



Saturday November 7

4pm ~ Emmett L. Beane, Jr., 10th Anniversary, requested by his wife Jane

Sunday November 8

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

10:30am ~ Una Harrington, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

Christian Paul Gualtierri requested by the Gualtieri family

6pm ~ Helen E. Taylor, 11th Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family

Monday November 9

8am ~ Mario Matos requested by his wife Rita
George & Theresa Muldoon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Tuesday November 10

8am ~ Richard Groulx, Birthday Remembrance requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx
Rev. Robert J. Densmore

Wednesday November 11

8am ~ Nicholas Betancur requested by his family
Stephen Carr requested by the Fancher family

Thursday November 12

8am ~ John Vignatti, MD, requested by John Laderoute
Health & Blessings for Alice Haggerty & Mike & Joan Pirot requested by the Haggerty family

Friday November 13

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday November 14

4pm ~ Michael J. Taylor, Jr., Birthday Remembrance, requested by the Taylor family
Florence & Louis Jacques requested by their son

Sunday November 15

8am ~ Joseph M. Ferreira, 3rd Anniversary, requested by his wife Molly & family

10:30am ~ Grace Buscema, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 10

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

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

Wednesday, November 11

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, November 12

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Friday, November 13

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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of George Riess, Birthday Remembrance, by his sister Rosemary Dole

Pray for Vocations

"...those who were ready went into the wedding feast..." Are you ready to respond to Christ's call for a vocation. If He is calling you to discern serving Him as a priest or consecrated religious, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend has one of my favorite Psalms – Psalm 63. The Liturgy of the Hours (the official prayer of the Church, prayed by all clergy and religious) has this Psalm as part of Morning Prayer on Sunday in the first week of the four-week cycle, and for every Feast and Solemnity. The response at today’s Mass is **“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God”** (Ps. 63:2b). The first part of the Psalm (verse 2) says:

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Do you hear it? It’s all about thirst for God. There is such a longing, a pining for God evident in this Psalm. **“My flesh pines and my soul thirsts”!** And this longing is for God!

The world tells us that we should run after our desires. However, as “good Catholics,” we see the trouble that our desires get us into, and we may be tempted to suppress our desires. The thing is, it is only *by* our desires that we get to Heaven. What do I mean? We need to increase, not decrease our desire, for desire is like the rocket fuel that will allow us to fly to Heaven, into the Heart of God!

The problem isn’t with the desire itself. The problem is which way our “rocket” is facing. If we are facing in on ourselves – as the world tells us to – then when the “rocket fuel” of desire ignites, it will lead to destruction. But – and this is a big “but” – if our desires are pointed in the right direction (God), we can fly to the stars!

Every desire we have in this world is really a desire for God. Food, sleep, entertainment, sex, stability, security, love... every desire is really a desire for God. On the basic level, these desires point to the longing we have for God to fulfill us. On a deeper level, our desires are for God Himself. The problem is that we too often “short-circuit” our deepest desires – we point to earthly things to fill the deepest longing and emptiness within us. This emptiness is infinite and can only be filled by the infinite God. When we look to our spouse to be our fulfillment, for instance, we are being completely unfair to that person. He or she can NEVER be anyone’s ultimate fulfillment, and we will be left empty.

This is where this weekend’s Psalm comes in. It is showing us that our desires are really for God, and that we need to recognize this, and redirect our “short-circuited” desires back to God.

How do we do this? Prayer. Pope Benedict XVI said, **“Prayer, properly understood, is nothing other than becoming a longing for God.”** Too often, we think prayer has to be something formal, or using certain words, or is about petitioning God. The reality is that prayer is meant to be a union with God. When we surrender ourselves over to our deepest desires, we allow ourselves to long for God. And this longing *is* prayer.

Do you long for God? Well... yes. But, do you know you long for God? As I have said countless times before, the summary of the Bible is **“God wants to marry us.”** We need to fall in love with God. He, after all, is desperately in love with us.

