



NEWS & events
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Saturday October 24

4pm ~ Matthew L. Janos, 35th Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos

Sunday October 25

8am ~ Bernardin Raby, 10th Anniversary, requested by the Raby family

Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

6pm ~ Health & Blessing for Fr. Von & Msgr. Kelley

Monday October 26

8am ~ Intentions for the Blessed Mother

Tuesday October 27

8am ~ Patricia Fancher requested by the Fancher family

Fernand & Evelyn Dallaire requested by their family

Wednesday October 28

8am ~ Frankie Stecchi requested by his sister Linda Stecchi & friend Dino

For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday October 29

8am ~ Harry Brunelle requested by his niece Connie

Robert Scruton, Jr., & Robert Scruton, Sr., requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

Friday October 30

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday October 31

4pm ~ Edward & Jeanne Dubreuil requested by their family

Christian Gualtierri requested by the Shaw family

Sunday November 1

8am ~ Blanche Turcotte, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Patty Kennedy

10:30am ~ Rev. John Sledziona requested by Donna Smith

6pm ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 27

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

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



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



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Claire Butcher, Birthday Remembrance, by her sister Rosemary Dole

GENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

On Friday, November 6, 2020, Fr. Von will celebrate a Generational Healing Mass at 7:00 PM. A Generational Healing Mass invites God to heal the wounds throughout our family tree. To prepare for the Mass, please pick up a "Preparation of Family Tree" at the main entrance of the church or at www.stpatricks-pelham.com/healing-masses/.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, Jesus summarizes for us the whole of the law and the prophets (the Old Testament covenant) – **love!** It's all about love of God:

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.
(Matthew 22:37)

This is the greatest commandment! We are to love God with all that we are! How often do we put other things in front of God? How often do we rue "having to go to Church"? Do we say our prayers "like good Catholics," but anticipate with great expectation the moment when we will be done with our Rosary or our spiritual reading, our meditation or our intercessions? In doing this, we are looking at God as a taskmaster and not as a loving Father. The Lord is inviting us into a deeper *loving relationship* with Him, so that we *look forward* to our time with Him, longing to be with Him... because we love Him more than anyone or anything else.

After giving the first commandment, Jesus continues by sharing the second commandment:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39)

He tells us that this second commandment is like the first. They are connected. By our love for God, we are to love our neighbor.

When I was growing up, I would sometimes get into fights with my sister (I know... you find that impossible to believe!). One time, as we were arguing, my mother told us to stop. So we did. Until my sister got just one more verbal spar in. I reacted in kind. My mother told us to stop (again), and then my sister got just one more in. As I was ready to respond, my mother looked at me and told me to stop. I complained to her, "How come I have to stop?! Jen kept arguing." My mother then said something I will never forget, "**It hurts me when you fight with your sister.**"

At the time I didn't understand that sentiment. I think I have a better idea about it now. This is how God is with us. He loves each of us so tenderly, so intimately, so passionately. He is *Father*, and He loves us so much. It hurts Him when He sees us hurting each other. He longs to have all of His children love each other. We love God by loving each other. This is why unforgiveness is such an offense against the Heart of God – He wants His Family to be One Family. When we die, if we get to Heaven, it means that we will *love everyone*. Because love must be free, we must be *willing* to love each person – even the ones who have hurt us. (Please note that loving another doesn't mean we let them harm us – that would not be loving them, for it would be harming their souls to harm us.)

I remember one homily from my time in the Seminary about this passage. The deacon concluded by saying, "**The amount that we love the person we like the least is the amount that we love God.**"

As we are faced with the command of God to love, let's examine ourselves and how we love. What are the ways that we need to grow in love of God? What are the areas in which we love other things or people more than God? What are the ways I need to grow in love of neighbor? How do I love myself more than my neighbor? After we've seen these areas of brokenness and weakness, let us turn to the God of Mercy and pray for His grace to love more like Him.



FAITH LIFE CORNER

“This is the will of God, your holiness.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3

The Faith Life Program at St. Patrick Parish is off to a great start. It has been a joy seeing and interacting with families once again. Although things look a bit different, we are all making the best of it and seeing the silver lining in it all. God desires our holiness; if we take a moment to ponder such a Truth, it may cause us to drop our jaws to the floor in disbelief. The God of the Universe sees you and calls you by name today. This is the amazing reality families are talking about this month. The fact that we are all called to Sainthood! What a great adventure it is to be a Saint. Let us always have hope as our anchor and rise up amidst the noise of life to share Christ with the world. **At this time, we are still taking Faith Life Registrations.** God Bless you all. Pray for me, and know that I am praying for you.

~Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life



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

VOCATIONS

“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

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.

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- 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

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Catholic Charities NH to Host Online Bereavement Support Group

Catholic Charities NH is hosting a new online innovative support group for parishioners across the Diocese who are dealing with grief and loss. “Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again” is a (free) six-session program allowing participants to learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held every Wednesday at 1:00 PM starting October 28th and running through December 2nd. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement.org.

You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc-org.

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 **Sunday, November 15th**.



The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels**. Thank you for your generosity!

Hurricane Laura and California Wildfires
 We will be taking up a special collection this weekend for the devastation caused by Hurricane Laura and the wildfires in the Western part of the United States. In anticipation of more calamities awaiting us this year, this collection will also be used to provide relief from possible future disasters. Thank you for your generosity and keep all of these people affected by these disasters in your prayers.

Acts of Mercy

<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instruct the Uninformed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Counsel the doubtful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admonish sinners
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfort the sorrowful
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bear wrongs patiently
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forgive Offenses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pray for the living and the dead

<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feed the hungry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clothe the naked
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give drink to the thirsty
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelter the homeless
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfort the imprisoned
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit the sick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bury the dead

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 10/18/20

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,943
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,542
Total Offertory	\$6,485
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As of 10/18 we have an offertory deficit of \$7,562

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

World Mission
 collected as of 10/18/20
 \$1,147
 Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Nov. 1 Capital Improvements
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Nov. 8 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

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 supports 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.
 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