

**CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**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.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 7</b>
4pm	Justin Alan May, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 8</b>
8am	Helene Jeknazorian requested by her sister & family
10:30am	Helen E. Taylor, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family
6pm	Roger L'Heureux, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Pauline, Kathy, Bobby & Eddy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 9</b>
8am	Mary Panebianco requested by Manny Souza
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 10</b>
8am	Francis Cote, 24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Juliette Witkos & Robert Beaudoin requested by his wife, children & their families
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 11</b>
8am	Kevin Cao requested by the Lemieux family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 12</b>
8am	Karen Perry requested by Armand & Joan Berard
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 13</b>
8am	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 14</b>
4pm	Emmett L. Beane, Jr., 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Jane
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 15</b>
8am	Alexandre & Alma Boisvert & Family requested by Anita & family
10:30am	Grace Buscema "Birthday Remembrance" requested by her family
6pm	Intentions of all our parishioners

**The Parish Office is closed on  
Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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 11/1/15                      \$8,232

Total funds collected for this week for  
parish expenses                      \$8,232

Thank you for your continued support  
~Fr. Von~

## **Capital Improvements**

collected as of 11/1/15

\$1,536

Thank you for your generosity!



## **SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

### **Nov. 15      Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### **Nov. 22      Human Development**

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

### **Nov. 29      Fuel**

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

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



### **Sunday, November 8**

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

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

### **Monday, November 9**

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Theology of the Body, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

### **Tuesday, November 10**

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

### **Wednesday, November 11**

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

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

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Catholicism, 6:30 PM, in the meeting room

### **Thursday, November 12**

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

### **Saturday, November 14**

Men's Club, 7:30 AM, in the parish center

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### **ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB**

St. Patrick Men's Club will be held on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** from **7:30 AM to 9:00 AM**, for breakfast and fellowship. If any man or young man is interested in attending/joining the Men's Club, please come and join us. All men are welcome!

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### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

November is the month set aside for members of Saint Patrick Parish to nominate others members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available in the front entrance of the Church. Please use a separate nomination form for each name submitted. Please get in your nomination by Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **TURKEY CHEER**

The Knights of Columbus is having their annual Turkey Cheer Dinner and Raffles on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at St Patrick Parish Center. Doors open at 5:00PM. All you can eat Dinner starts at 6:00 PM followed by our after Dinner **raffles**. For tickets and to reserve tables of 8 or more please call: John Costa at 603-508-0579. Tickets are also available at the door. Adults are \$9.00, Seniors & Children \$7.00 per person. Donations for raffles are greatly appreciated please contact John Costa.

### **NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK**

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Dei Verbum* (the Vatican II Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation) on November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Church in the United States is participating **for the first time** in National Bible Week. **Please bring your own Bible to Mass with you next weekend.**



We are still looking for crafters for St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair to be held on December 5, 2015. Cost is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 to get an application for that weekend.

**Please check out our Parish Website at [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com) to find our Church Bulletins, Fr. Von's and Fr. John's Homilies, Connect to FORMED and to find out other information that is happening in the Parish.**

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Fall **Men's weekend** are December 3-6. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (635-3525).

## FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend's Gospel speaks about the poor widow's generosity: she puts her whole livelihood into the Temple treasury. Her liberality is lauded by Jesus for it is a reflection of God's generosity. God did not hold back anything – he even gave His only begotten Son so that we could have life, eternal life abundantly. This is the generous and infinite merciful love of God – that He will do anything (except hinder our free will) in order to draw us to Himself. He grants pardon and mercy if we but turn to Him in repentance! As we continue to prepare for this extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, we should spend time reflecting on this gift of mercy. As we become more devoted to Divine Mercy, we open ourselves more to receive His Gift. When Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the early part of the last century, He gave her several ways to help reflect on His mercy, and open the world to that mercy. The acronym **FINCH** can help us remember these graces.

