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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 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**

Monday October 28
 8am **Roland & Dezilda** requested by their daughters

Tuesday October 29
 8am **NO MASS**

Wednesday October 30
 8am **Harry Brunelle** requested by his niece Connie
George & Theresa Muldoon requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Clark

Thursday October 31
 8am **Christian Gualtierri** requested by the Shaw family

Friday November 1 All Saints Day
 8am **Blanche Turcotte**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by Patty Kennedy
 10:00am **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
 7pm **Joey Kosik** requested by Donna Smith

Saturday November 2
 8am Women of Mary
 4pm **Helen E. Taylor** requested by the Taylor family
Florence & Louise Jacques requested by their family

Sunday November 3
 8am **Christian Paul Gualtieri** requested by the Gualtieri family
 10:30am **Una Harrington**, Birthday Remembrance, requested by her family
Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard 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 10/20/19

Offertory Envelopes \$4,901

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,411

Total Offertory \$6,312

Total Collected \$6,312

As of 10/20 we have an offertory deficit of \$10,037

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

World Mission Sunday

collected as of 10/20/19

\$1,476

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

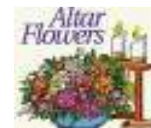
Nov. 3 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Nov. 10 Military Services

The collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will fund their Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which identifies vocations within the military and is now educating 30 men for the priesthood and subsequent military chaplaincy.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Dominique Rose Diaz by Kathleen & Raul Diaz



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Dominique Rose Diaz by Kathleen & Raul Diaz



**FROM NOTHING TO COSMOS:
GOD AND SCIENCE**
Monday nights in the Youth Room at the School on
October 28th and November 4th & 18th at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, October 27

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 30

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

Confessions, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

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



St. Gianna's is accepting toy donations for its annual toy sale to be held on December 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave in Derry. Please consider donating your gently used toys at St. Patrick's. Toys can be placed in the bin located outside the K of C Hall downstairs. If you have a large donation, it may be brought to Jen Harrington at 67 Susan Drive, Pelham. Simply leave your bagged donation on the driveway. Proceeds from this sale go to help the needy in our community through St. Thomas' outreach programs and to St. Gianna's Place. Donations will be accepted through December 5th. Thank you in advance! For any questions, please call Jen at 603-327-7894.

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

<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

Friday, November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:00 AM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus shares with us another parable to help us grow closer to Him (Luke 18:9-14). This parable is about a Pharisee and a tax collector. We have to be careful when reading this: because of the conflicts between some of the Pharisees and Jesus, we often see the Pharisee as the bad guy. With this prejudice, we will miss the shock of Jesus' parable. Jesus begins:

Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. (Luke 18:10)

What would the initial response and assumption of the listeners be? The Pharisees were those who kept the Law of God. They actually separated themselves from much of society because of their dedication to God and His Law. The initial response of the listener is that the Pharisee will be the hero of this story. The words that follow would be a confirmation to the hearers:

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income." (Luke 18:11-12)

The reaction: Yes! See how he has given up so much for God and for the Temple! Jesus is still bringing them along, and they think the Pharisee is the hero.

Then there's the tax collector. Tax collectors were in league with the Roman Empire, enemies of Israel. They were people after their own success and gain at the expense of their countrymen. The response of the listener is that the tax collector will be the antagonist of this story. When he entered the Temple, he

stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13)

The listeners would have thought, "Yes, that is the proper response... stay at a distance, since you are not worthy to enter the Temple, defiled as you are by your association with the Gentile. You don't even deserve to look up to God."

Then Jesus gives the plot twist:

I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 18:14)

WHAT?! Wait, the tax collector is the hero of the story, not the Pharisee?! What a reversal of expectation! But, the Pharisee did everything right! What's with that?!

Did the Pharisee do everything right? Externally, yes. Time and again, though, Jesus shows that God is interested not simply with external observance, but with the heart. At the heart of this story is humility versus pride. It is the humble whom God exalts, while casting down the proud (see Luke 1:51-52). We can cover over our arrogance and judgment by what we do. We can put on a "good front," keeping our masks on to hide the reality of our brokenness, but God sees the heart. He knows what is going on inside of us. Our self-reliance actually repels God! As St. Therese once said, "Our good works *condemn us* if we rely on them!" It is not that our good works have no place in the economy of salvation (more on that later), but that they are not what saves us; God is the One who saves us, and so we must rely on Him alone!

I think we end up doing so much because we're afraid to face our own brokenness, weakness and inadequacy... I know *I am*. We put on masks to keep others – and ourselves – from seeing how much we are really hurting, weak, and insecure. But notice in the parable that it is by his humility, crying out for mercy, that the tax collector is justified. In his lowliness, he throws himself in confidence into God's Hands – and God cannot resist. Jesus speaks words to his secretary of Divine Mercy – St. Faustina – saying,

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. ... He who trusts in My mercy will not perish. (*Diary 723*)

There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. (*Diary 1273*)

It is actually our misery and our *trust* in God's mercy that draws Him to us and us to Him!

So what is the place of works? Back to St. Therese of Lisieux:

I've always remained little, therefore, having no other occupation but to gather flowers, the flowers of love and sacrifice, and of offering them to God in order to please Him. ("The Yellow Notebook, 6 August 1897)

Our good works help us to grow, to go beyond ourselves, but love must be the motivation – love of God. Our good works become flowers that we offer to our loving Father! A little child bringing a bouquet of the tiniest flowers to her father is not disdained because the flowers are not roses or lilies. Rather, the father sees the love behind the gesture, and that small act of love moves his heart. So our good works are nothing of themselves, but when done with love, they pierce the Heart of God, and He cannot resist us.

May we truly grow in love of God, humbling ourselves to receive His mercy, and using our good works to offer flowers of love and sacrifice to our Father!

VOCATIONS

"All who humble themselves will be exalted." Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ?

Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org

Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

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.



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.

"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!

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on November 2nd. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. In addition, we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM 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.

AMAZON

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change** your **Charity**. Select St. Patrick as your new **charitable** organization to support us.

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.