



**Saturday October 24**

**4pm ~ Matthew L. Janos**, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by Joan Janos

**Sunday October 25**

**8am ~ Bernardin Raby**, 10<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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

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### 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 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Virtual Miriam Dinner with women of all ages: Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

For more information, and to register, please visit the diocesan vocations website at [liveinblackandwhite.com](http://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](mailto: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.

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](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

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

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> and running through December 2<sup>nd</sup>. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/bereavement.org](http://www.cc-nh.org/bereavement.org).

You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc-org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup>.**



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

#### 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

## 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.



## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

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## **PARISH WEBSITE**

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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](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.formed.org) to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Care to join the Knights of Columbus?  
Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or [eqwright@comcast.net](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)