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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to 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.

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. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 14
4pm	Dr. Joseph & Joan Chisholm requested by the Chisholm family
Sunday	October 15
8am	Bernardin Raby , 7 th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
10:30am	Agnes Lawlor "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Pat Lawlor
6pm	Intentions for all our Parishioners
Monday	October 16
8am	Rev. Thomas J. Bresnahan Irene Christie requested by a friend
Tuesday	October 17
8am	Geraldine O'Brien "Birthday Remembrance" requested by McKenna Reese
Wednesday	October 18
8am	Judith Toupin requested by Roland & Therese Soucy
Thursday	October 19
8am	Charles J. Brady , 9 th Anniversary, requested by Son & daughter-in-law
Friday	October 20
8am	No Mass
Saturday	October 21
4pm	Matthew L. Janos , 32 nd Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos Theresa Boucher requested by Doug & Laura Masson
Sunday	October 22
8am	Catherine Bisson "Birthday Remembrance" requested by her Grandparents Ruth & Paul Bisson
10:30am	James Armstrong requested by his family Edward Maddox "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Terry & family
6pm	Intentions for 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 following week:

Offertory 10/8/17 \$7,711

Utility \$1,600

Total funds collected for this week for
parish expenses \$9,311

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Oct. 22 World Mission Sunday

On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to "go out to all the world." The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis throughout the world.

Oct. 29 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.

Nov. 5 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of
Emmett L. Beane, Jr. by his wife Jane

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school cafeteria
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Sunday Adult Catechesis, 12:15-1:30 PM, in the school cafeteria

Monday, October 16

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria
Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, in the church

Tuesday, October 17

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, October 18

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, October 19

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 PM, in the parish center
AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, October 20

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church

FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Juice or Sport Drinks (no juice boxes)** and **Plastic Bags**.

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



The Following Couple will enter the
Covenant of Marriage in October:

Tyler Gantt & Jennifer Stanton

Please pray that their marriage
will mirror the Love of God.

Confirmation is not a Sacrament of Maturity in the Faith nor does it imply an Adult Commitment to the Faith

For quite some time, many Catholics have referred to the sacrament of Confirmation as kind of a rite of passage in the faith. Confirmation is, and has always been, a sacrament of Initiation, not transition or graduation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this: "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of maturity', we must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth...St. Thomas reminds us of this: Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity." (CCC 1308) We do not confirm our faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. It is not about what we do, but it is about the work of God.

Go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong for more information on sacrament of Confirmation.

We welcome all parishioners to join Diocesan Staff to learn more about Restored Order and the Lifelong Faith Formation Initiative. We will meet in the cafeteria of the school on **Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM**. Come, learn more and have your questions answered.

CHARITY DAY at De Clores Christian Book & Gifts on Saturday, October 21st from 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Jen Robidoux, Vice President of New Hampshire Right to Life, will give a brief talk at 9:30 AM. She will discuss New Hampshire Right to Life and the pro-Life effort in New Hampshire. Light refreshments will be served. 10% of your total purchase will be donated to NHRTL.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past Friday, October 13, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima. When I started looking up Fatima, I couldn't find any help about how to celebrate this anniversary. Hmm... to create something just for our parish with no support?!!! Too much for me! I did two things right away: I put together a committee to brainstorm what to do, and I decided I needed to learn more about Fatima, so I started reading. The committee came up with some exceptional ideas, and so we had great activities and speakers throughout the year. I want to give a shout out to the committee and all the hard work they put into planning the events, as well as helping to execute them!!!! Thanks!

As I read and learned more about the apparitions at Fatima and Our Lady's message, I came to understand one thing even more than before: Our Lady desires, longs, *begs* for us to have a deeper, more intimate relationship with her Son, Jesus Christ! It's all about relationship! The apparitions, the "Secrets" of Fatima, all boil down to the truth that (as I've said before) "God wants to marry us." He is calling us to break away from those habits of actions, words and thoughts that hurt us, others, and our relationship with God. To live the message looks like this: 1) Conversion; 2) Prayer, specifically the daily rosary for peace; 3) Sacrifice; and 4) First Saturday Reparation.

First, **conversion**. We're called to repent, to convert, to turn away from sin. Sin, again, is NOT merely breaking the law ("whoops, I broke God's law... He must be so mad at me!"), it is hurting or breaking relationship with God. He gives us the 10 Commandments and the moral teaching of the Church not because He says, "Follow this, *or else!*" Rather, it is because we don't see clearly how we hurt our relationship with God, and He wants to make it clear to us... so we can stay close to Him! So we're called to turn away from our sin, and to live in ways that help us grow closer to God.

Second, **prayer**, especially the **daily rosary for peace**. Prayer does not help our relationship with God; it **IS** our relationship with God. Prayer is not about saying words (which sometimes we do and sometimes not), but about getting close to God, communicating with Him (which can happen in non-verbal ways). The rosary, which Our Lady many times has implored us to pray, draws us into this relationship. We take Mary by the hand, and walk *with her* through the Mysteries of God's love for us. By meditating on each of the Mysteries, Mary reveals the Heart of Jesus in more profound ways than we can grasp by our own intellect. As we get to know Jesus more, we get to love Him more... you have to know Him in order to love Him! Praying the rosary daily for peace, brings our hearts to unite closer to Jesus' Heart, who so longs for peace in our world, and in each of our hearts.