Jesus asked St. Faustina that the world celebrate His **Feast** of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday). Since 2000, the whole Church has celebrated this day remembering God's great gift of mercy. Jesus said to St. Faustina, **"On that day, the very depths of my tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. ... On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"** (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 699). He also said, **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"** (*ibid.*). This is GREAT! No other "strings attached"! It truly is a day of Jubilee, when all sin is forgotten, all sin is gone simply by using the grace of Confession and the Eucharist. You might want to mark your calendars – this coming year, **Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 3, 2016.**

The **Image of Divine Mercy**, which Faustina had painted, has rays of red and white coming out of the Heart of Jesus – these symbolize the Blood and Water that flowed from Jesus' side, as well as the wellspring of the Sacraments: Eucharist and Baptism. At the bottom of the picture are the key words, *"Jesus, I Trust in You."* In my times of great struggle, I have repeated these words over and over to remember Jesus' faithfulness and mercy. Jesus said about the image, **"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory"** (*Diary* 48). What a promise!

A **Novena** is a prayer which is usually prayed over the course of nine days ("novena" comes from the word for "nine"). The **Novena of Divine Mercy** is done by praying Chaplets (to be discussed next) over nine consecutive days. This prayer can be done anytime, but is especially asked for in the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. This means starting on Good Friday. Jesus promised, **"By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls"** (*Diary*, 796).

**C** is for **Chaplet**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is very powerful, for it draws its strength from the Mass ("Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ..." – this means we offer the EUCHARIST, Jesus Himself, to the Father). St. Faustina was able to stop storms with this prayer, and I have found it powerful in my own life. It is prayed on ordinary Rosary beads, and takes about seven minutes to pray. Jesus said, **"The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death"** (*Diary*, 754) and **"Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy"** (*Diary*, 687).

Finally, we come to **H** for **Hour**. The **Hour of Divine Mercy** is **3:00pm**, when Jesus breathed His last. At His death, and all was finished, Divine Mercy was poured out on the world. So from 3:00-4:00, we celebrate the Hour of Great Mercy. He asks of us to spend time, even if we can only spare a few seconds because of our duties, to console His Heart during the Hour of Mercy. If we take time to think about His loving sacrifice on the Cross during this hour, He promises, **"This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. ... I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion"** (*Diary*, 1320). I have my alarm set to go off every day at 3:00 to remind me to take some time with Jesus.

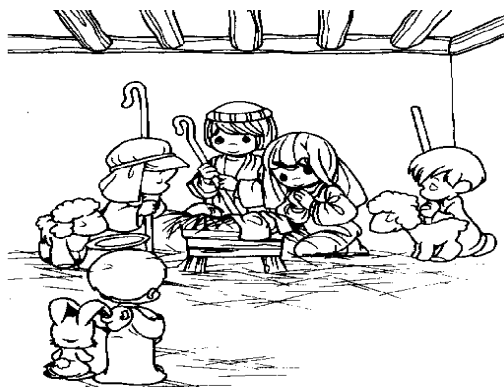
I hope that you will be able to prepare yourself for this time of great mercy! Embrace FINCH, and see God's grace.

## FAITH LIFE

- Faith Life Classes are held next weekend in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation I Class is next Sunday, from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation II Retreat will be held on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 PM and Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Snacks on Friday night along with meals on Saturday will be provided in the cafeteria of the school.
- Confirmation I Retreat will be held on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Parish Center. Lunch will be provided.



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 Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Saturday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Angels, Shepherds and Singers are needed!  
For more information, please contact Gary &  
Wendy Williams at 603-635-7669.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

If anyone is interested in purchasing our Church Directory please stop by the Parish Office. We only have limited supply left. The cost is \$10.00.

## THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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. 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the parking lot at the Pelham Plaza. If you would like to make a donation on line, please visit our website at [www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org](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. 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

Jeanne DiRocco (603) 635-2089 or (603) 401-8977

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 Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Your call for help will be handled in strict confidence.

## 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 in Derry. 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. Please no loose toys or random pieces. Toys will be collected until December 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Drop-off is at 67 Susan Drive, Pelham, NH.** Toy sale will be December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Aquinas Center at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry from 9AM-12PM. **Please Call Jen with questions at 603-327-7894.**