

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**St. Patrick Parish**

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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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

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

Saturday	October 17
4pm	Matthew L. Janos, 30 th Anniversary requested by Joan Janos
Sunday	October 18
8am	Richard & Kathleen Yamamoto requested by Cara-Jean & family
10:30am	Joseph Dias requested by Kevin & Karen Martin
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
Monday	October 19
8am	Rev, Richard Vickery & Rev. Thomas E. Keenan
Tuesday	October 20
8am	Intentions for the Blessed Mother
Wednesday	October 21
8am	Karen Krawczyk Perry requested by her aunt Pat
Thursday	October 22
8am	Catherine Bisson "Birthday Remembrance" requested by her grandparents Ruth & Paul Bisson
Friday	October 23
8am	No Mass
Saturday	October 24
4pm	Rena Cayer requested by her family
Sunday	October 25
8am	Harry Brunelle requested by Mike & Connie Cannon
10:30am	Leo Miranda requested by Kevin & Karen Martin
6pm	Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois



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

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 10/11/15	\$7,315
Fuel	\$1,060

Total funds collected for this week for
parish expenses **\$8,375**

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Oct. 25	Faith Life Formation
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.	
Nov. 1	Capital Improvements
This collection helps with projects around the parish.	
Nov. 8	Fuel
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory and Parish Center.	
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 and Parish Center.	

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

If so please email: Deacon Tom at tl3450@gmail.com or call him at 603-845-3450.



Sunday, October 18

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, October 19

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, October 20

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, October 21

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, October 22

Blood Drive, 3:00-8:00 PM, in the parish center
AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Catholic parishes throughout New Hampshire and the United States will show support for their priests with prayers and special celebrations on the weekend of October 24th and 25th. The last Sunday of October has in recent years been designated as Priesthood Sunday; a one-day celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministries are asked to show appreciation honoring both priesthood and their own priests. Please acknowledge Fr. Von and Fr. John in your own way on this special Priesthood Sunday.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PRESENTS:
AN EVENING OF FUN & LAUGHTER

 **whodunnit?**
Featuring St. Patrick's Theatre Group

Friday, October 23, 2015 from 6pm to 10pm
Four Oaks Country Club - Dracut, MA

* Buffet Dinner served at 7pm
* Cash Bar * Raffles * Silent Auction
* Music provided by Muldoon Park Band
Tickets \$40.00 Each

Contact: Kathy Jean 603-635-3525
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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Theology of the Body is the study of what God has revealed about Himself in and through the human body. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, or single person...it's for you. Counteract the bad news in the world, with the "good news" and help your children, grandchildren, and friends live peace of body, mind, and soul. Register by October 19th with [Jackie jacquelinehynes@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.jacquelinehynes@gmail.com) 603-434-1385. Four Monday sessions start October 26th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

FORMED

We are called to follow Christ, to be His disciples. As a parish, we have signed up for an exciting new on-line program called **FORMED**, which can help us to grow in our discipleship. Go to www.formed.org and click on the "sign-up" button. You enter the Parish Code: **nr3434** (case sensitive), and fill out the information.

Sgt. Daniel M. Clark known as "THE SINGING TROOPER"

Experience the Dynamic Power and Passion
of this Spectacular Entertainer
Join us for a Patriotic Concert
"Spirit of America"
November 1, 2015
Time: 3:00 PM
Sherburne Hall, Pelham, NH
Tickets \$15.00 each

For more information or tickets
Please call 603-635-3525 or any
St. Patrick Women's Guild Member

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

One of the great beauties of the Mass is that God *actually speaks to us*! Isn't it GREAT?! Through the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, God has a word for you and for me each week, each day. Most often, the clergy (myself included) will preach on the Gospel, and sometimes on the first or second reading. Rarely have I found that I preach on the Psalm of the day. Yet, the Psalm is also part of the Scriptures. In the Liturgy (at Mass), the Psalms are most often proclaimed through song. Have you ever wondered about that? It is not because the Church thought, "Hmm, I think it would be good to have a musical interlude between readings." The Psalm is chosen as a reflection on the first reading, and it is (most often) *sung*, because the Psalms are SONGS. The writers of the Psalms were song writers, and they would have sung these hymns as part of the Israelite prayers.