Third, **sacrifice**. When the Angel appeared to the children at Fatima (in 1916), he taught them how to sacrifice. He said to offer each part of their day to the Lord. That's it. (It wasn't until the children had the vision of Hell that they started actively looking for mortifications.) Remember that the word sacrifice comes from the Latin words *sacrum facere* – "to make holy." It is about making each part of our lives holy, by offering each part to God. The requirement of sacrifice is to offer what we already have – our sufferings, our burdens, our troubles... yes, and our joys, our consolations – everything to Jesus. Do you see how intimate Jesus wants to be with us, how this is all about relationship? He wants to be a part of everything we do! He wants to be with us always! He is so in love with us, He longs to be an intimate and integral part of our lives. He uses this gift of our sacrifices as a way to pour grace upon us and upon the world.

Finally, **First Saturday Communion of Reparation**. Our Lady, and then later Our Lord, appeared to Lucia to ask for the Communion of Reparation. She asked that on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, we pray five decades of the rosary, go to Confession (or sometime soon before in order to be in a state of grace for Communion), receive Communion, and spend fifteen minutes meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary. All of this is done with a specific intention – making reparation (repairing) for the wounds in Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Our Lady is so hurt by sin, by the indifference so many have to God's infinite love, and by the offenses people have toward her – distaining her, and disparaging her. In this prayer on First Saturdays, we are not "jumping through hoops" or doing some magical actions, but in our relationship with her as our Mother, we are wiping the "balm" of our love on her wounds. Our love is making up for the hatred, scorn, and indifference of so many others.

My reflection on Fatima has called me to a deeper relationship with God, specifically through the hands of Mary. I pray that this year has helped you grow closer to Our Lord, as well!



Tryouts for the CYO 2017-2018 basketball season will be held on October 24th and October 26th. The season runs from October through early March. Practices are once a week with a game on the weekend – generally on Sunday afternoon. All interested children of parishioners are encouraged to tryout. All St. Patrick CYO players are required to register and attend Faith Life Classes.

Time slots and gym locations for the tryouts are as follows:

Tuesday, October 24th at New England Pentecostal gym (Rte. 38 – St. Margaret's Drive)

Boys, 5th & 6th grade at 6:00-7:30 PM

Boys, 7th & 8th grade at 7:30-9:00 PM

Thursday, October 26th at Pelham Memorial School (59 Marsh Road)

Girls, 5th & 6th grade at 6:00-7:00 PM

Girls, 7th & 8th grade at 7:00-9:00 PM

Eligibility: St. Patrick Parish Members who are currently enrolled in Catholic School or the Faith Life Programming.

Registration Fees: \$165/player

\$140/each additional child

For more information, please contact Jennifer Nale at jennifernale@yahoo.com

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: 10/23, 10/30, 11/20, 11/27, 12/18. For more information, contact Fr. Von in the office or fathervon@comcast.net

ST. PATRICK CRAFT FAIR

Our craft fair is coming up on December 2nd and we are looking for plates, bowls and/or cups for our Bake Shop. So as you are doing your fall cleaning and you don't know what to do with all those plates, bowls and cups, think of us here at St. Patrick. If you have any of these treasures, please bring them down to the parish office Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. We will be happy to take them off your hands. Thank you!

Marie-Line Morin, soprano, who sang at our parish last spring, is inviting you to her next concert: **It's All About Love**, that will be held at **St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester** (145 Lowell St.), on **Saturday, October 28th at 7:00 PM**. Accompanied by pianists, Lucille Fortin and Lyle Hamel, she will sing sacred, classical and popular songs including French songs, while sharing her faith journey testimony as a French-Canadian immigrant. Professor Morin, from Laval University, Quebec, recently returned to New Hampshire, where her family resides the 70's, to care for two of her siblings who have a disability. She will also talk about a "Listening Ministry" project in the diocese associated with the Institute of Psych Religious Counseling that she founded in Quebec. Suggested donations: \$15 per person, will benefit this project. Details at <http://bit.ly/1V9W2Sk>

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Are you interested in making a difference in the Church? Do you want to help form the Church of the future? **We need Prayer Warriors:** people who are willing to pray, sacrifice, and offer up their daily sufferings for our students who will be receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation this year. If you would like to sign up, or have questions, please contact Fr. Von at 603-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

October is the month set aside for members of St. Patrick Parish to nominate others members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations 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 Monday, October 30th.

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 or 603-635-3525.

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund provides financial assistance to the residents of Pelham for rent, heat, electricity, food and other household expenses. If you are in need of their assistance, please call one of the following telephones numbers: 603-508-2898, 603-508-8131 or 603-893-1713. Your call will be held in strict confidence.