

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

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

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

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

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 19
 4pm **The Choquette & Loïselle Families & Rita & Jerry Trottier** requested by the Choquette family
 Birthday Blessings for **Jessica & Emily Dupuis** requested by Norman & Valerie

Sunday October 20
 8am **Raymond & Simone Lausier**, Wedding Anniversary, requested by Darlene & Andre Michaud & family
 10:30am **Agnes Lawlor**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Pat Lawlor
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday October 21
 8am **Mary Rourke** requested by her family

Tuesday October 22
 8am **Catherine Bisson**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her Grandparents Ruth & Paul Bisson

Wednesday October 23
 8am **George Johnson** requested by Katherine Bernard
Francis Silva requested by Donna M. Cook

Thursday October 24
 8am **Holmes Tracy** requested by Maureen & David Groff
Lucien Boutin requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Friday October 25
 8am No Mass

Saturday October 26
 4pm **Rev. John Sledziona & Raymond Bernard** requested by Donna Smith
Richard W. Hennessey requested by his daughter Vicki

Sunday October 27
 8am **Pauline Tardiff**, 2nd Anniversary, requested by her family
Bernardin Raby, 9th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family
 10:30am **Leo Miranda** requested by the Martin family
 6pm **Intentions of 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 week of 10/13/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,303
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,251
Total Offertory	\$6,554

Utility \$1,452

Total Collected \$8,006

As of 10/13 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,949

Thank you for your faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Oct. 27 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Nov. 3 Capital Improvements
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Nov. 10 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Fabien Chiasson by Virginia Chiasson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 20

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, October 21

From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, October 22

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 23

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

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

Thursday, October 24

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

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, October 25

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

Generational Healing Mass, 7:00 PM, in the church

MARCH FOR LIFE

If you are interested in prayerfully & peacefully Marching in Washington, DC for the 2020 March for Life, contact Fr. Von. This years' trip is January 23-25, 2020.

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
___	Instruct the uninformed
___	Counsel the doubtful
___	Admonish sinners
___	Comfort the sorrowful
___	Bear wrongs patiently
___	Forgive offenses
___	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
___	Feed the hungry
___	Clothe the naked
___	Give drink to the thirsty
___	Shelter the homeless
___	Comfort the imprisoned
___	Visit the sick
___	Bury the Dead

**"THANKS FOR GIVING"
 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER**



On Behalf of Fr. Von and St. Patrick Parish, you are invited to a celebration of YOU! On Saturday, November 2nd, from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Parish Center. Kindly RSVP to Allyson Condon by October 19th at chris-ally@comcast.net or 978-621-2717. Spouses and infants are welcome!

VOCATION BLESSING CUP

The Blessing Cup was dedicated on September 29th and is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Parish Parishioners. It will serve as a visible reminder of your responsibility to pray daily for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Vocations. St. Patrick Church Vocation Blessing Cup was created to inspire a greater awareness of God's call within our community. Won't you please consider having the Blessing Cup in your home for one week? Sign-up sheets are located at the main entrance of the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

VOCATIONS

"Pray always and do not lose heart." If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

**ST. PATRICK PARISH
 PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council have begun. If you want to nominate yourself or another, forms are at the main entrance of the Church. Please return nominations to the office or collection basket by November 10th.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, St. Paul speaks to St. Timothy (and to us) about the Sacred Scriptures:

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (II Timothy 3:16)

St. Paul reminds us of something very important: the Bible is not just human words, but *the very word of God!* The Bible is different from every other book in the world. While other books may speak to us God's love and His message to us in a mediated way, the Scriptures speak His word to us in an immediate (un-mediated) way – it is God Himself speaking to us in the Bible. As one Catholic theologian put it:

Scripture is not only divinely guaranteed, it is divinely true. The Spirit did not only dictate it; he is, as it were, contained in it. He inhabits it. His breath perpetually animates it. The Scripture is “made fruitful by a miracle of the Holy Spirit.” It is “full of the Spirit.” (Henri de Lubac)

De Lubac says that God the Holy Spirit inhabits the Scriptures. When we prayerfully read (hear) the Bible, we have contact with the Holy Spirit.

I have found many times in my life that when I have been reading the Scriptures (or listening to the Scriptures being read), a word or phrase strikes me as it never had before; it speaks to my circumstances here and now in my life. This is the Holy Spirit speaking. God has a word of love for me in that moment.

And He wants to speak to *all* of His children in this way.

I encourage you to read the Bible – every Catholic should read the Bible. But if you've never spent time with the Bible, how do you begin?