This week's Psalm response is from Psalm 33 and says

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

This short verse speaks *volumes*! It is a cry to God for **mercy**; it is a cry of **trust** to God. As we prepare ourselves for the great Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has proclaimed (beginning on December 8, 2015 – the Immaculate Conception – and going through the Solemnity of Christ the King next year – November 20, 2016), we need to see there is a deep connection between these two part of the Psalm – **mercy** and **trust**.

First we have to understand what mercy is. As we move closer to the Year of Mercy, we'll examine this more, but let's just start by saying that mercy is *NOT receiving what we deserve*. We have sinned. We have all sinned. Our choices to run after our own will, our own desires, our own wants – and not to take into account what God wants for us – leads us to hurt or even sever our relationship with God. Because of this, does God look down on us with disdain? **NO!** He is a loving Father! He wants our good. He is longing for us to return to His loving arms. He waits for us to show any sign of sorrow, and He runs to embrace us. He **IS** mercy, and wants to pour out His mercy upon us. Note that I am not saying that sin is nothing, a trifle to be ignored. Never do we say, "Oh, I know it's bad, but God'll understand." Rather we must say, "My sin is horrendous in the sight of God. It grieves His Heart beyond any measure of human grief." The first ("God'll understand") says that I don't need mercy because it isn't really an offense against His Heart and our relationship. **Here's a hint:** we can't receive mercy if we don't think we need it! We need to recognize our sin for what it is ("it grieves His Heart") in order to receive mercy. We have to **know** we need mercy in order to **open ourselves, avail ourselves** of that mercy.

Here's where the second part of the Psalm response is SOOOOOOOO important and necessary. When we no longer sugar-coat our sins and come to a full realization of what it *really* is, then we can be attacked by self-loathing and shame. Discouragement or even despair can set in. This is not God's desire. This is where we must then "place our trust in [Him]". This can be hard. Really hard. I think this is why we no longer want to look at sin as sin in our culture. It has led too many to despair, to a darkness of depression. I have experienced this at several times in my life. Looking at my sin has, at times, led me to a darkness of self-hatred that only the grace of God was able to free me of it. In the *light* of the acknowledgement of what our sins are, we must also then **TRUST in His mercy**. We may find ourselves on the edge of an abyss, but it is only in *falling* into **His arms of love** that we will find our way out of the abyss. We cry out with broken hearts, with hearts pierced for our offenses, with the deep understanding of how we have broken the Heart of God and say, "***Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.***"

The devotion to Divine Mercy given to us through the revelation of Jesus to St. Faustina – which will take center stage in this Year of Mercy – encompasses both aspects of this Psalm. The chaplet cries out to God the Father, "**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**" The image of Divine Mercy shows the rays of Jesus' merciful love (the blood and water) coming from His heart to wash us clean. At the bottom of the image are the words, "Jesus, I Trust in You".

As we prepare for this great Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us practice **now** (after all, why wait?!) crying out to God, "***Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.***"



Tryouts for the CYO 2015-2016 Basketball season will be held on October 19th and October 21st. 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.

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

Monday, Oct. 19th 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

Wednesday, Oct. 21st Pelham Memorial School (59 Marsh Road)

Girls, 5th & 6th grade at 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Girls, 7th & 8th grade at 7:30 – 9:00 PM

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

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend**. Fall **Men's weekend** are December 3-6. The Fall **Women's weekend** is November 5-8. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (635-3525).



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.

Trinity High School Open House for 8th graders is being held on Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 PM. The address is 581 Bridge Street, Manchester, NH.

FAITH LIFE

- Faith Life classes are this weekend in the school cafeteria.
- Confirmation II class is this Sunday from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria
- Confirmation I class is Sunday, October 25th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school cafeteria
- Youth Group Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 6:00-7:30 PM. It will take place in the meeting room downstairs in the Church.

YOU ARE INVITED!

To the First Annual All Saints Day Party!

Friday, November 6th from 5:30-7:30 PM

In the Parish Center

As an alternative to Halloween, St. Patrick Parish is offering a get together for families to celebrate this beautiful feast day in the Church. We encourage children and adults to come dressed as their favorite saint. All families are also asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Games for the kids, fellowship for the adults! Fun will be had by all!



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 3rd. **Drop-off is at 67 Susan Drive, Pelham, NH.** Toy sale will be December 5th in the Aquinas Center at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry from 9AM-12PM. **Please Call Jen with questions at 603-327-7894.**