I invite you this week to take this Psalm and let it become your prayer. **“O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.”** Repeat it over and over. Pray with it. Let it become a part of you. Let it stir up that deep longing for God that is already within.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

October is the month set aside for members of St. Patrick Parish to nominate other 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 submit your nomination by **Sunday, November 15th**.

AMAZON

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change** your **Charity**. Select St. Patrick as your new **charitable** organization to support us.



VIRTUAL VOCATION DINNERS

The Lord is continuing to call! We would like to invite men and women in our diocese who are considering a vocation in the Church or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to a virtual evening of prayer and conversation with the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Manchester. Virtual St. Andrew Dinner with men of all ages: Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 PM. Virtual Miriam Dinner with women of all ages: Friday, November 20th, at 7:00 PM. For more information, and to register, please visit the diocesan vocations website at liveinblackandwhite.com

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the School Supply Drive for Cor Unum Meal Center. We were able to make and distribute around 140 bags, and the kids absolutely loved them! The donations were so much appreciated, and I am so thankful for all of the parishioners at St. Patrick's.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH LIFE CORNER

"I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Rules, rules, so many rules! This might be a line you have heard recently from your children but, the reality is that adults can fall prey to the same rebellion at times when it comes to God and His Church. This month in the Faith Life Program families are exploring the major question, why does God give us so many rules to follow?

The short answer to this question is, Love! Think of a parent who does not enforce boundaries and rules for their children. Is that what love looks like, to allow the children we are responsible for to run amok? No, we understand that real love and mercy sets boundaries in order to protect the one that is loved.

God is Love and in His great Mercy He gives us the gift of rules, like the 10 Commandments, to follow so that we may one day be with Him in Eternal Paradise. What a good Father we have.

God Bless you all. Pray for me, and know that I am praying for you.

-Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

Wednesday, November 11th

St. Pat's Youth Ministry - 6:00-7:00 PM

These in person meetings are open to grades 8-12. We will be meeting at the school in the youth room. Social distancing will be practiced and masks must be worn. This time of fellowship and prayer is essential and each month we will be discussing one of the 7 Cardinal Virtues.

Our Virtue of the Month is: Faith!

What does it look like to live out the virtue of Faith in our daily lives? What does Scripture tell us about Faith? Who were some Saints that showed amazing Faith? These are all questions we will ponder along with some good old fellowship. Looking forward to seeing all of you. All in grades 8-12 are welcome to these meetings, it is not a part of the Faith Life Program.

ST. PATRICK PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Thank you for your support of our parish. COVID-19 has changed many things this year. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has even impacted the finances of our parish and we need your help. St. Patrick is prayerfully requesting that you consider making a donation or setting up a recurring gift using our online giving provider, VANCO. Signing up is easy and can be done from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

How eGiving benefits you and our church:

- Consistency: Your support will allow us to continue our important ministries and will help us maintain our buildings.
- Convenience: Support the parish from the comfort and safety of your home with a smartphone or computer.
- Cost-Effective: Reduces our printing and mailing costs

Make a Donation or Access Your Account at:
www.stpatricks-pelham.com

Click on box that says Electronic Giving on the right side of the page.

If anyone took a Baby Bottle for St. Gianna's Place, please return them to the Church or drop them off at the Parish office. Thank you!

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 11/1/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,969
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,376
Total Offertory	\$6,345

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As of 11/1 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,282

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been supporting us during this pandemic. I appreciate your generosity.

~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 11/1/20

\$1,234

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Nov. 15 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Nov. 22 Catholic Campaign for 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 Emergency Fund

This fund is used to assist those in need who come to the parish office.

Nov. 29 Teen Ministry

This collection helps with expenses for Teen Ministry.

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

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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

Monday-Thursday 6:30-7:40am
Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:45pm
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.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org to register, go to pelham.formed.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus?
Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or egwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org