First, make sure you have a Catholic Bible. There are many translations and interpretations of the Bible into English, but not all are good, and most Protestant Bibles are missing seven books and parts of others. Some good translations are the New American Bible (Revised Edition) (NABRE), the Jerusalem Bible or the New Jerusalem Bible, the Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (RSVCE), and the Douay-Rheims Bible. If you want consistency, the NABRE is the translation we use at Mass. In addition, the St. Joseph Edition (NABRE) and the Ignatius Study Bible (RSVCE) have many good footnotes to help understand context and meaning.

Now that you have a good Catholic Bible, where to start? Some think we should read the Bible from start to finish. Remember, though, that the Bible is, in one sense, not one book, but many books. It was written in different styles, by different authors (though with the same Divine Author – the Holy Spirit), over many centuries. To read from start to finish without an understanding of the background will make it difficult to follow what's going on. I usually encourage people to begin with the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), for these tell the stories of Jesus, and will be most familiar to us. This year, at Mass we are reading the Gospel of Luke. As of December 1 (beginning of Advent), we will begin a new cycle, reading the Gospel of Matthew at Mass.

Okay, so you have your Bible, and you're ready to start reading one of the Gospels. How should you to read it? Because the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the Scriptures, it would be good to invite Him in to your prayer time to help you understand what He is saying to you. A simple prayer like “Come, Holy Spirit” repeated a few times helps us be open to what He is saying. Then, I encourage you to read slowly, without a finish point in mind. Why? By reading slowly, you allow the words of the Scripture to penetrate. If you set the goal of “reading a chapter a day,” you may find that you just try to “get through it,” instead of listening to what God has to say to you. It's like when a friend is telling you a story, but you just want to get to the end. If you constantly say to him, “What's your point?” you're being rude and you'll probably miss important details of the story. I encourage you to sit with the Scriptures, letting them seep in, maybe rereading the same line or two over and over again, being steeped in the word of God. By doing this – taking time with God's word – He speaks to me and to my life circumstances.

One final suggestion – have a prayer journal. As you are praying with the Bible, write down the insights you get. If you go back to them throughout the day or week, you will be able to continue your conversation with God.

I pray that each of us will find the Lord speaking to us in the Scriptures! God's words sometimes cut us (when we need to change), but they are always, always, always words of *love* and *life* for our lives.



Save the following date, **December 7th** for the **Christmas Craft Fair**. We will have crafts from many local artisans, delicious food, a bake table with delicious goods from our parishioners, and raffles. It is a fun day for the family and ideas for your Christmas shopping.

We are looking for **crafters** for St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair to be held on **December 7, 2019**. Cost is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. It is a fun day with coloring contest for kids, scrumptious food and homemade goodies at our Bake Table. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.

2019 CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Experience God's Unconditional Love

Join us for the Diocesan Youth Conference featuring Paul J. Kim as keynote, Praise & Worship music by Delmore Worship, Adoration, Confessions, Breakout sessions and Mass. The day will provide youth, grades 7-12, the opportunity to experience God's Unconditional Love and understand their worthiness in today's world. Event: Bishop Guertin High School, Nashua, on Saturday, November 16th, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Cost: \$25-\$30. Stay tuned, a parish group will be forming as the event draws closer. Email: Adam Castor with any questions at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 25th through November 3rd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please email 40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com or call 978-226-3240.

GENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

If you find patterns of darkness, trauma, addictions, or sins in your life and your family, come to our Generational Healing Mass this Friday, October 25th, at 7:00 PM, and experience God's healing love. To prepare, take a "Preparation of Family Tree" sheet at the main entrance, or found on our website. Write out all that you know or suspect, and seal it in an envelope. They will be collected during the Mass and placed under the Altar. After Mass, all submissions will be destroyed unopened.

FROM NOTHING TO COSMOS: GOD AND SCIENCE

Monday nights in the Youth Room at the School on October 21st & 28th and November 4th & 18th at 7:00 PM.



ST. PATRICK CYO BASKETBALL 2019-2020 Season

Player Tryouts

Tuesday, October 22nd

6:00-7:30 PM Boys Grades 7/8
Pelham Memorial School
59 Marsh Road, Pelham

Eligibility: St. Patrick Parish Members who are currently enrolled in Catholic School or the Faith Life Program. (Limited number of Non-Catholics spots available per team).

Registration Fees: \$165/Player and \$140/each additional child. **Player Registration Form:**

<http://nhcyo.com/PlayerParticipationForm.pdf>
Other divisions: Boys grades 5/6, Girls grade 5-8, Coed grades 3-4 are available if interested; please contact Jen Nale at jennifernale94@gmail.com

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for 2020, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.