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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

FOR THE WEEK



The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Thanksgiving. The money will be in next weekend bulletin.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 25</b>
4pm	<b>Michael J. Taylor, Jr.</b> "Birthday Remembrance" requested by the Taylor family <b>Henry St. Onge</b> , 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Rita & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 26</b>
8am	<b>Alexandre &amp; Alma Boisvert &amp; Family</b> requested by Anita & family
10:30am	<b>Leo Miranda</b> requested by Karen & Kevin Martin <b>George Dallaire</b> requested by his family
6pm	<b>Intentions for all our Parishioners</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 27</b>
8am	<b>Irene Harel</b> requested by Gilbert & Therese Goupil
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 28</b>
8am	<b>Armand Groulx, Sr.</b> requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 29</b>
8am	<b>In Honor of the Virgin Mary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 30</b>
8am	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew Genereux</b> requested by their daughters Andrea & Georgette
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 1</b>
8am	<b>Michael DeAmato</b> requested by John & Kathy Walton-DeAmato
6pm	Holy Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 2</b>
8am	Women of Mary
4pm	<b>Charles Hudson</b> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 3</b>
8am	<b>Robert Hall</b> requested by his family
10:30am	<b>Phillip R. Cieszynski</b> requested by his family
6pm	<b>Intentions for all our Parishioners</b>



## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>Faith Life Formation</b>
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.	
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Capital Improvements</b>
This collection helps with projects around the parish.	
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Retirement Fund for the Religious</b>
This collection provides grants for the support of retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.	
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.	
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Faith Life Formation</b>
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.	
Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.	



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Henry St. Onge, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife Rita & Family

**Join us in our tradition of the Lighting of the Outdoor Crèche on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Immediately followed by Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Crafts in the Parish Center. All are welcome!**

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM.**  
**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, November 26

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall  
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room  
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

### Monday, November 27

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, in the church  
Who Am I to Judge, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

### Tuesday, November 28

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Extraordinary Ministers Retreat, 7:00 PM, in the church

### Wednesday, November 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  
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom  
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

### Thursday, November 30

Confessions, 6:00 PM, in the church  
AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall  
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

### Friday, December 1

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church

### Saturday, December 2

Craft Fair, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, in the parish center  
Youth Group, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school



Please check out our Lost & Found. If you do not claim your belonging by December 17<sup>th</sup> we will reassign the items. Thank you!

## ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Advent is an awesome time to purify yourself and get ready for Christmas. There are several opportunities beyond the usual Saturday afternoon: Sundays 7:30-7:45 AM, 10:00-10:15 AM, 5:30-5:45 PM (not including Christmas Eve), and Wednesdays, 12/13 and 12/20 at 7:00 PM. We also have our Advent Penance Service at St. Matthew Parish in Windham on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

## 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: 11/27, 12/18. For more information, contact Fr. Von in the office or [fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net)

## MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. You go to the Parish website [www.stpatrick-pelham.com](http://www.stpatrick-pelham.com) and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link [ptv.viebit.com](http://ptv.viebit.com)



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!

### 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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. At the heart of this Feast is recognizing that *I am NOT Lord of all*, nor is any other created power (human or angelic), but only God! The Gospel today teaches us how to recognize Christ and how to honor Him. The interesting thing from the Gospel, is that when Jesus comes in power on His throne at the end of time, He shares that He was not to be recognized in the great things of the world, but in the least ones:

**whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.** (Matthew 25:40)

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta recognized this fact, that Jesus was present in the least, in the hungry, in the poor, in the suffering. She dedicated her life to serving these least, little ones. What a powerful witness! I remember hearing a Catholic speaker named Steve tell about how he spent his vacation time in Calcutta in order to work with Mother Teresa... and she wasn't there! He was somewhat ashamed at his inability to do some of the more "disgusting" jobs needed at the home of the dying, but the sisters were very kind and assigned him roles he could handle for his time there. On Steve's last day in the house, Saint Teresa arrived... and not only did she come, she had him work directly with her.

Saint Mother Teresa invited Steve to go with her into the streets. When they found a dying man in the gutter, Steve couldn't tell her that he was too disgusted to pick him up... after all, this is Mother Teresa we're talking about! So Steve picked this dying man up, and carried him (albeit, as far from his own body as possible) back to the home for the dying. When they arrived there, Mother Teresa instructed Steve to remove the man's clothing and place him in the bath. Again, somewhat revolted, but not wanting to refuse Mother Teresa, he did what he was told. Then she told Steve to bath him as she went to attend to other duties. At one point as he was bathing the dying man, he suddenly noticed a brilliant light in the bathroom. He looked down and literally saw Jesus in the tub – in this dying man. He stopped in awe. Then he heard the voice of Mother Teresa behind him, "**You saw Him, didn't you?**"

Most often Jesus does not manifest Himself in such a way, but that doesn't mean that we can't train ourselves to see Him. If we dare to spend the time gazing upon His Eucharistic Body in Adoration, we will train our eyes to see Him under the form of bread. We will also train our eyes to see Him in the lowliest of people. He truly is there, even when they don't recognize His presence in themselves. Yet Jesus is present. **Do we see Him?**

As we hear in the Gospel, caring for Christ is essential to our salvation. Notice, the ones who are condemned are not condemned because of *sins of commission* (sins they commit, like stealing, lying or adultery), but because of *sins of omission* – things they failed to do, ways they failed to love. They did not reach out to the hungry, and lonely, and poor; they did not do Acts of Mercy (and here's another reminder to make sure we are continuing to focus on Acts of Mercy, as we steadily make our way to **1,000,000 Acts of Mercy**). **Do we see Him?**

In one sense, it is not necessary to recognize Christ in the people we serve – after all, those Jesus calls into the inheritance didn't recognize Him. However, we have to be careful not to do service for the sake of service, or because it makes *me* feel good. To throw a sandwich at a beggar on the street may feed his stomach, but has done nothing to recognize the sacred dignity of the person. By striving to see Christ in this person, we will want to give him the dignity of a name, of love. **Do we see Him?**

Jesus is not just present in the materially poor. In the story, Jesus is present in the lonely. And don't we have a society of loneliness today. We connect via Facebook – so oddly named since we can spend our life on it and never have to be face to face with anyone – yet never really connect with anyone. Think about the people you work with: how many of them are really Jesus, in the distressing disguise of a lonely person? Think about your kids. Think about the elderly alone in nursing homes. As I would go with my mother to visit my grandfather in the nursing home (he had 10 kids, and he had constant company throughout the week), I would lament when my mother told me about certain residents who never had any visitors. **Jesus: alone and sad.** Here's a hard one: in our own loneliness, do we recognize that Jesus is present in us, not despite our loneliness, but *because* of it? **Do we see Him?**

May we take this holy day to honor Christ the King, giving Him the honor that is His due – both in the Eucharistic species of Holy Communion, and in each person that we meet.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is sponsoring the Christmas Gift Program again this year. This is our chance to help our less fortunate neighbors by providing gifts for their children. Watch for the tags with attached gift requests. Simply choose one of the tags purchase the gift and return the gift with the tag attached to the Chapel by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wrap the gift. Thanks for helping to make this Christmas season a little brighter for some of our local children.

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### COME ALL YE CHILDREN

Please join us this year and participate in St. Patrick's Christmas Eve Pageant before the 4:00 PM Children's Mass. Rehearsals for the pageant will be in the Church:

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-10:30 AM

Angels, Shepherds and Singers are needed!

For more information, please contact Gary & Wendy Williams at 603-635-7669.

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### 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.

## 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.

### WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email [WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com](mailto:WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com). Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the church.