, to look truly beyond the natural and to see the supernatural for which we thirst!

In the Gospel, Jesus tells another parable of the Kingdom. We hear much about waiting virgins (wise and foolish ones), as well as the bridegroom. Throughout the parable, what is noticeably absent is any mention of the bride. The Church (that's us, remember) is the Bride of Christ. My constant reminders that the summary of the Bible that "God wants to marry us" should come to mind. I use this image not because I think it is cute, but because the love between husband and wife – the passionate love, the intimate love, the tender love, the enduring love, the self-sacrificing love – is the nearest thing we experience on this earth to the love God has for us. True, it is still an analogy, but not because God's love is less, but because marriage will never reach the heights of passion and intimacy and tenderness and endurance and self-sacrificing that God's love does for us!

The Divine Bridegroom is coming to welcome His Bride into His home. He longs to bring us to Himself. He is thirsting for us far more than we thirst for Him. What is needed is that we live our lives in such a way that we are ready to enter into the fullness of the love of God when He comes for us. If we are foolish and think (like the foolish virgins) that we can just use other people's readiness, we will be locked out. As the saying goes, "God has no grandchildren." We cannot think that we will get to heaven based on the merits of our parents (or grandparents) and how close they were to God. We must prepare ourselves for the coming of God in our lives. This coming is not fearful – since the Bridegroom comes not to place fear into His Bride, but one of warm and tender love . . . if we are ready to welcome Him.

Like all of the virgins in the parable, we may not know when the Bridegroom is coming, and may fall asleep waiting. If, however, we have lived our lives for Him (filling up our lamps with oil, as it were), when the cry comes, "**Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!**" (Matthew 25:6), we will not run away trying to make up for lost time, nor will we sheepishly come to meet Him. No, we will run to Him, knowing that He truly is the fulfillment of our desires, the water which quenches our thirst, eternal life we have been waiting for all our lives!





The Knights of Columbus Council 6902 is having their Annual Turkey Dinner and raffle on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

John Costa 603-508-0579

James Dolan 603-635-7737

Tickets are also available at the door. Adults \$10.00/Seniors & Children \$8.00 per person. Donations for raffles are greatly appreciated. Please contact John M. Costa at 603-508-0579.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for your generosity at our last raffle ticket sales. We sold \$718 worth of tickets, half of which \$359 goes directly to the Pelham Food Pantry. The other half goes to the State Council's charities since they run the raffle.



#### **USED TOY SALE/Donations Needed**

In order to help feed the hungry, donations of **gently** used toys are needed to be sold at a used toy sale. Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas Aquinas Food Pantry. Toys should be free of missing or broken pieces and should be nice enough for a child to receive for Christmas. All toys should be contained in bags or boxes. Toys will be collected until November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Drop-off is at 67 Susan Drive in Pelham.** Simply leave your bagged donation on the driveway. Toy sale is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Thomas Church in Derry from 9AM-12PM. Call Jen with questions: 603-327-7894.

#### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Are you interested in learning how to become Catholic? Curious about the process? Know someone who is interested? Please email Fr. Von at [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net) or 603-635-3525.

#### **THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND**

##### **48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE**

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee is asking for your support so that we will be able to help individuals and families during Christmas with food, clothing and toys for the children who live in Pelham. We are asking individuals, families, businesses, organizations, schools, civic and church groups to be as generous as possible. Volunteers will be accepting food and cash donations on Saturday and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the parking lot at the Pelham Plaza. If you would like to make a donation on line, please visit our website at <http://www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org> or you can make your check payable to the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, P.O. Box 953, Pelham, NH 03076. Your cash donation is tax deductible since we are a 501(C) (3) charitable organization. The committee also uses the money collected during the drive to provide financial assistance 52 weeks a year for food, heat, rent, electricity, and other household expenses for Pelham residents. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated so we can help our Neighbors In Need. If you need help during the holidays, please call one of the people listed below or email us at [pgnfsponsorachild@live.com](mailto:pgnfsponsorachild@live.com).

If you would like to sponsor a child or family for Christmas, please also call one of the people listed below or go to St. Patrick's Church to pick out a name tag(s).

Jeanne DiRocco (603) 635-2089

Brenda Blake (603) 339-0679

Karen Fournier (978) 319-8650

You can call Jeanne DiRocco any time, Brenda Blake and Karen Fournier after 6:00 PM during the week and after 10:00 AM on the weekend. We need to hear from you no later than Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Your call for help will be handled in strict confidence.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels**.